MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

PRESENT Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH), Mr P Harris (PKH),Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mrs S Smith (SS), Mr A Gombault (AG) Mr C Parsons (CP) Mr D Wilby (DW)

01/16 APOLOGIES Mr N Bellairs (NB) , Mr R Rushby (RR) Mrs E Sismore (ES)
Also apologies from Laurie Appleton, Leicestershire Constabulary

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 PECUNIARY INTEREST – NONE

03/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes –It was proposed by CP seconded by DR and agreed that the **Minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on **5th September 2016** were correct, and be approved and signed.

04/16 PUBLIC TIME
Four members of the public – decided to hold public time at the end of the meeting.

05/16 MATTERS ARISING
Riverbank-near the bench at Belmesthorpe – grass seeded and set.
Highway & Footpath Issues – path to the rear of library due to be cleared and tidied
Old Butchers shop – Yellow container still on site but otherwise area is tidier
Cemetery soak away – now to be located on Trout Farm land and will not affect the cemetery grounds

AGENDA ITEMS
06/16 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR
Mr David Amies wished to be considered for co-option onto the parish council and gave a short presentation on his career. It was proposed by PH, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Amies. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He was issued with the Register of Interest Documentation, a copy of the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and other papers pertaining to the meeting.

07/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
Forty three residents had attended the Open Meeting but it was not certain what percentage of attendees had come solely to discuss potential planning / development following the recent 'Call for Sites'. The Rutland County Council presentation indicated that a huge level of commitment would be required to make and conclude a successful NHP, it clearly outlined the costs involved and had highlighted the questions of overall benefit a NHP might have on the community .
In order to take forward, a NHP a committee structure has to be established. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact everyone who has signed the contact list to ascertain the feedback of attendees and to see if each individual would like to proceed with a NHP and would commit to volunteering onto a steering group.

08/16 PRECEPT AND CAPPING/ GRANTS
Local Council Tax Support Grant - RCC had confirmed 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 and later approved that 2016/17 will be the final year that the Council plans to continue to offer the Local Council Tax Support Grant to Parishes.

Therefore the Local Council Tax support (£ 2,323) will not be paid to parishes in 2017-18 and the Parish Council will need to ensure close scrutiny for the 2017/18 budget.
The Government Consultation on possible 'capping' of Local Councils (referendum principles) – closed on 28th October. DW is gathering a response from Rutland County Council in advance of the January precept setting meeting.
Further noted that **Cemetery Deficit Grants** have ceased from 2016-17. A letter was sent to parishes in January 2016 regarding this. The new cemetery on Belmesthorpe Lane is under the Parish Council remit and operates on a self funding basis

09/16 WHITE BRIDGE AND ROAD CLOSURES
The Parish Council noted with concern, the closure of the White Bridge and the potential length of time of the closure for repairs: sixteen weeks from November 2nd until February 1st 2017. This is due to a section of concrete and brick retaining wall that has moved by 50mm and appears to be continually moving. The bridge inspector's advice is that the weight of passing vehicles is providing the downward force to cause the movement. On his advice and in the interest of safety to the travelling public, Rutland County Council have taken the decision to close the road over the bridge to vehicle traffic, pedestrian access is retained. Rutland County Council is awaiting a report from the structural engineers at Leicestershire and their recommendations/designs for repair. It was agreed that the Parish Council would press for repairs to take place as soon as possible to allow access for vehicles to the local businesses. It was agreed to ask for *Business As Usual* signs to be put in place and to report an update in the Village News/ website for resident's information.

10/16 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR BELMESTHORPE
Two varying quotes have been sourced by NB (who sent apologies due to work commitments) The Parish Council wished to quantify the merits of the two defibrillators before making a purchase, but without delaying too long. It was proposed by DW, seconded by CP and agreed that the Clerk would liaise with NB for his professional opinion and would circulate to Councillors for a final decision up to the maximum costs of Quote A - £2,020.60 excluding VAT. The Clerk has applied for planning consent from RCC for the defibrillator to be located on the outer wall of the Blue Bell Public House. This was pending a decision.

11/16 STREET LIGHTING IN THE PARISHES OF RUTLAND
Street Lighting Grant As previously noted from April 2017, parishes will have to pay for all energy costs on community street lighting. Parishes will no longer be eligible for grants for street lighting in terms of re-claiming any monies from Rutland County Council who RCC who will be maintaining all lights in future. As from the date of adoption the 83 street lights currently owned by the parish council will be removed from the Parish Council Insurance.

