RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) Mrs E Sismore Mrs S Smith Mr C Parsons
Mr R Rushby Mr S Fenn Mr A Gombault Mr J Whowell

Nine members of the public were in attendance, including two parish councillors and the clerk from Essendine Parish council

APOLOGIES -Mr N Bellairs

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
Mr A Gombault- Belmesthorpe NHW
Mr Parsons – Playing Fields
Mr Rushby – NHW
Mr Whowell – Change agents & CAMRA
Mr Fenn – Ryhall Football Club & Allotments
Mrs Smith – Parkfield Road resident and Oak trees

National Grid – Presention by Mr Matthew Thompson on the new electricity substation proposal. A new substation will be built on land in the parish in conjunction with Network Rails upgrading of the East Coast Mainline railway. Planning permission was granted for these works in September 2013 and National Grid intends to work with the community to minimise disruption. They are currently working on the detailed design of the internal layout of the substation and Mr Thompson took back comment from the parish councillors of both Ryhall and Essendine. National Grid will write to residents of Ryhall and Essendine and hold a further exhibition. The programme start date for construction work is April 2014 completion is due for October 2015.
Community Funding is available to both parishes from National Grid, detailed information on any proposed project that might be of benefit to the communities to be submitted to Mr Thompson. Initial ideas were funding for a pavilion on the playing fields and permanent traffic calming measures on the Uffington road junction off the A6121 if access was altered to allow the transformers to be delivered to site.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2013 were a true record.

PUBLIC TIME

The members of the public voted to have general public time at the end of the meeting

Co-option of Councillors

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Whowell and at the vote all in favour of co-opting Air Cdre David Wilby. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor and will be completing a new Register of Interests

MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Wall and access to school
A response has been received from Rutland County Council following letters to progress action on the wall and roadway to the primary school. RCC confirms that works to the road have been programmed for February half term. Carter Jonas have been in contact with the RCC conservation officer who has advised the Diocese to apply for planning permission to demolish the centre section with is in the worst condition and repair the two end sections, which will provide separation of children from vehicles. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that the Parish Council write to RCC to seek assurance that a clear separation from the footpath to the roadway is approved . It is hoped that RCC and Carter Jonas will work together on scheduling to complete the works . CP and AG abstained.

Highway Issues
Spinney Close dropped kerbing had been completed. The Clerk had requested new signs for Rutland Way , Beech Drive, Meadow Lane, Turnpike Road and Burley Road. It was noted that pavements in the village were in need of upgrades.

Speed Sign St Eabbas Way
The response from Rutland County Council Highways department confirmed in September that Road Policing Unit have asked for some speed survey data for all the sites where there are proposed changes. This information on the above site is still due to be passed onto the Parish Council

Belmesthorpe Street Light by the Bluebell public House.
Work is due to commence shortly.

Spinney Trees- works to trees due to commence shortly. A new Oak tree is to be planted by RCC on the Parkfield Road green space.

Allotment & RMPF Trees – the parish council contractor has submitted a TPO planning permission for works to the trees adjacent to the A6121. The contractor has also completed the survey of the trees on the Playing Fields with one tree identified as requiring attention.

AGENDA ITEMS

Library update
The potential to increase the use of the library was discussed. Mr Whowell suggested Councillors visit the Ketton Libray to see how it is utilized. It was agreed to ask Mr Clayton,Head of Library and Services at RCC to produce a leaflet to promote Ryhall Library and see if anyone has any further ideas for it's use as a community hub.

Pavilion
The planning permission expires on the portacabin next February 2014. It was suggested that the RMPF committee and the Football Club members liaise on initial proposals for improvements to the pavilion with the help of community grants and possible National Grid funding.

Four Year Plan
Mr Gombault outlined early thoughts on the scope of the plan and it was agreed to select the Neighbourhood Plan route. This has been given statutory weight by the Localism Act. Neighbourhood plans aim to set up planning policies for the development and use of land in the community. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Whowell and agreed that Mr Gombault recruit members for a subcommittee to formally elect a chair.

