RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 12th May 2010 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mr P Finch	Mr G Lloyd
Mrs S Smith	Mr R Rushby	Mrs S Hickman
Mr N Bellairs	Mr S Fenn	Mr P Huddleston
Mrs C Gardiner	Mrs B White	

7 members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES Ms S Roberts – Youth advisor to the Parish Council and Ms C Jones – County Councillor due to attendance at the Great Casterton Annual Parish Meeting

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 .They completed the Declaration of Interest Book.
Mr Lloyd - Francis Court & Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Rushby - Neighbourhood Watch & Parish Plan
Mr Parsons – Housing in Ryhall & Belmesthorpe (Caveat on land previously owned behind Castle Rise, Belmesthrope)
Mr Bellairs - Playing Fields & Parkfield Road
Mr Fenn – Allotments, the Old Mill Planning and Ryhall Football Club
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter and Parkfield Road
Mrs Smith- Parkfield Road
Mrs Gardiner - Allotments, Affordable Housing Belmesthorpe and Belmesthorpe NHW
Mrs White - Francis Court, Spire Homes and Disability Issues

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting
It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on **10th March 2010** were a true record. Mrs Gardiner abstained.

Sergeant 624 Lee Morris -Neighbourhood Management - and PSCO Liam Bourne, Leicestershire Constabulary.
Sergeant Morris of the Neighbourhood Management Team reported that that there are three officers working on the northern beat with a replacement for Jon Rigby currently being selected , covering 28 Rutland villages.

In the last three months in Ryhall and Belmesthorpe the crime figures, published on the force website, have decreased. There is a decrease of 37.5% for burglaries vehicle and robbery crimes are down to zero, violent crime decreased by 50%, antisocial behaviour down by 11.8%. Sergeant Lee will produce exact figures for the next PC meeting in July.

A no cold calling zone had been established in Spinney Close in conjunction with trading standards and if successful the scheme would be rolled out in other streets. The Leics Constabulary will continue to hold Beat Surgeries and be visible in Ryhall, having completed a three month problem-solving plan in the parish.
PSCO Liam Bourne reported to the meeting on recent statistics that the parish had 212.5 hours of policing in marked vehicles in the last 89 days. Of 103 hours of officer time on foot patrol in Ryhall and Belmesthrope - 31 hours were beat team patrols. Sergeant Morris said that residents should be advised to note any suspicious activities and if there appears to be an incident where there is an apparent delay in the police response – there is an avenue to ascertain the reason for a delay.
When asked his opinion on the siting of a bench near the library in a well lit place, he commented that it was a village amenity and would be include in the beat patrols as are other public seating areas.
Between 31st May and 6th June 2010 is National Family Week. Rutland Police are involved throughout the week and will be in Ryhall playing fields on 3rd June between 10:00 and 14:00 on the youth bus. PCSO 6049 Liam Bourne will be present on the bus to interact with the children. Any further information about the National Family Week, please see www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

PUBLIC TIME

Fly posting
Comment noted that fly posters left behind on lamp posts create an untidy effect although others thought posters indicated a lively and vibrant village with many social events and activities. It was agreed to request in the Village News that village organisations are asked to remove their posters after every function
Street Signs – Replacement signs needed for Church Street and Parkfield Road
Kissing Gate in the Meadows – was completed on 28 April.
Gala Day 2010 Sunday 12th September – the Parish Council were invited to make a contribution.
Broadband Mr Whowell had emailed with details of this project to inform councillors. The Chairman noted that a villager would like to make a short presentation on the subject high speed broadband facilities and would be invited to the July meeting.
Spinney Paths – have been tidied
Public Time at the start of the meeting. The Chairman explained that this was the opportunity for residents to comment on any item on the agenda. Thereafter the Parish Council debated the issues and make decisions and the public were invited to remain as observers.
Cemetery A black bin is required for the Belmesthorpe Road Cemetery. Clerk to action.
Weeds have resurfaced on the drive – Clerk to obtain a quote from Veolia for spraying.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr Finch, seconded by Mr Rushby that Mr Parsons be re-elected to the Chair for the forthcoming year. There were no counter proposals. At the vote, all in favour.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs Smith, that Mr Huddleston be re-elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. There were no counter proposals. At the vote, all in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

Snow Warden & Gritting Issues

The Clerk reported that there had been one expression of interest in the role of snow warden for winter 2010. The Chairman reported that the gritting routes would be confirmed by RCC in summer. Therefore it was not possible at this stage to agree the siting of the agreed grit bin for Highlands – dependant on the inclusion of New Road in the new gritting routes.

