RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on
Wednesday 10th July 2013
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Mr R Rushby	Mrs S Smith
Mr C Parsons	Mr N Bellairs	Mr A Gombault	Ms M Hitt

Eight members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES Mrs C Vernon, County Councillor

WELCOME to Ms Michelle Hitt who was co-opted on 8th May 2013

One Minute Silence- In memory of Mrs L Stallon – a parishioner who attended nearly every parish council meeting over the decades.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the regulations, Councillors were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have and the nature of those interests in relation to the one item on the agenda. They completed the Declaration of Interest Book. Members were asked to complete a new ' Register of members Interest form by Rutland County Council . Under the Localism Act 2011 the Monitoring Officer is required to maintain a register of interests of Members and co-opted Members of each authority. It has to be available for inspection at all reasonable hours and published on the County Council website. This is an opportunity to update forms before they are published on the website.

Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road resident
Mrs Sismore- Ryhall PTA
Mr A Gombault- Belmesthorpe NHW
Mr C Parsons – Playing Fields
Mrs S Smith – Balk Road
Mr Bellairs – Village Hall, RMPF
Mr Rushby – Neighbourhood Watch

Notification of Resignation
Ms Rachel Miller has tendered her resignation, with immediate effect due to work commitments. The Chairman thanked Ms Miller for her contribution to the Parish Council and the Parish Plan. Notice of Vacancy will be displayed for 14 days. If 10 electors come forward then there will be an election. If not after that date the Parish Council can co-opt. It was agreed to include notice of vacancy in the Village News.

Co-options of Councillors
Two residents may be interested in joining the parish council. Interested persons are required to contact the Clerk to confirm their intention to stand for co-option.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2013 were a true record. NB abstained.

PUBLIC TIME

Representatives of the Ryhall Football Club reported that the precept grant funding from the Parish Council would be to improve the facilities of the portacabin with a new roof and floor project to accommodate the footballers for the foreseeable future. Noted that the planning permission expires in February 2014.The Club have match funded £500 of the £1,500 granted. Therefore it was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed to this amount. The next project will be the dugouts. The Club will be liaising with the RMPF Committee.

A resident commented that the RMPF should encourage the use of the fields and the pavilion for other sports such as cricket and hockey.

Protection of the wildfowl on Foundry Road. This item to be considered on the next agenda, it may require signage and therefore planning permission

Ryhall Library - The Parish Council noted the information circulating that Rutland County Council is considering demolishing the library and relocating it to the RMPF where it will be incorporated into a two storey pavillion. A block of flats would probably be built on the library site. The Parish Council has not had any official notification from Rutland County Council about this proposal. County Councillor Chris Parsons had been asked verbally by RCC to take the proposal to the villagers to gauge reaction and garner feedback. It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed that the Parish Council invited Mr Roger Begy, Leader and Mr Terry King, Portfolio Holder to the next meeting

Streamlining the Meetings
The Chairman proposed an extra meeting in the future to discuss Parish Electricity & a Four Year Plan. Rutland County Council has setup a task and finish working group to undertake an inventory of all the parishes electricity columns. Since 1991 many parishes own a percentage of the street lights (Ryhall owns 83) and the remainder are county owned, there is no uniformity. However, after the panel reports it would then go to the scrutiny , cabinet and full council for a decision so it was anticipated that there would be a time span of at least twelve months. In the meantime the Parish Council will continue to maintain and upgrade street lights where necessary.
Four Year Plan – Mr Gombault offered to put together a draft set of proposals for the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Coppice Road Green – Open Spaces.
On 26th June 2013 Rutland County Council advised that the registration of the village green at Coppice Road, Ryhall was approved at the meeting of the Development Control and Licensing Committee. Agreed recommendation 2.1.1, unanimously.
The village green will be included on the register of town and village greens. Mrs Hurford had emailed her thanks to the Parish Council in achieving this outcome. The Parish Council thanked the residents of Coppice Road for completing the questionnaires and producing photographic evidence in support of the village green. They thanked Mrs Hurford and Mr Lloyd for their hard work and input into this project.

Vicarage Wall and access to school
The Parish Council agreed to write to the agent acting on behalf of the Diocesan Office to state their dissatisfaction with the current state of the wall and to request immediate action. Photographic evidence will be submitted . Copies to all relevant parties including the primary school. The Parish Council will write to RCC to ask for a written update on the roadway situation.

