MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2016 AT THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOMS, MILL STREET , RYHALL

PRESENT Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH),Mrs E Sismore (ES),Mr D Wilby (DW), Mr P Harris (PKH),Mr A Gombault (AG) Mrs S Smith (SS),Mr N Bellairs (NB),Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mr R Rushby (RR)

01/16 APOLOGIES –Apologies were received and accepted from Mr C Parsons

02/16 DECLARATIONS OF UNREGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A REGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PERCUNIARY INTEREST
There were no DPI 's or requests for dispensations received from members.

03/16 GUEST SPEAKER – TIM HISKENS – SENIOR MANAGER OAKHAM FIRE AND RESCUE STATION-
Mr Hiskins sought the advice of the Parish council to identify vulnerable people in the parish who would benefit from free fire safety advice and the opportunity to have smoke detectors fitted. He works closely with Spire Homes residents but welcomed the opportunity to liaise with other residents who would be interested in this service. It was agreed to a poster campaign plus an item in the village news magazine to promote a display/ event in the Library Open House session. Clerk to liaise with Mr Hiskins.

03/16 PCSO ELEANOR ALLAM – gave a short overview of the latest police statistics including a recent burglary and the ongoing problem solving panels. There is to be a ' Marking Event' for free property marking of tools, cycles , equipment . This will probably be held at a weekend and will be advertised

04/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes –11th November 2015 it was proposed by AG, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th November 2015 were correct, and be approved and signed. (RR abstained)

05/16 PUBLIC TIME
There were seven members of the public in attendance
The Parish Council noted a request for a 20mph speed limit request from a resident . It was proposed by DW, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously to ask Rutland County Council to assess again the request for a speed limit from Francis Court, along Church Street down to The Square/ bottom of New Road and along Bridge Street to the White Bridge. DW to submit this request to Rutland County Council.
The Parish Council noted a comment about parking on the Square which appears to be more congested , in particular on the corner opposite the old Butcher shop. The Highway codes states that cars should not park within 10m of a junction.

06/16 SPINNEY CLOSE PARKING REVIEW
Following a site meeting with a resident the Parish Council revisited this issue. In November the Parish Council agreed they did not wish to set a precedent on parking restrictions in the village and had concerns about the implications of RCC being able to enforce any such restrictions as it is a public highway . There was also the concern about the costs/ enforcement of residents permits. The Parish Council were keen to keep signage and lines to a minimum in a rural location and hoped that residents who live in such a rural community could work together to be able to park satisfactorily.

Residents who attended the meeting and gave their viewpoints; Amongst issues raised were (1)parking zones for the residents only (2) alleged road obstruction and congestion on the corner of the Close. It was agreed to hold an open meeting to invite all residents of Spinney Close and Coppice Road who access their properties via Spinney Close. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 2.15 at the Library or the Village Hall.
It was noted that the RCC Scrutiny Panel will need a comment from the Parish Council by February before the Review goes to Cabinet on 19th April. An agreed delegation from the Parish Council will therefore assess the comment at the open meeting and submit a response to RCC.

Within this response the Parish Council offered to ask RCC to implement the following suggestions
1. a dropped kerb marking (single white line) for the kerb by Number 1 as Coppice Road vehicle owners park on the opposite side and this is a very narrow part of the roadway. (These markings are in use in other villages to alert people to the fact it is dropped kerbing and access needed at all times)
2 a 'cul de sac' sign on the Spinney Lane street name plates / entrance to alert drivers that it is no through way.

06/16 FOOTPATH FROM COPPICE ROAD TO SPINNEY CLOSE
This footpath is under the ownership of Spire Homes. Works to hedges have been completed. It was proposed by PH, seconded by SS and agreed to ask Spire Homes to re- tarmac the path to bring it up to the same standard as the surrounding paths.

07/16 MATTERS ARISING
Old Butcher shop – external area – Clerk to continue to seek action
Waste paper bin Essendine Hill - ongoing
Highway Issues – The Give Way sign on Coppice Road should be repaired early in the new year and the camera crew made an assessment on the drains/ flooded area on the A6121.- awaiting report. RCC are still to make repairs to the BT cover & blue pipe in Balk Road.
Footpath to rear of Library/ school – The path has been cleared. The Primary School thanked the Parish Council for their support. The Clerk has written to all neighbouring residents to inform them of the actions.

AGENDA ITEMS

08/16 PRECEPT REQUEST 2016/17
Before considering the precept the parish council noted a recent communication from Rutland County Council
The Local Government Settlement for Rutland County Council for 2016-17 and beyond has seen significant cuts to government funding. As a result of the severity of the cuts, it is proposed (subject to formal Council approval), that 2016/17 will be the final year that the Council plans to continue to offer the Local Council Tax Support Grant to Parishes.
The 2016-17 budget report is being presented to Cabinet on 12 January 2016. Until the budget has formal approval it is subject to change.

