RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on
Wednesday 15th January 2014
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
Mr N Bellairs	Air Cdre D Wilby		

Three members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES – Mrs C Vernon County Councillor

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, Burghley Rotary
Mr Fenn – RMPF , new cemetery & Allotments
Mrs Smith – Parkfield Road resident and Oak trees
Mr Bellairs – Parkfield Road resident , RMPF and Village Hall

MINUTES

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Wilby and agreed to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2013, as a true record. NB abstained.

ENERGY ACTION PRESENTATION

Fiona Moore gave a presentation on the free and impartial advice that Energy Action can give to residents of Rutland. In two and half years to date they have assisted 600 people with 18.4 % classed as being in fuel poverty. Fiona and colleagues undertake energy audits and give ongoing assistance and advice on swopping suppliers.
As part of the Big Energy Saving Network the group will be hosting community events – the date for Ryhall is Monday 17th February 2014 from 3.00 – 5.00pm at Ryhall Library. This is an informal session and refreshments will be provided.

MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Wall and access to school
Rutland County Council has confirmed that the repair works to the private road have been programmed for the February half term.
Carter Jonas has confirmed that they will be submitting a planning application on behalf of the Diocese seeking approval to demolish the centre section of wall and to repair the two end sections. The path will be widened along the centre section to incorporate the land currently beneath the wall, and kerbs will be installed to delineate the path/road. When that planning approval is obtained the works will then be programmed for the first long school holiday period thereafter.

Flagpole Update – Final documentation is to be submitted to Rutland County Council – on the next agenda

Kissing Gate installation – the new gate has been delivered and is due to be installed shortly.

Three Bench refurbishments have been completed – the parish council would like to thank Ms Hayes who had volunteered to undertake this work as a community gesture.

New bench for Belmesthorpe – the bench has been made and due to be installed shortly.

Dog bins installations – now completed

BT broken cover now repaired

AGENDA ITEMS

Precept for 2014/15

Mr Gombault gave an overview of the figures prepared by the Clerk for the budget. **2014/15 Options**:

Target Precept	27000	28000	**29150**	29320	30104
Less Grant	(2322)	(2322)	(2322)	(2322)	(2322)
To be raised	24678	25678	26827	26998	**27782**
Div by reduced tax Base	(593.64)	(593.64)	(593.64)	(593.64)	(593.64)
Band D Precept	41.57	43.26	45.20	45.48	**46.80**
% increase/(decrease)	(11.2)	(7.6)	**(3.4)**	(2.8)	**0**

The Parish Council chosen course of maintaining the Band D precept at the 2013/14 level (ie no increase in Parish Precept) will raise income by £1045 to £27782. This will cover all planned expenditure for the year with a small amount to spare. Any significant further expenditure would need to be drawn from our surplus (unless other sources will fund, eg National Grid).

Mr Parsons proposed reducing the precept, but did not specify a figure. This was not seconded. Mr Bellairs proposed maintaining the precept at the same figure as last year at £29,150 (precept of 26,827.30 and Local Council Tax support grant of 2,332.70) This would maintain the Band D status at £46.79. This proposal was seconded by Mr Whowell and carried. CP and SF against.
The Chairman thanked Mr Gombault for his informative paper and agreed to the proposal of setting up a small finance committee to assist with the preparation of figures for next year's budget.

Ryhall Village Hall – Did not seek a precept grant as per the Minutes in January 2012. The purchase of the audio loop agreement in 2012 required the Village Hall not to seek further funding for three years

Ryhall Library – It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to grant £2,500 towards the Library to maintain opening on a Saturday morning.

Methodist Chapel. Requested a grant of £2,100 to remove pews, replace with chairs and carpet and improve disability access. It was proposed by Mr Rushby seconded by Mrs Smith to grant £1,500. The counter proposal by Mr Fenn seconded by Mr Gombault was £1,000. At the vote, 5 against and 3 in favour. Not carried. At the first proposal 6 in favour, 1 against CP abstained. Carried.

St Johns PCC
Requested a grant of £4,000 towards building repairs maintaining the fabric of the building. It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Wilby to grant £1,500. Mr Parsons proposed no grant, this was not seconded. Mrs Smith proposed £2,000 seconded by Mr Whowell. At the vote 7 in favour , 2 against (SF & CP)

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
Did not seek a precept grant but requested the assistance of the Parish Council towards the gravelling of the roadway. The Parish Council would fund this from the capital reserves. Three quotations required.

Ryhall Football Club
Requested a grant of £1,500 to be held in a Pavilion Improvement account. The Parish Council felt they needed more detailed information and evidence of aims and objectives rather than just a singular request for a one off sum for money that may lay dormant until a project was established.