Highway Issues
(1) The residents of St Eabbas Close have requested moving the 30mph sign further out of the village to encourage drivers to slow before they reach the close junction. It was noted that in the past Delaine Buses would not agree to a bus stop outside St Eabbas. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to write to Rutland County Council to ask in the first instance to move the speed limit sign beyond the garage or to consider changing the limit to 30mph limit from Essendine to Ryhall – currently it is 50 mph for short stretch including the Uffington junction. To liaise with Essendine Parish Council. All in favour . AG abstained.

(2) Comments received from RCC on highway and footway issues were read to the meeting. It was agreed that the Councillors who undertake the village walk will check each point to see if RCC have progressed them.

(3) Footpath E172 Foundry Road to Back Lane. It has been confirmed that the stiles would be lowered as opposed to new kissing gates. RCC to action.

(4) Bench on A6121- this has been installed and ready for use. The Parish Council thanked the Cavendish Trust for the donation of the bench.

AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Councillor's Surgery 6th July.
Mrs Smith and Ms Miller hosted the second Parish Council surgery in July at the Ryhall Library.
A number of concerns had been raised by residents, in particular issues at the new cemetery. The Parish Council thanked residents for their observations and feedback and are working hard to resolve matters. If finance is involved, authorisation to spend parish funds has to be agreed at meetings and this can sometimes delay matters. Some were issues that have been forwarded to the Playing Fields Committee, the Church or Rutland County Council. The Clerk reported that earlier issues had been resolved and that the Parish Council have authorised works to hedges etc once the nesting season is over.

Any resident who have an interest in the village and time to offer would be welcome to consider co-option on the parish council.

The Suggestion box is in the Library for residents to post comments in

Village Walk. It was agreed to organise a village walk to assess all the issues raised including highways update.

There will be a third Parish Council surgery to be held on Saturday September 14th 2013 at 10 am until 11am in the Library . Mrs Sismore and Mr Rushby will represent the Parish Council.

Capital Projects
Community Orchard. The two residents who suggested this project are invited to the next RMPF meeting to discuss the next step. The RMPF Committee are in favour of the suggestion of the cherry trees The Clerk has made initial investigations about the feasibility of the two other locations but this needs further work. It was agreed to progress with the playing fields trees as this is parish owned land

Maintenance projects
(1) Refurbish St John's Close and Foundry Road benches - To be agreed at next meeting.
2) Purchase of new bench for Belmesthorpe. Councillors reviewed the purchase of a bench in hardwood at £519.41 plus VAT but decided to look at alternative benches of a higher specification that might weather better.

(3) Installation costs for dog bin and grit bins . It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to Mr Fenn's quote of £69.50 to dig out, concrete and fix new dog bin. The adjacent household on New Road has agreed to the location of the dog bins on the A6121 New Road junction. Mr Fenn had offered to set the grit bins in St Eabbas Close and Belmesthorpe free of charge.
(4) Media Waves Mr Huddleston will prepare a quote for producing new laminated updates of Councillor details and activities.
(5) Hedge cutting by Allotments – it was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to cut the allotment hedge on the A6121 for the sum of £110.00 plus VAT once the nesting season is over.
(6) Hedge cutting – Turnpike Corner – It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to cut the Turnpike Hedge for the sum of £68.00 plus VAT once the nesting season is over.
(7) Other Hedges – some hedges on the Essendine Hill have overgrown the footpath,Clerk to ask the landowners to action.
(8) Kissing gate
Ms Miller had produced costings for the total replacement of the kissing gate to the sheep field and was thanked for her work on that. She had proposed that the remainder of the parish plan funds £236 be put towards this project. The gate costs are £236 plus VAT and delivery (£80) hence the Parish Council would need to fund the outstanding balance of £127.20. Mr Flint has offered to install the gate free of charge. The meeting discussed the merits of replacing the gate and the need for hard standing as well as it is muddy in the winter. It was agreed to make a final decision after the village walk.

