RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 15th September 2010 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mr P Finch	Mrs B White
M R S Fenn	Mr R Rushby	Mrs S Hickman
Mr P Huddleston	Mrs C Gardiner	Mr G Lloyd
Mrs S Smith	Ms S Roberts (Youth Advisor)	

4 members of the public

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 Rushby – Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Lloyd – Neighbourhood Watch, Spire Homes, Francis Court
Mrs White - Francis Court, Spire Homes and Disability Issues
Mrs Smith - Parkfield Road
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road
Mr Fenn – Ryhall Football Club, Allotments
Miss Roberts – Playing Fields, Broadband

Rutland Telecom to talk about High Speed Broadband Provision

The Chairman welcomed Mr D Lewis and colleagues to the meeting; they can be contacted on www.rutlandtelecom,com
The presentation included information on the megabits per second improved speed and the comparison with other operators. The average speed in Ryhall is currently 1.5mbps and with high-speed broadband can go up to 40Mbps with faster upload speeds and lower contention ratio. Mr Lewis explained the fee structure and answered questions on the additional of WFii, the demand from the two boxes in Ryhall and the number of subscribers needs to make it a viable project in Ryhall and Belmesthorpe. The company intends to do an independent leaflet drop in the villagers to ascertain levels of interest.

Affordable Housing Update - Heather Violett- Housing Strategy & Enabling Manager at Rutland County Council.

De Montfort Housing Association has been working with their architect to prepare a planning application for the Essendine Road site. They have met with planning and housing to discuss their initial proposals and have now amended the plans and designs to reflect the Council's requirements. There may still be some minor

internal/external re-design. The access layout has been altered and the eight properties will be a linear design. Highways have been consulted at the pre planning stage and have not raised any specific objections to date. A traffic management order required to move the 30mph sign back adjacent to the car wash entrance which would take six months, Highways may consider a traffic island. The Parish Council wished it to be noted that they were in favour of some traffic calming measures for this proposed site.

Prior to submission of the planning application it is recommended that there be a final consultation event where De Montfort can show the detailed plans and the type of materials proposed. This is another opportunity for villagers to view the plans and comment. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Fenn and agreed unanimously to the proposal to proceed with the consultation.
The HCA have indicated that they will be looking at whether funding is available for a few small schemes from October .De Montfort is considering whether the Ryhall site could meet this timetable. Subject to the consultation event, planning permission could be agreed by January 2011 with a view to commencing on site by March 2011 subject to funding.

The Back Lane site, one of the original sites suggested, would only be re-visited if the negotiations on the purchase of the Essendine road site did not come to fruition. The design of the Essendine Road development permitted access to the field behind the site. At a future date, it may be possible to discuss some small additional affordable housing provision with the owners, should they be willing to consider this.

PUBLIC TIME

Gala Day. RMPF Committee reported that a profit of £2,000 had been raised at the Gala Day 2010, and thanked everyone for their contribution and support. The Parish Council were thanked for their efforts. Councillors had personally contributed items for the hamper prize. Thanks were conveyed, in his absence, to Mr Bellairs the originator of the idea which had raised £50.00. The distance travelled by the clerk was 13.3 miles, the winner guessed 12.7 miles.
Public Time at the meetings. A resident noted that public attendance had dropped since the inception of the Public Time at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with NALC regulations.
This item to be considered on the agenda at the next meeting.
Dead Trees on the A6121. Clerk to notify the landowners.
Potholes on Coppice Road – Clerk to notify Rutland County Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Finch, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2010 as a true record, subject to one amendment: Under RMPF – 'It was agreed at the Meeting (28/07/10) that the gate would remain closed at the present time' .All agreed - four abstentions.

MATTERS ARISING

Ryhall Highways Issues. All outstanding issues have been reported to RCC Highways with photographic evidence where applicable. Clerk to continue to chase action on some issues.

Parish Walks Leaflet & Plinth

Mr Rushby reported that the leaflet, printed free of charge by RCC was available in the Village Shop, Library and local public houses.

For the plinth, a single post "Musketeer" in steel @ £605.00 and a computer generated Map at approximately £1150 + VAT had been quoted.

There is a preference for a map showing all the walks surrounding Ryhall with pictures and informative text surrounding the map. The walk instructions need not be on this board only the paths including those to the South of the village being depicted on the map.

It was hoped that R.C.C. may be able to contribute some funding and Mr Rushby would seek local sponsorship. He was thanked for this work on this project.

Tree Works

The Spinney. The Forestry Officer at RCC has confirmed that they will replace felled trees with saplings and the work is due to commence in early October.