It was not clear who would administer it and what the actual forecast was for fundraising in the long term for a pavilion
It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Whowell to put on hold granting any precept monies but with the provision that the Football Club could apply in the future for a sum towards the pavilion project should the capital projects opportunity be opened up in the next financial year At the vote, 6 in favour, 4 abstained (SS/SF/RR/PH)

It was agreed that a formal meeting between the Meadows Playing Fields Committee and the junior and senior Football clubs should be set up to work together on a pavilion project which would be for the benefit of the football clubs and the whole community. The National Grid community funding and Lottery Funding may be other sources of income. The Parish Council were supportive in principle of a pavilion project moving forward but felt it needed to be structured and in conjunction with the RMPF Committee.

National Grid Community Funding

Mr Thompson from National Grid reported after the last meeting that there had been interest from the people of Ryhall for help with a sports hall as community funding/investment project. He awaited more details and a formal request for this. He also stated the National Grid would be interested in carrying out a power presentation at the primary school.
Essendine Parish Council would like the changes made to the A6121/Stamford Road made permanent to help slow drivers down. This would be their community project.
National Grid anticipates an April 2014 start date at Ryhall for the main works and a completion date of October 2015.

Four Year Plan
Mr Gombault and Mr Wilby had offered to set up a sub committee to look at a Four Year Plan with the possibility of a questionnaire to the community. Mr Wilby suggested that the committee move forward in a smaller capacity and co-opt members as necessary. Mr Whowell offered to join the team. It was suggested that an open meeting be called for all groups and individuals in the parish who would want to make an input.

Placement of a public access AED (automated external defibrillator)
It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to site the defibrillator on the village hall wall. The Clerk to gather three quote from local electricians to install it. Mr Bellairs will be lead guardian with the assistance of other villagers.

Belmesthorpe Street Lighting
The new street light by the Blue Bell Inn has been favourably received, and the Parish Council acknowledged a letter of thanks. A review of street lighting facilities in Belmesthrope will be on the next agenda

Rutland County Council funded projects – Bike Racks and Cycle Routes
Rutland County Council have offered bike racks to parishes. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Whowell and agreed a suitable location would be on the grassed area by the Library . A toaster style rack would be preferable.
The Clerk has submitted a request to Rutland County Council for a cycle path running from Rutland Way northwards past New Road and round the corner to the bottom of Essendine Hill/ junction of Mill Street. This section would join up the cycleway from Stamford to Rutland Way and from the bottom of the hill up to Essendine village. It is a very well used route for walkers, runners and cyclists.

Capital Projects (1) Community Orchard
Work is ongoing on the orchard project on the Playing Fields. Rutland County Council were not in favour of planting fruit trees for a number of reasons. It was agreed to seek the views of the neighbouring residents to ascertain support and depending on outcome to revisit this proposal with Rutland County Council. To review at the next meeting. **(2) Bowls Club footpath -** no progress

Trees - Allotment Tree Works
Planning Permission has been granted for works to the trees (see planning).

RMPF Tree works

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to the quote of £550 plus VAT to undertake the recommended works to the trees that have been inspected, preferably in the school holidays or a Saturday. The most pressing work to the T2 Maple will be completed at the same time as the allotment trees cost is £95.00 plus VAT.

Procedure in event of snow – & request for grit bin
The Clerk outlined the snow and grit procedure issued by Rutland County Council and will check on the status of the snow warden. The Parish Council have received another request for a grit bin on New Road by the phone box, between Lea View bin and the bin in the Square. It was agreed that as this is on the gritting route another bin in this location would not be deemed necessary**.**

Cemetery
Purchase of gravel for driveway. Three quotes have been obtained. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Gombault and agreed to the quote of £539 plus VAT. All in favour. SF abstained.
Removal of clay pile
After the hedge cutting more excess clay and soil had been uncovered which needs removing. It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed a further £100 to removed the second batch of clay. The area will then be reseeded with grass.

Christmas Lights – voucher and vote of thanks
Thanks were expressed to a local resident for the kind use of his electricity to light the tree in the Square. It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to purchase a voucher for £30 by gesture of thanks and for the cost of the electricity**.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated to Councillors
RCC Parish Briefing
Royal Tigers Association Donation request to parish councils for a donation It is the 100th anniversary of the First World War and also the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment with the Royal Anglian Regiment. The money is to go towards a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffs. It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed unanimously to donate £50.
RCC Forum Minutes – Mr Wilby offered to represent Ryhall Parish Council at the next meeting. Thanks were expressed to Mr Rushby for his attendance in the past.
RCC Wheels to Work Scheme – to promote on the notice boards
RCC Sustainability of Settlements Assessment – The Clerk has prepared and responded to this survey.
Lincs Rural Housing – re Affordable Homes
RCC School Admission Consultation
LRAPC Precept / council tax info
National Grid update and answers
RCC Cycle Rack choice and location

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account-
HM Revenue & Customs VAT 2,121.11