Cemetery
(1)Funding for refurbishments of the three benches. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to the quotation of £166.50 including materials
(2) Post and rail fencing in extension
It was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to the sum of £122.80 to dig out and supply five new timber posts in the field behind the cemetery which will mark the boundary of the cemetery extension and to qualify for the commencement of work relating the planning permission 2010/0306.
(3) Hedge cutting - A quotation from Veolia to cut the right hand side hedge to a reasonable height suggested 6 foot and reduce the sides, tidy the boundary for £540 plus VAT had been considered previously (dated September 2012) The Parish Council had debated the rural aspects of the hedgerow as it was a natural boundary and offers some shelter from winds. However, it was agreed that this hedge did require a cut to maintain it in a good state. It was agreed to take the advice of the contractor as to a suitable height and in consultation with the neighbours. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to proceed once the nesting season was over.
Hedge on the left hand side will be trimmed and the path will be weed sprayed as part of the maintenance programme

(4) Cemetery Gate and front fencing. The Parish Council has obtained quotes for this work. However, Mr Gombault pointed out comments from residents about the condition of the gate which has not weathered well and needed repairs. It was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to obtain quotes for replacing the gates in wood and to paint the fence in same colour.

(5) Headstones. Comment had been received about the headstones being placed at the base of the grave not the head – thus facing towards the road. Mr Gombault offered to seek clarification from the church/ funeral directors as to why this was so in the current cemetery. It would be useful to know before the extension was consecrated. The Burial Administrator to be copied into responses.

Decision on Flagpole position

RCC had not granted permission to place the flagpole on the green by the Library. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mr Parsons to site the flagpole with a small feature garden at the base on the green area at the entrance to St John's Close on the notice board side. A counter proposal of the green area by Francis Court was made by Mr Gombault. However, Spire Homes who own the land had not acknowledged the communication from the Jubilee Committee. This proposal was not seconded. At the vote for St John's Close site, four in favour, one against (AG), 2 abstained (RR and MH) subject to the agreement of neighbours and licence from Rutland County Council

Belmesthorpe Issues
(1)Street Lighting –Mr Gombault is in consultation with the village committee regarding the replacement light for outside the Blue Bell Public House. This item will be revisited at the September meeting.
(2)Pole Bracket outside No 4 Lilac Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe. To replace the existing pole bracket with a new 1 metre steel pole bracket compete with a Phillips 36 watt (low energy) lantern controlled by an all night photocell and to supply a new plastic supply box and overhead service connection - £551 plus VAT. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to this replacement.
(3)Concrete Column Castle Rise/ Station Road and Column 9 Castle Rise – both in need of replacement in the near future. Cost would be £810 plus VAT each. To be considered at a later date.
(4) Speeding issues - Newstead Lane - 8th May 2013 RCC confirmed that this was on the list to review and the next stage would be for the Road Policing Unit to visit the site to determine if they have any objection to the requested change for 40mph speed restriction imposed between Belmesthorpe village and Cobbs Nook Corner. Clerk to seek update. Mr Gombault is canvassing the village to see if there is support for the speed gun monitoring initiative.

Phone Box renewal of contract
It had been agreed at the January meeting to renew the sponsorship for one year December 2012 to November2013 and give the community nine months notice of the Parish Council intention not to renew again in November unless there was public demand. It was agreed to explain the position which would be included in the Village News, on posters and on the Rutnet website. Future use of the box as a place to store a defibrillator could be considered.

Allotment Update.
The Parish Council to commission a health and safety survey/ inspection of the trees in the wooded area by the allotments adjacent to the A6121. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed unanimously to the quotation of £275 plus VAT

OTHER MEETINGS

Mr Rushby will represent the Parish Council and attend the next Parish Forum which will be chaired by County Councillor Mr Parsons
Village Hall Committee have announced that after five years they have reluctantly increased the hire charges

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Emailed & Circulated to Councillors
RCC Parish Briefing
Parish Forum Minutes and Bus Schedules
RCC Notification of attendance of Police & Crime Commissioner at the next Parish Forum.
Spire Homes- Supporting housing for older people in Rutland. Poster on Notice board and introduction of Estates Officer Mr Neil Kirk

LRALC Newsletters
RCC Bulletins
June 2013 Voluntary Sector newsletter

Circulated:
SKDC Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan Consultation to 16th August.
SKDC Adoption of the Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document 3rd June 2013
From Peter Lawson Commemoration Event at Kendrew Barracks 15th June 2014 to consider for discussion at September Meeting
From RCC Next PC Forum 18th July agenda and the Rutland Together Culture and Leisure Strategy 2013 – 2016
From RCC Rutland Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document

To consider:
Letters regarding horse manure on footpaths
The Parish Council considered the problem of horse manure on the A6121 footpath from Rutland Way to the Belmesthorpe roundabout. It has also been noted within the village though not to the same degree.
This affects pushchairs, cyclists and mobility scooters. Whilst the Parish Council acknowledges the issue of riding on the roads and the problem with lack of alternative routes with some bridleways overgrown, horse owners are reminded of the article in the Highway Code stating the horse must not ride on a footpath. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to all the stables in the area asking for their assistance.