Street Light 3354 on RMPF Corner/ St Johns
Following requests by the Parish Council to reduce light pollution, Rutland County Council have replaced the lantern and new back light shield and installed a part night photocell but these have not proved satisfactory to the resident who asked the Parish Council for further action.
Rutland County Council deem that the existing light is adequate and would not cover the costs of any alternatives Alternative options for consideration and payment by the Parish Council
1) Removing the street light completely - cost around £335 + VAT
2) Replacing the street light with a suitable LED bollard - estimated cost around £1200 + VAT
however Rutland County Council says the bollard would not light the area that the existing street light covers and bollards are prone to vandalism.
Before any further costs to the parish council were incurred, it was agreed to ask RCC to switch off the light Number 3354 for a trial period of one week to enable the Parish Council to ascertain the

level of darkness on the footpath. This would be highlighted on the Website/ Notice boards to ensure all villagers were aware of the action. AG noted a previous request for more lighting near the school. Agreed to ascertain the status and use of street light 3553 outside the school boundary
It was further agreed to ask RCC not to adopt light 3354 in the first tranche of adoptions in November – if it remains as a Parish Council asset the outcome could be determined by the parish.

12/16 GRASSCUTTING CONTRACT
A letter to all parishes from Rutland County Council had been received. Copied to all Councillors
It confirmed payment for ten cuts to the parishes who cut the Rutland County Council owned parish grass. The grant would continue for 2017/18 but no confirmation of reimbursement in perpetuity. Rutland County Council will only cut grass ten times during each growing season elsewhere in Rutland. Ryhall Parish Council currently commission Glendale to cut the grass twice a month (14 to 16 cuts depending on the weather – reimbursed for 10)
Village closed churchyard and public open spaces are under the remit of Rutland County Council and will only be cut by RCC every three weeks next year (currently fortnightly) Noted that the Clerk and Councillors had received many complaints about the grass in the old cemetery and St John's Church yard this summer, which they had duly passed onto the RCC.
RCC is currently drafting a formal agreement for the next season
It was agreed that the Clerk would contact RCC to establish the basis of the 'formal agreement' and to seek assurance the RCC would publicize their intended changes. The Glendale quote for 2017 and two alternative quotes will be considered at the January meeting.
The Parish Council pay separately for cut and strim playing field, play area, new cemetery.
The Parish Council is currently reimbursed for 10 parish highway grass cuts in Ryhall and Belmesthorpe

13/16 ASSET MAINTENANCE –Notice board on St John's Close
It was proposed by DW, seconded by CP and agreed to the quote of £70 for the refurbishment of the parish notice board.

14/16 ST JOHNS CHURCH CLOCK
Mr S Fenn, Clock Guardian is meeting with Smiths of Derby to ascertain the reasons why the clock is not keeping time accurately

15/16 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS
This is the last festive season that the Parish Council will be able to sponsor the Christmas lights. Rutland County Council has requested removal of the lights/ wires in this commemorative tree which are causing structural problems. This will take place in January/ February before the next growing season and will incur expense to the Parish Council who instigated the original lights. A decision on how to proceed will be made at the January meeting

16/16 SNOW WARDEN
Mr G Roberts will continue as Snow Warden for Ryhall for the winter 2016 season. Clerk to check with RCC that the remit of the role remains as before and that the grit bins are full.

17/16 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS
Mrs S Critchard has been welcomed by the RMPF Committee in post as the new Treasurer. Mrs Sue Capper was thanked sincerely for her years of hard work as valued Treasurer
£2,000 for the play equipment – this sum had been ring fenced until the end of the financial year. With uncertainly as to how / when to proceed with any play equipment expansion project DW – as Acting Chairman of RMPF - offered to return this sum to the parish council funds.

18/16 OTHER MEETINGS - Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. Parish Forum Meeting – attended by SS representing Ryhall Parish Council . Report circulated.
Ryhall Village Hall announced that it has launched its calendar for 2017

19/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

08.09.16 Draft Minutes
12.09.16 RMPF Committee Minutes
13.09.16 Soakaway info
14.09.16 Village News item
14.09.16 Rural Community Council AGM event
3.10.16 Monthly Report
07.10.16 LRALC Round Robin (NHP and S 107) highlighted
10.1016 Emergency Planning update
12.10.16 Council Matters – Came & Co
19.10.16 Parish Forum Notes from SS
19.10.16 Holocaust Memorial Day 2017
19.10.16 LRALC Round Robin and Newsletter 5
24.10.16 LRALC Update on Council Tax capping and Budget/ precept setting
24.10.16 RCC Rutland Local Plan Newsletter 2016
01.11.16 Draft Minutes reissued
01.11.16 North Beat Report
01.11.16 Neighbourhood Planning information
03.11.16 Road Closure Bridge Street & Essendine Road
04.11.16 Lincolnshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan
04.11.16 LRALC Friday round robin (Tax base)