Foundry Road .The Crack Willow tree on Foundry Road that shed a limb has been pillared in the distant past (20-30 years ago) at approximately 1m. A common and historic way of managing these willows is to maintain them as pollards. RCC will therefore pollard the stems at approximately 1m above the old pollard point. The initial work will look a bit drastic but the tree will put on substantial re-growth the following season.

Lea View. RCC plan to carry out some pruning work to the Damson and Ash tree. The work will involve the pruning back of the Damson to clear the carriageway and also to crown reduce the Ash tree by approximately 25%.

St Johns Close – Clerk to remind RCC about action to the trees previously agreed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields

Update on Roadway. It was noted that a sub meeting has been arranged for 30th September 2010 with the contractor and RCC to discuss the ongoing roadway upgrade and proper disabled access at the Parkfield Road entrance. The Contractor has requested information from the Parish Council about the location of gas, water, electricity services, Proof of Ownership and Title documents which confirm the site boundaries of the sports pitches / track and adjacent land (school) and they will also need to review the drawing with Highways to ensure the design will have to meet their requirements. Highways may request that Section 278 works take place. In the interim following a discussion between RCC and Mr. Parsons, barriers have been providing by RCC in a bid to section the grassed area from the roadway. This was considered an element to improve safety before consideration on re-opening the gate. The Parish Council considered that temporary speed bumps were also needed to slow traffic if the roadway was re-opened. At the time of the meeting it was agreed to continue to keep the gate closed, to issue a short statement to update villagers on the situation and to renew efforts to keep the potential project on timescales.

Vicarage Lane Footpath & Tree

Following a letter from a concerned resident, the Clerk had been in contact with the Vicar and the Diocesan office to ask for an assessment of the condition of the stone wall. This is ongoing.

The dead elm has been reported to Highways who are now investigating with Property Services if the pathway may be under the remit of the Council or nearby

residents. Mr Parsons reported that the Head of Governors had indicated that if the works fell under the remit of the school there were no funds avaliable to cover the cost of felling the tree and making good the path therefore that section the path would have to be closed.

Hedge cutting

A6121 Hedge from Balk Road to Rutland Way adjacent to the footpath. Has been reported to RCC to be included in the annual cut.
Turnpike hedge. Will cut by Veolia – funded by the Parish Council

Street Lights – Decision on electrical testing of parish owned lights

For 85 parish owned lights this would cost £850 plus VAT. Noted that RCC had accepted the recommendation for their street lights. It was agreed to establish exactly what is covered by the annual maintenance contract undertaken by Eon and ascertain what other parishes were doing with regard to the recommendation. In the meantime, it was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed not to accept the recommendation at present.

Bench at the Library

The Parish Council had debated the type of bench to place on the green by the Library. Both types, wooden or metal had been approved as acceptable by RCC. It was proposed by Mr Rushby, seconded by Mr Huddleston to purchase a wooden one to keep the continuity within the parish. It was further proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mrs Smith to purchase the bench from Wybone as previously, at a cost of £471.95 plus VAT. Mr Fenn will take delivery and set the bench in place.

BT Kiosks – maintenance contract

Further to a review of the user figures of both kiosks , it was proposed by Mr Fenn seconded by Mr Finch and agreed to give notice of three months to terminate the contract for the Belmesthorpe phone Kiosk in Main Street as this had no usage. All agreed except Mr Huddleston who argued for the retention of the kiosk to enable all access to a phone. With good user numbers, it was agreed to continue with the sponsorship of the Ryhall Kiosk - in New Road and the Parish Council will anticipate receiving the annual contract renewal in November 2010 @ £300 plus VAT. The usage of the Ryhall kiosk will remain under review.

Spire Homes Estate inspection & other issues

Mr Rushby and Mrs White joined the Spire Homes representative on the estate inspection in August. It as noted that residents had not received a letter in advance of the visit. General requests were for improved hedge and grass cutting, more security at the back of the bungalows and repairs to concrete paths and fences. Mrs White offered to undertake a comparison with last year's comments which had been recorded by Mr Rushby.

(1) Handrails. Due to changes in the disability discrimination act Spire Homes will be altering the runway at Francis court with a zig zag path and handrails on both sides. At other residential homes, the steel hand rails are untreated and not ascetically pleasing. As Francis Court is in the centre of the village it was deemed important to ensure that the handrails are powdered coated (by agreement with the Parish Council and the residents) and finished to an acceptable colour. It was proposed by Mrs White, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to write to Spire Homes with this request.

(2) Charge for laundry service. Mr Lloyd reported that Spire Homes intend to charge the residents £3.50 per week to use the laundry (previously included in their rents) Mr Lloyd had written to Spire Homes and brought this to the attention of the County Councillors. He offered to keep the Parish Council informed.