Therefore to ensure that the council tax bill remained the same as 2015/16 (£45.68 Band D) the Parish Council had to take this into account. It was agreed in principle to use money from reserves to maintain the integrity of the Parish Council spending and ensure the council tax billing remained as before even if the Support Tax Grant was withdrawn for the forthcoming year.

Methodist Church – request for £1,500 towards refurbishment of the Vestry. Although the Parish Council were very supportive of the Methodist Church , most of the works were deemed as maintenance not a capital project; it was proposed by PH, seconded by SS and agreed to a grant of £500 towards the new storage system . Any 'capital project' request would be considered if submitted in future years

Ryhall Allotments Committee- requested £3,700 over a three year period to install a new 110m palisade fence on the A6121 eastern border, which does not currently have secure fencing. The allotments are owned by the Parish Council and are an integral part of the community. It was proposed to fund this capital project from the parish council reserves not the 2016/17 precept. It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously to directly fund the fencing @ £2960 plus VAT subject to planning permission and the fencing type meeting approval in a rural location.

Ryhall Gala Committee – requested £579 for the purchase of 1 x 8m x 3m light weight tent for use at Gala Day and by other village organisations subject to insurance being in place. It was proposed by SS, seconded by DW and agreed unanimously to fund one tent @ £579.

Village Hall Committee - requested £4,236 towards the capital project to improve the ladies, gents and disabled toilets. The Parish Council were keen to support this village asset whilst noting their capital reserves were significant. However, it was appreciated that reserves were needed in the event of a roofing project in the future. It was therefore proposed by DR, seconded by DW and agreed to grant half of the amount @ £2,500 towards the project. (PH abstained). It was noted that the village hall committee should consider obtaining two more comparison quotes.

Ryhall Library – The Library requires £2,500 per annum to maintain the Saturday opening hours. The Parish Council wishes to maintain the current pattern of staffing hours alongside the volunteer 'Open House' hours. It was proposed by ES, seconded by RR and agreed unanimously to this funding.

Smaller grant requests were considered: as they were not capital projects but were worthwhile endeavours for the benefit of the parishioners, it was agreed to grant funds from Parish Council reserves. It was proposed by PH, seconded by ES to grant £300 to Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch for communication expenses and £50 to Belmesthorpe NHW (AG abstained).

It was proposed by PH, seconded by AG and agreed that the total precept request would be submitted for 26,827 if the Council Tax support grant were withdrawn on 12 January but would request £29,150 which would include the Tax support if applicable.

At this point DR left the meeting

09/16 Lives First Responder – NB reported on the update on a request for volunteers for Ryhall and Belmesthorpe- the parish is covered by Stamford West, who would welcome extra members, if anyone would like to join to be trained as a volunteer , contact the Clerk for details

At this point NB left the meeting

10/16 Ryhall Emergency Action Plan- This has been revised – an updated electronic version is held by the Clerk. Any further updates to DW

11/16 Website – the new site is nearly completed. The addition of the planning tracker facility has not been included in the original quote – it was proposed by DW, seconded by SS and agreed to

allocate/ ringfence £200 for any additional costs regarding this extra facility to ensure the website can go live as soon as possible.

12/16 Neighbourhood Watch update - Within the Strategy Plan 2015-2020 there will be more contact and transfer of information between NHW members and the Police.

13/16 Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
Original drainage works appear to be resolved. Further works with regard to the tree roots / school playground area still needs to be considered.
A quote for £ 165.40 for the purchase of new cherry trees has been received, however the Woodland Trust is offering free trees to communities and schools; it was agreed to pursue this option first.
Proposed event to celebrate HM Queen's 90th Birthday – 24th April 2016- The RMPF committee hopes to host a tea party.

14/16 Code of Conduct – a modernised version of the original Code Of Conduct (with effect from 11 July 2012) was issued to all Councillors. It was proposed by ES, seconded by RR and agreed that this version should go up on the website

15/16 Digital Broadband Upgrade - AG will be conducting a survey of broadband speed in Belmesthorpe to ascertain if the parish reaches the minimum criteria set by the Rutland Broadband project of 15 megabites. To report at the next meeting.

16/16 Christmas Tree Lights – new lights advised by E-on and height of tree to be inspected- Deferred to next meeting.

