RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on
Wednesday 13 March 2013
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Mr G Lloyd
Mr R Rushby	Mr P Huddleston	Mr Fenn
Ms R Miller	Mr A Gombault	Mrs S Smith

One member of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES Mr N Bellairs, Mrs C Vernon County Councillor (attending Great Casterton PC Meeting)

RESIGNATION
Mrs B White has tendered her resignation. She thanked fellow councillors and wished them every success in all their endeavours on behalf of parishioners of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe. The Parish Council thanked Mrs White for her diligence and great contribution. She regularly attended the Rutland County Council Forum Meetings to represent Ryhall Parish Council. The Notice of Vacancy will be displayed for 14days. If 10 electors come forward then there will be an election. If not after that date the Parish Council can co-opt.

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.

Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road resident
Mrs Sismore- Ryhall PTA
Mr G Lloyd – Francis Court
Mr A Gombault- Belmesthorpe NHW
Ms R Miller – Parish Plan
Mr S Fenn- Allotments
Mr C Parsons – Playing Fields

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd seconded by Mr Gombault and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2013 were a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Open Spaces update
The notice in respect of the Parish Council application was due to be published in the Stamford Mercury this Friday, 15th February 2013. Copies of the notice were to be sent out to the residents of Coppice Road and to statutory consultees. Copies of the application were to be made available to view at The Council Offices, Catmose, Oakham and also at Ryhall library. A notice will also be displayed on the Coppice Road green area, the period for any person wishing to object is by 2nd April 2013.
EMAS Update
Nothing further to report at present – nationally the EMAS consultation had been revisited.
Public Transport Questionnaire

The results have been published by the County Council although no reference was made to the Parish Council comments on bus reinstatement. Copy of the survey issued to all Councillors.

Vicarage Wall and access to school

Although the Parish Council reported this to Rutland County Council some months ago, Mr Parsons noted that it was not yet on the Rutland County Council Scrutiny agenda . In the first instance Mr Parsons to contact the Property Service Department . Following on the Parish Council agreed to write again to both RCC and the Diocean Office to suggest that the situation was deteriorating and needed to be resolved.

Drains in Belmesthorpe

Rutland County Council is intending to put in a new drain at the east end of the village – the drain cover to be located where the old BT kiosk was situated. Mr Gombault to meet with RCC to discuss .

Highway Issues Dropped kerb and white lines

Rutland County Council reported that all lining works have been suspended until April due to budget and weather conditions. In the schedule for the new financial year, white line in the first phase of works has been included. No dates can be given as yet. The Parish Council has requested white lines on Belmesthopre Lane and a refreshed slow sign on New Road.

With regards to the graffiti on the bus shelter on the A6121 - Bourne route, this request has been sent to transport

Foopath E178 - New Road to Waterside. RCC made suggesting to keep one gate .Mr Rushby to contact the resident who raised this to see if he would be happy with this proposal.

Footpath E172- The stiles are quite steep and hard to get over. Mr Rushby to contact RCC to ask if they could be lowered or replaced by kissing gates.

Salt Bin labelling

RCC will create new labels for all the salt bins and place them on every bin. A salt bin for New Road was deemed not necessary as it is on the gritting route and automatically gets gritted.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ryhall Library Hours and Parish Councillors surgeries

From Saturday 6th April 2013 Ryhall Library will be open every Saturday morning from 10 until 1pm, this has made this possible with a grant of £2,500 to cover the cost of staff for one year. (Use of volunteer staff was not an option)

Saturday opening will be in addition to the current opening times of

Mondays 9am until 12 noon, 2pm until 5pm

Thursdays 9am until 12 noon , 2pm until 7pm. Ryhall Library offers the following: Well-stocked children's section (unrestricted borrowing), Photocopying service ,On-line Internet facility, Free Wi Fi, DVD Rental Library: under £3 per film per week .Future funding will be dependent on a satisfactory level of use.

Parish Councillors Surgeries.

It was proposed that once a quarter in April, July, October and January , two Councillors would be available in the Library on a Saturday morning 10 am – 11am to meet with villagers who can bring any concerns or comments to the Parish Council representatives. Mr Lloyd and Ms Miller would operate the first surgery on Saturday 20th April 2013.

Capital Projects

The parish council revisited the issue of capital project funding. The Clerk had issued all Councillors with a document on participatory budgeting which proved very informative, including the application form for organisations to apply for funding in the next financial year. The leaflet was revised and will be included with the next village news.

Ongoing Maintenance projects – refurbish all benches in village
Funding (1) Grit bin for Belmesthopre east (2) Grit bin for St Ebbas Close
Due to time constraints this item deferred to the next meeting.

RMPF – dog bylaws and signage
It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to fund four signs in green and black at a cost of £39.00 plus VAT each to state' *Dogs MUST be kept on leads. Please* keep to the perimeter'

Ash Trees
The issue of diseased ash trees was referred to RCC. Mr Bellairs has checked the trees on the RMPF boundary .

Cemetery update
The Grazing Licence has been signed. Mr Parsons to ascertain the ' single farm payment ' for grass land now that the Parish own it.
It was agreed to get quotations for refurbishments of benches, front fence and new sign and to discuss ring-fencing the money for new post and rail fencing that will be required in the future.

Licence & installation of new bench
The Licence paperwork is still pending, however it was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to the quote of £285 plus VAT for the installation of the new bench on the grassed area corner of Mill Street and Turnpike Road. RM, CP and GL declared an interest and abstained. Five in favour.