Cemetery – Update

New Bin Mr Parsons has donated a green bin to use for rubbish. Mr Toone has offered to empty this as and when required.

Cemetery Extension The Clerk reported that planning permission for change of land use has been granted, although the Environmental Health department were still making checks. The next step would be to agree the purchase price with the landowner.

Bulb planting - request for donation – Belmesthorpe NHW and Ryhall Gardeners

Following two requests, it was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed (1) to donate £20.00 to the Belmesthorpe NHW towards bulbs for planting on the outskirts of the village. Agreed- one abstention CG. (2) To donate £50.00 towards bulbs for the Ryhall Gardeners to plant around the village. Agreed.

OTHER MEETINGS

Parish Council Forum – 6th September – attended by Mrs Gardiner and Mrs White. who highlighted the main points of interest.

(1) A presentation on social networking and one's responsibilities (2) discussion on the Transport Plan (3) A presentation on Local Government Funding and the Big Society with the emphasis on volunteering and the need to ensure that a collective approach was vital to prevent unnecessary duplication of effort.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to note:

From RCC – Licensing Act 2003 – available to view on www.rutland.gov.uk/la2003
Comment on the policy accepted up to 24th October.
RCC Transport Challenges Questionnaire –completed by Mrs White and Mr Rushby
From Ryhall Junior Football Club – Letter of thanks for precept donation

Documents in circulation

From SLCC Playground Course – sent to RMPF
From RCC Rutland Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation from 12 Aug to 23 Sept Circulated 16.08.10 Mr Parsons to complete the documentation on this on behalf of Ryhall parish Council.

Circulated 16.08.10
From SKDC Public Consultation Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan (PDP) with a DVD. Consultation ends 8th October
From RCC – Site Allocation and PDP - Call for sites
Allotment Gardener
Nuclear Early Day Motions 3557
LRAPLC Annual Report

23/08/10
LRAPLC Newsletter
George Philips Award info

Playing Fields Association – Fields in Trust
Rutland CAB invite to AGM

6/9/10
Rural C Council – AGM 23 Sept (also emailed)
Rural C Council – Election of Trustees
LRAPLC August Newsletter

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

VAT Claim	1,462.51
Claim for street lighting upgrades (x 3 lights @ 669.00) submitted to RCC And street lighting claim for rebate	3,443.00
Claim about to be submitted for demolished street light Essendine Hill	689.00
From RMPF Committee Annual Rent	10.00

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Finch and agreed to pay the following accounts:

Payments to approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams Sept Salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Hall			10.00
Eon Quarterly Maintenance	286.44	50.13	336.57
Veolia Grass cutting August	35.15	6.15	41.30

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs. C Adams Aug salary			408.37
Veolia Grass cutting & Strimming RMPF	80.57	14.10	94.67
Ryhall Village Hall Hire x 2			12.00
Eon Repair	23.47	4.11	27.58

Payments made from Burial Accounts

Veilia Grasscutting Burial 24/08/10	23.79	4.16	27.95

Payments to be made from Burial Account

Veolia Grass cutting Cemetery	23.79	4.16	27.95

Income received into Burial Account - None

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Mr A Sherwin, 3 Parkfield Road, Ryhall for construction of two storey extension to the side elevation and single storey extension to the rear elevation.
Mrs C Adams , Ryhall Parish Council, for Change of land use from agricultural to Burial Ground Land to the side of Flint Close, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4JF

Outline Planning Permission - None

Listed Building Consent-Alterations - None

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Notification of refusal in respect of an application proposing works to a tree or trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

Mrs M Edmunds, Mill Farm House. Mill Street, Ryhall for Fell 1 No. Lime Tree.

Refusal of Full Planning Permission - None

Appeal Decisions- None

Planning applications received & considered:

OTHER BUSINESS

Ryhall Traffic Lights The lights are changing to red after a few minutes causing long queues at peak times round the Turnpike Bend. The sensor may be affected by overhanging foliage. Clerk to report to RCC.

Grass Cutting Complaints of inconsistency with the cuts, untidy cuts and long periods between frequencies of cuts - the green area on Parkfield in need of cutting. It was noted that in Belmesthorpe there had been positive comments on the standard of grasscutting.

Footpath/ Hedge Borderville to Stamford Noted that the hedge is overgrown – Clerk has reported this to SKDC.

Footpaths – New Road to the Church and Waterside - Need strimming - Clerk to seek quotes

Village Hall. 4Oth Year celebrations on Sunday 3rd October 2010.

Parish Notice board – need refurbishment – clerk to seek quotes

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Mill Street, Ryhall.