17/16 OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives- None

18 /16 CORRESPONDENCE
Circulated: by email
15/11/15 East Leics and Rutland Clinic commissioning Group- Deadline to comment
16/11/15 RCC Parish Forum Minutes
16/1/15 and 18/12/15 Rutland VAR –enews 16/11/15 Rutland Community Agents – service update
25/11/15 Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – representation by 8th January 2016
26/11/15 Crime Report Update
26/11/15 From RCC -changes approved to the process for the Council's Integrated Transport Capital Programme & Grant boost funding for rural businesses/ farmers/ growers/ community groups (paper copy to circulate)
26/11/15 Update on issues / highways A6121 email
2/12/15 RCC Development Control & Licensing Committee – special meeting – 10 December
18/12/15 Merry Christmas from Leics Police
LRALC round robin and newsletter (including info on precept / reserves and councillor courses)
LRALC critical info for all Councils re capping
From Allotment Committee re example of Palaside Fencing
From Rutland CAB - increase of number of Members – nominations by 31 January

To Note
Rutland Local Plan Review 2015 – 2036 Issues and Options Consultation comments by 12 January 2016

Procurement of Audit for Smaller Authorities –Emailed 25/11/15. From the start of 2017/18 financial year, smaller authorities can chose to have an auditor appointed to them by a new ' sector led body' or they can decide to procure their own but must have an auditor by a legal requirement. Ryhall Parish Council agreed not to opt out.
From RCC Library update & request to alter hours for two evenings a week to open until 6pm . It was proposed by AG , seconded by ES and agreed to monitor the later hour to see if visitors would prefer to stay open until 7 pm on one night. AG to action and report at next meeting
From resident – re parking Spinney Close –relating to agenda item 06/16
From resident – thanks for changes to Delaine bus service
From resident – re Grain Store planning application. Concern was expressed about the size/ location of grain barn on Newstead Road and comment made about verbal advice received from Ward Member. Letter and Ward Member's response were read out. The Parish Council had also made further comment to RCC – the response to this was read in full and noted.' RCC Planning Department stated that '*upon review the correct recommendation was made. It is a building of typical modern agricultural appearance in a location that is agricultural in nature. The building is not so prominent that refusal would have been justified and defensible at appeal*'
The Parish Council agreed to ensure that any future applications would be monitored with regard to any ribbon development occurring in this vicinity or any other rural location in the parish.

From Commonwealth War Graves Commission – review of arrangements of payment of £24. During the latest inspection, the level of overall maintenance was classed as good for which the Parish were commended. As extra work is not required for the four scattered war graves, the Commission intends to withdraw future payments
From Stamford Town Council – Stamford Neighbourhood Plan – request comments from neighbouring parishes. Agreed to request more detailed information and to consider response.

19/16 FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account –

From Rutland County Council for Grass cutting 2015	5,137.95

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams Salary November			610.75
HM Revenue & Customs for November			124.67
Smiths of Derby Aborted visit	501.00	100.00	601.00 **
Mr S Houghton Website Design Deposit payment			66.66
Eon Energy Street Lighting Maintenance	281.34	56.27	337.61
Mrs C Adams December salary			610.95
Mr D Patience salary for hours worked in 2015			169.17
H M Revenue & Customs Tax for CA and DP			169.87

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall			15.00
Eon Energy Repair to Christmas lights	70.00	14.00	84.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting	
Mr D Toone Annual renumeration	760.00
HM Revenue & Customs	227.81

Payments to make from the Burial Account	
Anglian Water Burial Tap	17.13

Income received into Burial Account 16/11/15

J. Porter - Internment of Ashes	58.00
S Howard – Internment of Ashes	69.00
K Brader – Memorial Headstone	69.00
Common Wealth War Graves Commission	24.00

Payment of the expenditure as detailed above, was proposed by ES, seconded by RR and agreed.

Accounts as at 1st January 2016

Current Account	8,851.07 Not including Smiths
High Interest	24,012.65
BPA	157.15
Burial Current	237.36
BPA	43p
High Interest Burial	425.79

19/16 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Single storey extension to side and front elevation of dwelling house – Variation of Condition 1. Brelades, New Road Ryhall PE9 4HL

Listed Building Consent- None

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area *Remove to ground level 2 No Cypruss Trees The Birches, Foundry Road, Ryhall*

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)- None

Appeals & Refusal of Conservation area consent- None

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- & Refusal of Non Material Amendment - None

Withdrawal of planning applications – None

Planning applications observations:

Upgrade to an existing mobile phone base station. The existing15m high monopole supporting 2 No. dishes and 3. No antennas (height to top of antennas 17.4) will be removed. This will be replaced with a new 15m high monopole supporting 3 No new antennas on to new headframe (height to the top of antennas 17.4m) , 2 No existing dishes will be relocated to a new pole and 1 No new dish will be added, with development ancillary thereto. New pole will be sited in the same position as the existing pole.Vodaphone Ltd, Telecommunciation Mast 1046 Essendine Road, Ryhall

20/16 Items for future meeting agenda

Request to report to highways for action- the 30mph signs on the Greatford Road at Belmesthorpe which were moved to accommodate cabling and now appear very close to the road.
Request to RCC for the nettles to be dug up & totally removed by the river opposite the Belmesthorpe seat and the grass re-seeded.
Request to RMPF to progress the edible hedge project

21/16 Open Forum -Next Parish Forum Meeting at Catmose -Thursday 28th January 2016

22/16 NEXT MEETING Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Church , Mill Street Ryhall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council