From Rutland CAB – thanks for the donation
From St John's Church PCC thanks for the precept grant.
From University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust. Placement of a public access AED (automated external defibrillator). Mr Bellairs to gather information/ criteria on this for the next meeting.
From resident by email – re broadband. Discussion on the various broadband speeds and packages. It was agreed to ask Rutland County Council for an update on their Digital Rutland policy.

Income received into Parish Account

From RCC Snow Warden repayment			26.33	

Payments made since last meeting

	Nett		**VAT**		**Total**	
Rural Community Council fee					40.00	
Lamin & White Audit fees	180.00		36.00		216.00	
Came & Company Insurance					975.00	
Mrs C Adams June Salary					408.37	
RCC Refuse collection						14.60
Rutland CAB Donation as agreed					50.00	
Veolia Grass cutting	37.10		7.42		44.52	
Barker Signs as agreed		102.00		20.40		122.40
Eon Repair	23.47		4.69		28.16	
Allotment Association for shed						980.33
Eon Maintenance	281.76		56.35		338.11	
Ryhall Village Hall archived photos					222.00	
Cory Environmental Dog Bin collect	227.50		45.50		273.50	
Mrs C Adams July Salary					408.37	

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to pay the following accounts.

Payments to be made at meeting:

Ryhall Methodist Hall Hire			15.00
S Alexander Bench	298.00	59.60	357.60

Mrs C Adams expenses from April to July			167.83	
Ryhall United precept			500.00	
Wybone Dog bin and grit bins	490.58	98.11	588.69	
Anglian Water allotment tap			52.66	
Lamin & White Admin fee	30.00	6.00	36.00	
Eon Street Lighting	466.06	93.21	559.27	
Allotment Association				167.21

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

Veolia Grasscutting	25.11	5.02	30.13	
RCC Refuse Collection for bins				335.80

Payments to make from Burial Account

Anglian Water			26.01	

Income received into Burial Account

Rawlings Interment and purchase grave				436.00
Byatt Headstone			64.00	
J Charity Internment and res plot			138.00	
J Charity Memorial			65.00	
W Allen Memorial			69.00	
C Jarvis Interment in purchased grave				58.00

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES
MANDATE FORMS: Councillors who wished to be added as a signatory completed a mandate form
ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS. The Annual Return was completed and sent to the Auditors Grant Thornton on 10th June 2013. The Parish council awaits the formal approval of accounts.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Construction of two storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling house 33 balk Road Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HT

Permitted Development
South Kesteven District Council – for Development of Football Stadium with associated infrastructure. Erection of multi use training pitch and sports college building to include dual use facilities. Land to the west of Ryhall Road Stamford. Parish Council commented on the 2 metre wide path and dropped kerbs.
Listed Building Consent
Construction of a single storey extension to the rear elevation of dwelling house. Hemgate House, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission-

Construction of two storey detached dwelling house and garage. Land to the rear of Hill top Cottage, Essendine Road, Ryhall PE9 4HE

Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None
Planning applications considered:
Extension of time relating to planning permission for St John's Cottage, Annex, Church Street, Ryhall
Extension to form first floor accommodation with balcony and ground floor extension to the north: Brelades, New Road, Ryhall.
Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural building – Green lane Farm, Belmesthorpe

The Parish Council planning committee do not approach members of the public for their comments as neighbours to any planning application. Neighbours are informed by Rutland County Council directly and notice re erected in the immediate area. The Parish Council make observations representative of the whole community.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finger mile post on A6121 to be re-painted
Dogs on Lead on RMPF- comment on the lack of space for dogs to run off leads, noted but new signage has just been erected to promote dogs on leads as it is a playing area.
Damage to Lime Tree on Parkfield Road green – Clerk to report to RCC
Drains in the east side of Belmesthorpe, now installed
Village Hall Calendar and Postcard competition now commenced
Code Of Conduct – copy issued to all Councillors
Hedges overgrowing footpath New Road, Clerk to ask resident to action

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Ryhall