Flagpole Update
Two locations were suggested for the flagpole – opposite Francis Court on the green area and in the Village hall car park. As Mr Bellairs has led on this project and was not at the meeting, this item was deferred to the next agenda.

Belmesthorpe Issues
(1) Street Lights
Mr Gombault continues to work on this issue. He is trying to contact Open Reach to discuss location of two street lights on the BT poles on Shepherds Walk to replace the one street light outside the Blue Bell Public House.
(2) Speeding issues-
Following a request by the Parish Council to RCC to change the 60mph to 30mph from the village to the White Bridge and change 60mph to 40mph from the village to Newstead corner, RCC stated they had looked at this in 2009 and was not approved because it was not supported by the Police. RCC would only ask for this to be reconsidered by the Police if there had been some significant changes in circumstance and noted that the only recorded injury on the road since 2009. It was agreed to press again for Highways to reconsider and to implement the reduced speed limits.

(3) Winter Green bins
Mr Gombulat highlighted the problem of the green bins being left out on the street for days when they had not been collected due to severe weather. He questioned the County Council policy and why they could not collect later as with the grey bins. Mr Parsons offered to investigate

Parish Plan
Ms Miller produced an update on the Parish Plan as it has been four years since its publication. Funds of £224 remain and would be donated back to the community. It was

suggested this could contribute to the proposed 'Walks Plinth' with colour maps of the local walks that had been proposed some time ago.
Of the 17 issues relating to the Parish Council 8 aims had been achieved, 4 were ongoing and 5 had not been possible due to cost implications. Ms Miller highlighted some remaining issues that required final completion. One issue was dog fouling in the village. It was agreed to put an appeal in the Village News and to ask the Dog Warden to attend the July Parish Council Meeting.
The Parish Council will take ownership of the Parish Plan and will consider organising another one in 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Emailed & Circulated to Councillors
Lincs County Council – Grantham Southern Relief Road – Bridge Options
Rutland County Council Employment land Assessment review. RCC has commissioned a consultant to undertake a refresh of employment land assessment study for the district. This is to provide an updated evidence base and seeks the views of parish councils regarding supply/demand/ need for employment sites/premises. With regard to the call for buildings or sites that could be redeveloped as a place of employment, Ryhall Parish Council put forward the old butchers shop as a possible site to be retained for employment.
Rutland Link Info event on End of Life Care & Newsletter
SIA – posters
RCC Rutland Childcare Sufficiency consultation
RCC Forum Minutes and Activity Guide

Income received into Parish Account

From RMPF Annual Rental	10.00

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs C Adams March Salary		408.37
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall		15.00
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall for 13/3/13		15.00
BJ Printers leaflets		20.00
Cory Environment Dog bins emptied 455.00	91.00	545.00
Mr P Link Snow warden duties		117.47
E-ON Light repair		28.16
Mrs C Adams Expenses		89.11

It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to pay the following:
Payments to consider & approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00
Smiths Of Derby Clock Maintenance	185.00	37.00	222.00
Rutland County Council Bus Shelter contribution			500.00
AON Insurance for Pavillion			828.90
E-on Quarterly Maintenance	281.76	56.35	338.11
Mrs C Adams Expenses			

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting- None
Payments to make from Burial Account - None

Income received into Burial Account

Mr J Flint Annual Grazing Licence fee	10.00

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES

Note: Snow Warden rate for 2013 is £7.19. Previously was £6.91 The Parish Council owe Peter Link £4.76 RCC to refund the Parish Council £122.23

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mr P Gatens and Miss D Nottingham 27 St John's Close, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HS for construction of porch to the front elevation of dwelling house and Construction of two storey extension to the south elevation

Listed Building Consent-Alterations
Mr & Mrs King, Bridge Cottage, Shepherds Walk, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs for Demolition of existing outhouse. Construction of a new garden outhouse.

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area
Mrs B Smith, Mill Farm House Mill Street, Ryhall For Fell 1 No. Yew tree.

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- None

Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None
Planning applications considered:
Crown thin 1 No. Holm Oak by 20%. Crown reduce 1 No Ash Tree by 30%. Crown thin group of Ash trees byy 15%. The Vicarage, Church Street, Ryhall Stamford Lincs
Construction of two storey dwelling and garage – land rear of Hill Top Cottage, Essendine Road, Ryhall
Construction of conservatory – 9 New Road, Ryhall

PUBLIC TIME - None

OTHER BUSINESS

Balk Road repairs – this issue had been highlighted to a Councillors, who has suggested it should be referred to Rutland County Council as it is an unadopted road.
Litter on the A6121. Clerk to ask RCC to clear the litter gathered by the traffic lights.
Reduction of Warden Scheme – Spire Homes. Reported that this has happened across the warden service in all units in Rutland. There is limited cover at Francis Court, with new tenants offered warden service as an option. Mr Parsons agreed to ascertain who is supervising the cover of Francis Court.
Nieghbourhood Watch Scheme
Mr Gombault reported that the police are proposing to re-start the NHW initiative in Ryhall. Sgt Joe Hodgeson and PCSP's PC's and PSV's are undertaking to call at all the homes in Ryhall to speak to the neighbourhood. They plan a Rutland NHW Police Presentation on a Saturday in April, details to be confirmed.
Pigeon Scarer – this is due to cease soon once the seed is established on the land. The machine has been used with n the correct hours of sunrise to sunset.
Michael Whetstone
The Parish Council were invited to the service and refreshments on 24th March in honour of Mr Whetstone who is leaving the village after forty years.

NEXT MEETING-

The next meeting will be the Annual Council meeting to be held on Wednesday May 8th 2013 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Schoolrooms.