Ryhall Highways Issues

The Chairman reported on the road closures and works by Highways including The Square, St Johns Close, Mill Street and New stead Lane, Belmesthorpe. It was noted that Newstead Lane road surface had suffered due to the increased usage of buses.

Grit Bins at the Crescent. The Clerk had informed all the residents by letter of the new grit bin and had informed highways of the intention to install it on the grassed area outside the close. Highways have noted this and will include it in the schedule for grit next winter. Mr Fenn will install it as near to the hedge as possible to the right of the entrance.

Parish Walks Leaflet

The leaflet is being printed; a copy will be circulated to Councillors to be proof read when available.

AGENDA ITEMS

Appointment of Representatives

The following were appointed for the forthcoming year:

Street Lighting Rep	Mr. S Fenn
Planning Committee	Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) Mr G Lloyd Mrs C Gardiner Mrs S Smith Mr S Fenn
Allotment Committee	Mr P Finch (Chairperson) Mrs. S Hickman* Mr. David Pearce- Hunt (former Councillor -seconded in advisory capacity)
Tree Warden	Mr P Finch
Village Hall Rep	Mr P Huddleston
Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Rep	Mr N Bellairs will continue to undertake play area safely checks. Mr C Parsons will represent the Parish Council at the RMPF Meetings.
Snow Wardens **	None in PC capacity
Burial Administrator	Mr D Toone
Affordable Homes Site Committee	Mr P Huddleston Mr P Finch Mrs S Smith Mr G LLoyd

Leics & Rutland Association of Parish Councils	Mrs B White
Parish Forum Representatives	Mrs C Gardiner & Mrs B White

- Mrs Hickman offered to sit on the Allotment Sub Committee when required.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields

Mr David Chapman School Governor - joined the meeting in the public forum for this item on the agenda.

Mr Lloyd reported that the Playing Fields Committee and the steering group which he had chaired over the past year had worked very hard to try to reach a satisfactory conclusion to the roadway situation. The Parish Council did not wish that the school be penalised because of its island status and the steering group had now exhausted all other original possible avenues of funding.

Two proposals had been put to Rutland County Council (RCC)

(1) Annual Membership of RMPF

It had been suggested that the School joined RMPF as members and pay a proportionate amount of membership which would be used towards the maintenance and upkeep of the roadway. RCC had agreed to pay £500 and the school would pay £500 out of their maintenance budget per annum.

(2) Long term Upgrade of the Roadway.

The problem backdated to 2004 when the school had undergone major contractual works. Since then the increase and speeds of traffic had exceeded the capacity of the roadway. RCC had been asked to backdate their membership contribution to 2004 (£12,000) towards a proper upgrade to reinstate the roadway. Parish Council and RMPF would make up the difference (PC have ring fenced amount of £6,000) this would include rubber mats to accommodate buggies and disability scooters, speed bumps, drainage and kerbing.

Without the upgrade the road would remain in the same condition as now and is not fit for purpose as a main arterial route to school. It is, in its present condition, only suitable as an access for low level playing fields users for sport and recreational use. RCC had taken the decision not to backdate any monies towards the upgrade.

In the light of this decision, Mr Lloyd proposed that the Parish Council would write to every parent using the school to explain the situation and the Parish Council concerns about the safety of the children. Parents need to be made aware of the untenable position the Parish Council found itself in with regard to the safety aspects and the state of the road.

The Parish Council were greatly disappointed that an acceptable solution had not been found. The letter would explain that the road would be reverting to its original purpose for sport and recreational use only and the gate would be closed during school hours. The gate would thereafter only be opened for use by the Playing Field users. The gate would be closed as from **Monday 7th June** after the half term break. This proposal was seconded by Mr Bellairs. At the vote 10 in favour and one abstention (SH).

Mr Chapman thanked the Parish Council for delaying the closure of the gate until after the Ofsted inspection.