Other Correspondence

Health watch Rutland –request an invite to next PC meeting – declined due to budget setting and precept decisions taking precedence in January .However, poster promoting their work have been up on Notice board
Dove Cottage Day Hospice appeal- Proposed by AG, seconded by CP and agreed to donate £50. PKH abstained.
From Resident about road surfaces & drain blockage on Turnpike Road – Clerk to action with RCC
Invite to a Conference on Counter Terrorism - Noted
Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau – Report on Poverty on their website - Noted
RCC Business Rates Revaluation Information – Noted
Woodland Trust (free trees to communities) – Noted
Leics Police - #lockuplightup – Poster on Noticeboard

20/16 FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From RMPF annual rent	10.00
From RCC Annual Grass cutting rebate	5,185.97

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
09.09.16 Glendale Grass cutting & Hedges	1,094.41	218.88	1,313.29
09.09.16 Ryhall Allotments			216.00
30.09.16 Grant Thornton Audit Fee	200.00	40.00	240.00
06.10.16 Biffa Waste for dog bins	237.14	47.43	284.57
06.10.16 Glendale Grass cutting	813.14	163.03	978.17
06.10.16 David Lee Bench Maintenance			190.00
06.10.16 Mrs C Adams Salary September			846.97
06.10.16 HM Revenue & Customs September Including D Toone			516.04
06.10.16 Eon Electricity	804.74	160.95	965.69
06.10.16 Lamin & White Admin Fee	33.00	6.60	39.60
20.10.16 BJ Print for NHP Leaflets			72.00

20.10.16 Ryhall Village News for distribution of leaflets			20.00
Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			19.50
Mrs C Adams Salary October			846.77
HM Revenue & Customs October			292.77
Glendale Grass cutting	524.36	104.88	629.24
Mrs C Adams Expenses (including grass seed and cartridges)			132.31
Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting			
Glendale Grass cutting & hedge cutting	144.58	28.91	173.49
Glendale Grass cutting	29.68	5.94	35.62
David Lee Bench & Fence Maintenance			250.00
Anglian Water			15.13
Payments to make from the Burial Account			
Mr D Toone Burial Administrator (Annual remuneration)			750.00
Glendale Grass cutting October	29.68	5.94	35.62
Income received into Burial Account			
06.09.16 A.G Bennett			69.00
06.09 16 Robert Hawkins			69.00
06.09.16 D.E Nobbs			235.00

Note about Burial Account: The Burial High Interest account and BPA have been closed . Funds of £425.89 and 0.43p have been transferred to the burial current account.
Note about the BPA Account– This has been closed and the balance of £157.23 has been transferred to the community account.
Accounts as at 1st November 2016

Current Account	15,168.87
High Interest	24,022.15
Burial Current	830.90 (minus DT 750)

Yet to pay:
Methodist precept £500 –
Ryhall Village Hall precept £2,500
Creative Designs for Banner (Ballpark Quote £65 plus VAT)
Rutweb for design of Banner (Ballpark Quote of £25)

Note on Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch- the Statement of Funds as at 31st October 2016 have been submitted to the parish council.
£300 grant from Ryhall Parish Council n 19/7/16 primarily spent on new Neighbourhood Watch signs. Balance of £154.68 held to print and circulate newsletters.

21/16 PLANNING
Full Planning Permission granted
UPVC Conservatory, Highfields, Stamford Road, Ryhall PE9 4HB **2016/0901/FUL**

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
Fell willow tree at Dormer Cottage, Foundry Road, Ryhall 2016/0821/FUL

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)-

Appeals & Refusal of Conservation area consent- None

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- & Refusal of Non Material Amendment
Two storey rear extension- 4 Forresters Cottages, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HP **2016/0715/FUL**
Proposed detached dwelling with garage and parking at Homestead, Church Street, Ryhall **2016/0820/FUL**

Withdrawal of planning applications – None
Planning applications observations:
Proposed single storey extension to west elevation , 8 Beech Drive Ryhall PE9 4EW **2016/0993/FUL**
Erection of extension- Cromwell Cottage, 2 The Square, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HJ **2016/0726/FUL**
1 No Acer 'pseudoplantus brilliantisimum' causing overshadowing of owners and neighbours gardens Fell to ground. Melbourn House, Foundry Road PE9 **4JA 2016/1074/CAT**

22/16 PUBLIC TIME
Thanks expressed by Mr & Mrs Amies to all residents of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe for the valued support to the Village Stores and Post Office following the ram raid incident today

23/16 NEXT MEETING - Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.pm at the Village Hall Ryhall . This will be the precept/ budget meeting.