Payments made since last meeting

	Nett	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams December Salary			408.37
George Walker Tree care	275.00	55.00	330.00
Smiths of Derby (advance payment deal)	629.00	125.80	754.80
Veolia Grasscutting	37.10	7.42	44.52
Mrs C Adams Expenses			145.81
Cory Environmental Dog bins emptying	260.00	52.00	312.00
E-ON Belmesthorpe Street Light	1,778.00	355.60	2,133.60
Products for bench painting			23.38
E-on Maintenance	281.34	56.27	337.61
Veolia Grasscutting & Strimming	61.07	12.22	73.29
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Wybone Dog bins x 2	212.16	42.44	254.60

Veolia	37.10	7.42	44.52	
HM Revenue & Customs Tax and NI D Toone			232.64*	
Ryhall Allotment Association			351.06*	

It was proposed by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed unanimously to the following payments:

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**		
Ryhall Methodist Hall Hire			15.00	
Mrs C Adams January salary	To be agreed – see agenda item			
E-On Electricity	471.19	94.24		565.43
Lamin & White Payroll	30.00	6.00	36.00	
Anglian Water Allotment tap			56.77	
E-on Belmesthorpe Column repairs Castle Rise	1,620.00	324.00		1,944.00
Cory Environmental Dog bins emptied to March	260.00	52.00	312.00	

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

Veolia	25.11	5.02	
30.13			
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		30.13	

Payments to make from Burial Account

Anglian Water Burial tap	17.67*

Income received into Burial Account 09.01.14

R Hallam	138.00
E Rawlings	69.00
R Fisher	446.00
GC Harris	223.00

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES

Mr T Elsigood to undertake an internal audit of accounts

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Mr J Sheehan, 43 Coppice Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs for Construction of two storey and single storey extension to the west side elevation of the dwelling house.

Full Planning and Listed Building Consent

Mrs J Juggins, Ryhall Hall Church Street, Ryhall for construction of a single storey extension to outbuilding repairs and conversion to provide ancillary accommodation (Also Listed Building Consent)

Mr S Rickard, 1 New Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HL for construction of a dormer window to the front elevation of the dwellinghouse.

Mrs D Richards The Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall for construction of a single storey extension to the rear elevation of the dwellinghouse . Internal alterations to form inner hall and wc. (Also Listed Building Consent)

Mr & Mrs O Vilmovsky, Brelades, New Road, Ryhall for construction of single storey extension to the side and front elevations of the dwellinghouse.

Mr P George, 8 Beech Drive, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4EW

Construction of a two storey extension to the south side elevation of dwelling house

Refusal of 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

Ryhall Parish Council C/o Mrs C Adams, 1 The Paddocks, Carlby, Stamford Lincs PE9 4NH

Fell 7 no Elms and 1 No Hawthorn. Various reduction works to 4 No beech 1 No lime and 1 No Hawthorn

Land to the side of the allotments A6121 Ryhall.

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission & Refusal of Conservation area consent
Mr P Andrews, Redland Farm, Ketton Stamford Lincs for outline permission for the erection of 2 No dwellinghouses Fancourts farm shop, The Square, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HJ

Appeals
Land to the rear of Hilltop Cottage, Essendine Hill, Ryhall for construction of a two storey dwelling and garage**.**

Withdrawal of planning application - None
To note: From SKDC Application under Section 73 to vary the wording to conditions 27 & 30 of application S13/0260 to amend requirements relating to the timing of access improvements

OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed Parish Council website – investigate costs and management
Footpath Borderville to Stamford . Sections of this path are in a poor state and in urgent need of repair. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to write to Lincolnshire County Council to seek remedial repairs to the footpath whilst construction is ongoing to the new stadium.
Allotment Community Shed Official Opening. Four members of the Parish Council attended the opening event – Mrs Smith paid tribute to the superb job completed by the allotment community.
Michael Whetstone. The Parish Council noted the death of former Head of Ryhall Primary school who was highly respected in the parish. Councillors agreed to send a card of condolence.
Vicarage Lane – noted that the drains by the willow tree near the school appear blocked and need replacing.
Footpath A6121 – horse manure problems again. Clerk to seek guidance from Rutland County Council
Review of Standing Orders on next agenda

Clerks Salary Review
The Parish Council reviewed the clerk's salary which was last amended in 2008. The salary was for eight hours' work a week at £11.780 an hour. Councillors agreed that the clerk's work had increased substantially since then. It voted to fix the rate at the figures suggested by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. This in July 2013 was put at £12.052 an hour. It was agreed the clerk should be paid for 14 hours per week and this figure to be backdated to the start of the financial year (April 7, 2013). The salary would next be reviewed in March 2015. The proposal to make the increase was made by Mr Whowell, seconded by Mr Parsons and passed unanimously. The council thanked the Clerk for her unstinting efforts on behalf of the council and parish

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Ryhall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed immediately by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.