Defibrillator.
It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mr Parsons to purchase a defibrillator at a cost of £2,125 for use in the community. An amended proposal from Mr Gombault

seconded by Mr Rushby was to seek the advice first of a professional NHS expert on how to operate it prior to any agreement on purchase. The meeting discussed the merits and location of the defibrillator and any training requirements for its use. At the vote, four against and two in favour therefore not carried.

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Parsons, to purchase the defibrillator, then agree where to site it and seek professional information

Energy Action
Mr Whowell, non executive director of Energy Action, declared an interest in this agenda item. He suggested a short presentation by representatives of the initiative at the next meeting. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Fenn and agreed to invite to the January meeting

Street Lighting in Rutland. The Clerk has emailed Councilor Lammie who is leading the Task & Finish Group on the Rutland County Council street lighting initiative.

Castle Rise Street Lighting replacements.
It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Whowell to undertake the works to replace both concrete columns Number 8 and 9 on Castle Rise Replace old concrete columns with new 5 metre steel columns complete with 36 watt low energy lanterns controlled by all night photocells, including transfer of underground electricity services and removing and disposing of old concrete columns. Cost is £810.00 each plus VAT.

It was proposed by Mr Fenn to replace only the column with top damage, this was seconded by Mr Gombault At the vote 2 in favour, 3 against, ES abstained.
At the first proposal the vote was 6 in favour, 2 against. ES abstained . Carried.

Cycle Routes
It was proposed by Mr Fenn ,seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to request the extension of the cycle path from Rutland Way round to the bottom of Essendine Hill thus linking the two cycle paths.
Bike Racks
It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mr Fenn and agreed to request a bike rack to be located next to the Library.

Community Funded Projects.
(1) Community Orchards
The scheme for a community orchard on the playing fields has been approved by the Committee. The Parish Council awaits the application for the funds agreed of £416.00 The scheme for Parkfield Road is still being considered, the parish council have approached RCC for permission
(**2) Bowls Club footpath**. The Club are requested to approach the Parish Council with an update on their request.
(3) Toddler Swings
The RMPF Committee have approached the Parish Council with a request for funding from the Community Projects to replace the toddler swing. Two quotations have been obtained. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to the first quote for £1,550 plus VAT with a 15 year guarantee.

Bench refurbishment, St John's Close, Foundry Road and Mill Street/ Turnpike corner
A resident has offered to undertake the refurbishment on a voluntary basis. It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mr Fenn and agreed to take her up on this kind offer, with thanks. The Parish Council will cover the cost of the products.

Purchase of new bench for Belmesthorpe

A local craftsman has submitted an alternative quote for hardwood handmade bench, which would include installation. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Whowell and agreed to accept this quotation. SF abstained.

Kissing Gate on the Meadows
The Parish Council had agreed in principle to the replacement of the kissing gate, since then the Clerk had ascertained that a large2.6 m 'accessible to all' gate could be obtained and Mr Flint had been consulted. Mr Flint had offered to install it.
The larger gate would enable disabled buggies/ scooters and prams etc access to the fields.The cost was £357 plus VAT (of which £227 has been donated by the Parish Plan) Delivery charge of £70.00 plus VAT. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore , seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed unanimously to purchase the larger gate.

Millennium Sign
This is currently being refurbished. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to the cost of £35.00 for Mr Fenn to reinstate in its original position. SF abstained

Purchase of dog bins
Two dog bins are required. One to replace the vandalised bin on New Road junction and the other to replace the worn one on the RMPF. Bins cost £ 91.70 each plus VAT plus delivery .It was agreed to purchase a vent (£11.03) for one bin. Cost to reinstate both bins on their original posts by Mr Fenn is £ 30.00 each. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed. SF abstained.