It was hoped that this letter would be distributed via the school to ensure maximum coverage to all parents. Parents would need to be informed to enable them to make

alternative arrangements to school and nursery. The letter would include contact details of members of Rutland County Council to enable parents, should they wish, to contact RCC and the letter would be copied to the local MP and the press. Mr Parsons to convey to the relevant members of RCC, the Parish Council decision to close the gate and decision to inform parents, MP and press by letter.

Update on 'The Fun Squad'

Rachel Miller (Parish Plan) and Sian Roberts (Youth Advisor) have established the Fun Squad, based on the same principles as the RCC Fun Pod which is now no longer visiting Ryhall. They will co-ordinate youth play sessions outdoors in the summer with a plan to move indoors in winter. The Fun Squad have secured a grant of £4,000 which will contribute towards the insurance, play equipment, storage costs, admin and uniform for volunteers. On behalf of the group, Rachel Miller asked the Parish Council to support the new initiative and asked for financial backing. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to make a donation toward new play equipment of £500.
At the vote, 9 in favour. Two abstained. (SF and CG)

Affordable Housing Update

Mr Parsons left the meeting for the duration of this item on the agenda.
Mr Huddleston took the chair.
The public consultation had been held 28th April and had been well attended throughout the afternoon. The public had been asked to comment on the two possible sites of Back Lane and Essendine Road and a summery of responses had been prepared by the Housing Department of RCC. Ms Heather Violet had also prepared an emailed report which had been circulated to all Councillors. She thanked the Councillors for their time at the consultation event and highlighted areas for consideration. The report included an update on highways issues in respect of the Traffic Management Order which would be required to re-site the 30mph signs, should the Essendine Hill site be preferred. There was also the issue of the inability to provided the lifetime homes bungalows on the Essendine Hill site, but possibly the opportunity to consider a further project of four bungalows in the not too distant future at an alternative site. Based on the responses sited in the report, the majority were in favour of the Essendine Hill site for eight affordable houses. There would be another consultation at the planning stage which would afford any further opportunity for comment. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed in principle to an outline decision in favour of the Essendine Hill site. At the vote, 9 in favour, 1 abstained (CG)

Street Lighting Upgrades.

It was proposed by Mrs Gardiner, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed unanimously to proceed with a further three upgrades to the street lighting owned by the parish. This would include Ryhall – Waterside 2nd and 3rd pole brackets and Ryhall -Crown Street. There remain two street lights for final upgrade in Belmesthorpe.
For replacing the old pole brackets, with new brackets complete with 35 watt sox lanterns controlled by all night photocells including new plastic supply boxes and overhead services – £446 plus VAT each. The clerk confirmed that RCC Highways Department would contribute a street lighting grant towards the three upgrades in the financial year of 2010/11 of £669.00

Central Networks Upgrade of Transformer - Beech Drive
The Clerk had circulated documents from Central Networks to Councillors with the proposal for the upgrading of the sub station site adjacent to Number 11 Beech Drive, Ryhall. Central Networks asked for the consideration and comment from the Parish Council. The upgrade would remove any hazard posed by a pole mounted transformer located in a built up area and will greatly improve the security of the supply to residents. Vehicle access would be from Meadow Lane to minimalise inconvenience and disruption to residents. The project manger responsible would correspond with all affected parties once time scales had been finalised. It was proposed by Mr Finch, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed to approve the scheme.

Purchase of new bench for location at the Library
Following the earlier advice from Sergeant Morris the Parish Council agreed to proceed with a bench providing an amenity for the village. It was agreed to seek the further advice of the planning department as the seat would be in conservation area. It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to purchase a seat that would meet their requirements. The minimum cost would be £75.00 for a metal bench; the upper range would be approximately £450 for a wooden bench. This would be decided on receipt of information from RCC Planning.

Refurbishment of other benches
Mr Virgin who had offered to refurbishes the benches, with regret is no longer available to do this immediately. He hopes to factor in time in the future to work on the benches.