Cemetery Issues
Purchase of gravel for the driveway.
It was agreed to ascertain the amount required in tonnage. Pea gravel is £35.00 per ton plus VAT.
Wicker fence panels to surround the soil pile. Mr Fenn to ascertain the required number of panels and posts / concrete needed to install. A budget of £60 or less was agreed. SF abstained.

Christmas Tree in the Square
Mr Fenn to organise to have the lights on from 1st December.

OTHER MEETINGS

Mr Gombault attended the Civic Reception at RCC on behalf of the Parish Council

CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated to Councillors
03.10.13 Uppingham NH Forum Funding
08.10.13 Tree felling & Pruning RCC
10.10.13 PFA Newsletter
10.10.13 Rutland Voluntary Sector News
16.10.13 RCC Bulletin
17.10.13 Rural Advice Service
17.10.13 NW Annual Development Event
21.10.13 Grants to Parishes

To note
Highway issues from a resident. The request for a 20mph speed limit within the village was acknowledged, it was thought that this would be a matter for the police but will be passed onto RCC Highways. Comment on the priority routing on the white bridge was noted, this issue has been extensively investigated in the past with Highways and is unlikely to be altered them by them.

Precept information for 2014/15 – noted. This will be the main item on the next agenda at the January meeting
Any organisation who wishes to submit a precept request is invited to contact the Clerk

Income received into Parish Account

Allotment rents			393.75
Parish Plan donation to kissing gate			223.66

Payments made since last meeting

	Nett	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams October Salary			408.37
Grant Thornton Audit Fee	200	40.00	240.00
Ryhall Allotment Association			172.63
Anglian Water Allotment tap			85.64
Eon Electricty	471.19	94.24	565.43
Lamin & White admin fee	30.00	6.00	36.00
LRALC Training fee and Cllr Guides			59.00
LRALC Local Council Explained Book			56.84
Veolia UK Grass & Hedge cutting RMPF	144.99	29.00	173.99

It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to pay the following accounts: AG abstained.

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Methodist Hall Hire			15.00
Mrs C Adams November salary			408.37

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

23/10/13 Anglian Water			9.23

Payments to make from Burial Account

Veolia Hedge cutting	295.00	59.00	354.00
Veolia Grass cutting	25.11	5.02	30.13

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to increase the annual honorarium payment to Mr Toone in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the role

David Toone Burial Administrator fee			950.00

Income received into Burial Account 12.11.13

Harris Memorial and Fix			106.00
Donkersley Memorial			69.00

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES

ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS. The Annual Return was approved by the Auditors Grant Thornton on 30th September 2013. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been posted on the notice board.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Three storey dwelling house with integral double garage
Quarry Barn, Essendine Road Ryhall PE9 4HE
Construction of two storey extension to the northwest elevation and single storey extension to the north east elevation
Shield Cottage, Shepherds Walk, Belmesthorpe, PE9 4JQ

Refusal of Listed Building Consent
Ground Floor extension to the rear elevation and various internal alterations to include formation of inner hallway and WC and widening of first floor window to north elevation.
The Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area
Works to various trees, including removal and replanting. Spinney, adjacent to Spinney lane, Ryhall
Fell 1 No. Cupressus tree. Fell 1 No Leylandi Tree, Crown reduce 12 trees
The Birches, Foundry Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4JA
Fell 1 No Pine Tree Tolethorpe Hall Tolethorpe

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)
Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None

OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Remembrance Service – noted the successful and well attended service
Street Lighting In Belmesthorpe – to be on the next agenda
Equestrian Centre, change of use - Clerk to investigate the original planning restrictions
Dogs off leads on Playing Fields – the Chairman reported on the past conclusions and it was agreed to add a note to the Village news.
Village Hall Calendar – now available
Stamford Hospital Advisory Board. Mr Parsons sits on the Board and updated on the latest developments.
BT cover broken- to be reported to BT
Footpath Borderville to Stamford – under the remit of Lincolnshire County Council

PUBLIC TIME – NO ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall
The precept will be considered and set at this meeting for the next financial year.