Kimes Bus Times
It was noted that Kimes Buses travel through the village five times a day.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rutland CAB – Request for a further donation. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Finch and agreed to make further donation of £50.00 toward the Rutland CAB. Agreed unanimously.
From Rutland Neighbourhood Watch – Thanks for donation
From RCC – Revised set of Model Standing Orders. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed to purchase @£35.00
From RCC Standards Code of Conduct- Interests issued to all Councillors. Clerk to attend a refresher course in due course.
From RCC- Best Kept Village Competition- Now automatic entry and deadline extended to 28th May 2010. Judging will be in early June.
From RCC – Notification of Highways works to roads. Included in the Village News item for May.
Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Association – Playground course 15th July in Birstall also copied to RMPF Chairman.
From South Kesteven District Council- Site allocation and Policies Development Plan.
VISTA Caring for All Project – marketing materials permission. To be displayed at Francis Court.
From RCC – Burial Fees for 2010 – delivered to D Toone – Burial Administrator

Documents in current circulation
Diary of Village Events & Guided Walks
Access to Services – Communities (responses)
Parish Briefing
Emda news
LAPLC Newsletter March (Councillor training sessions) & April Newsletter
Spire Homes – Info leaflet
RCC Parish Forum Notes
Rural Community Council Directory & EGM
RCC Standards Committee report

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

Mr. Massingham – Allotment rent	10.00
From Rutland County Council – Precept	27,000.00
From Rutland County Council – Contribution to Street light upgrades	424.00

It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to pay the following accounts:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams May Salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Hall			10.00
Ryhall Village Hall – Precept			2,500.00
RMPF – Precept			3,000.00
St Johns Church – Precept			200.00
Ryhall United Junior Football			500.00
Ryhall United Senior Football			500.00
Wybone – Grit bin for The Crescent	174.62	30.56	205.18
Lamin & White Audit Fees	175.00	30.00	205.63
National Soc of Allotment Holders Membership	55.00	9.63	64.63

Payments made since last meeting

Eon Electricity Quarterly Lighting	458.87	80.30	539.17
Mrs. C Adams April salary			408.37
E-on Repair 9/10 Spinney Close	23.47	4.11	27.58
E-On Repair New Road	23.47	4.11	27.58
Ryhall Methodist Hire of Hall for planning meeting			10.00
Rutland County Council – payment of site maps for Burial Ground			25.00
Anglian Water – Allotment Tap			9.76
Aon Insurance- Annual Premium			1,217.16
(Increase of £83.72 – last year was 1,134.04)			

Payments to be made from Burial Accounts

Anglian Water – Burial Tap	31.69

Income received into Burial Account

Hallam – Memorial Fee	62.00
Veasey – Internment in Purchased grave	51.00

Agree and Approve the Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2010
Copies of the end of year statement of accounts had been circulated to all Councillors along with the Annual Governance Statement, which was completed at the meeting. The accounts and the AGS was approved at the meeting by the full council and signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the Chairman and Clerk. The external audit will take place on 12th July2010, conducted by Clement Keys. The Notice of Appointment of date for the Exercise of Elector's rights will be on the Ryhall notice board. Any persons interested has the right to inspect the accounts and make copies of the annual return, all books, deeds, contacts and vouchers relating to the accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2010. These documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to Mrs C Adams, Clerk to the Parish Council.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mr J Busby, 7 Meadow Lane, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs for Ground Floor extension to the front of the property.
Mr & Mrs Atkin, 14 St Tibba Way, Ryhall Stamford Lincs for Construction ground floor development to the east elevation and disabled access to the front elevation.
Mr & Mrs Jennings- Two storey dwelling house and adjoining double garage Land to the rear of South Riding, Essendine Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HE

Listed Building Consent-Alterations - None

Notification of decision in respect of Section 211 Proposing works to a tree or trees in conservation area - None

Refusal of Full Planning Permission
R G Parsons, Grange Farm, Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs. For Erection of two storey dwelling and associated works.
The Old Station, Shepherds Walk, Belmesthorpe, Rutland.

Planning applications received & considered:
Appeal for retrospective application for construction of vehicular access to shed and storage barn and temporary siting of mobile home.Land to the east of Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe.
Removal of doors to the south elevation and install patio doors – 6, Gwash Close, Ryhall
Erection of oak framed 2 bay double garages – Castlerigg, Foundry Road, Ryhall
Erection of two storey dwelling with integral double garage – Former Old Mill, Mill Street, Ryhall
Crown Reduce one walnut Tree; Land adjacent to 17 St Johns Close
Single storey extension to the north and rear - Bungalow St Johns Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 28th July 2010 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Ryhall.