RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 17th November 2009 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons Chairman	Mrs C Gardiner	Mr P Finch
Mr N Bellairs	Mr G Lloyd	Mrs S Hickman
Mr J Whowell	Mrs S Smith	Mr R Rushby
Mr P Huddleston	Mr S Fenn	

Ms C Jones – County Councillor, PCSO L.Bourne of Leics.Police and 10 members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES - Mrs.C.Adams

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. Councillors were also invited to update their original register of interests and had been issued with an update of *'Personal and Prejudicial Interests'* from the LAPLC.
Mrs Gardiner – Allotments, Snow Warden, Affordable Housing and Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Whowell- EMRA and Regional Spatial Strategy
Mr Lloyd - Francis Court & Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Rushby - Neighbourhood Watch & Parish Plan
Mr Bellairs – Playing Fields (Parkfield Road resident)
Mrs Hickman – Playpod on RMPF (School Governor)
Mrs S Smith - Playing Fields (Parkfield Road resident)
Mr Bellairs – RMPF
Mr Finch – Personal Interest - Back Lane
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall and RMPF & Parkfield Road resident, prejudicial interest in Parish Council newsletter.
Mr Parsons - Personal and prejudicial on land at Belmesthorpe for Affordable Housing and Personal on Land at the Mill site.
Mr Fenn –Land at Old Mill Site, allotments and Ryhall United FC

PUBLIC TIME

Neighbourhood Watch
Ms Miller commenced her report with NHW matters arising from the last meeting:
Phone boxes – no response on cleaning these.
Dog-bin – disappointment expressed over the 'u-turn' on this at last meeting.
Bulb planting – Ryhall Gardening Club had completed planting at various locations around the village
Stiles & Gates – on agenda for next meeting please
Trees in old cemetery – have been trimmed back at bottom, but need doing higher up. Mr Whowell had spoken with Highways, who state that the trees have been crowned and they can do no more. He has said that they will look at trimming ivy.
Bench at Library – to be discussed at next meeting
Benches in Boundary Road – need tidying up. Mr.Virgin volunteered to attend to this.

Mill Street planning application – disappointment expressed on the Parish Council's response to this application.
RMPF footpath – disappointment expressed on the Council's approach to this problem.

Police matters
PCSO Bourne presented crime statistics for past 6 months:
Burglaries – only two reported, one at an unattended, unsecured property, the other when occupants were in bed, car keys taken
Motor Vehicles – an increase in these crimes noted. 3 thefts from cars, all in Parkfield Road, tools, etc. taken. 5 damage to cars mostly scratching, one tyre slashed.
Anti-social behaviour – Halloween had been quiet. Few problems over summer months on the playing fields, although one warning issued to youth with moped on the field. Small amount of 'weed' seized on one occasion. Problems a little higher in autumn months
Beat Surgery – 8th. Dec. 8.30am outside school

PRESENTATION OF PETITION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. J. Moseley of Manor Close formally presented a petition objecting to proposals for Affordable Housing on Back Lane to the acting Parish Clerk.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting
Owing to a misunderstanding, copies of the minutes were not circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Adoption of the minutes was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Swine Flu Action - no report

BT Kiosks
Kiosks in Belmesthorpe are being regularly cleaned and inspected by NHW.

Ryhall Highways Issues
Church Street dropped kerb – work here is not yet finished. Mr. Rushby will visit the site to inspect.
Mill Street/Crown Street - Alan Richards at Highways has replied that as Crown St. is unadopted it was not RCC's responsibility. He is willing to meet on site to discuss this, and clerk was asked to arrange.
White Bridge at Mill Street - no white line for pedestrians has been marked on the bridge.

Belmesthorpe Highways Issues
Dave Brown's responses:
Speed limits – The request to move out the 30 limit at the West End, but not at the East End, will go Cabinet on 15th.December. No request for traffic calming had been received.
Speed Limit, Newstead Lane – will also go to Cabinet on 15th.December
Bends near Cobbs Nook Farm – are appropriately signed. Bend warning signs do not give information regarding the severity of the bend.

Play Pod
Mrs. Gardiner reported problems with leaders' driving qualifications, hence the delay in starting. The vehicle will bring its own generator and floodlights. There followed much debate – Mr. Lloyd felt that the condition of the roadway was not good enough to support the vehicle. Mr. Huddleston felt that the Council had insufficient information on what was being offered, what space was required. The correspondence suggested that if start on 2nd.December was not achieved, access to the Play Pod could be delayed until later in 2010. Mr. Fenn suggested that we should let them come on 2nd. December, to see what's on offer – Mr. Lloyd agreed to attend.

Ms. Miller reported that the Youth Bus was no longer coming to RMPF on Mondays, because of complaints of bad behaviour and vandalism to the playing fields. Unless an alternative venue can be found, it will not return. It had been her decision, in her NHW capacity, to withdraw the facility. Mr.Huddleston felt the Parish Council should have had some involvement in the decision. Mr. Lloyd expressed disappointment at the withdrawal, and felt we should work towards its re-instatement.

The Clerk was asked to contact RCC Youth Services (Jackie de Falco) with a view to them coming to talk on youth services.

AGENDA ITEMS

Affordable Housing
Mr. Parsons that the developers were somewhat frustrated by the opposition to the Back Lane proposal, and they have expended some £20k on the project so far. The Essendine Road site is still in the mix, but further research is required. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to De Montfort Housing confirming RPC's commitment to Affordable Housing provision in Ryhall.

Spire Homes Transfer of land
Mr. Parsons reported that this has now taken place, and involved mostly the land around the houses, the green in Coppice Road, and land around Francis Court. Some disquiet was expressed at the amount of land transferred. RCC had received the capital amount of £3.5m which will go into Capital Reserve. Mr. Lloyd felt that RPC's efforts to bring the whole issue into the public domain was to be applauded. Mr. Whowell expressed concern that there had been no proper consultation on this, with the result that a large area of land had now gone. Questions had been asked at the PC Forum, but promised follow-up responses had not been received.
Mr. Rushby expressed concerns that people applying to De Montford Housing and other housing associations may be overlooked. Mr.Parsons would investigate this.

Proposed Development on Stamford/Rutland Boundary
Mr. Parsons reported that a third site, at Tinwell Road/Empingham Road, had come into the LDF, although it was possible that none of the sites would ever come to fruition. 2 of the sites were in SKDC, and the Newstead site in Rutland. Mr. Whowell felt that it was important that we keep up to date with this. The clerk is to contact SKDC (Rachel Armstrong) to ensure involvement in the consultation process.

Precept Requests
Requests received from Village Hall £2,500, RMPF £3,000, PCC £3,000, £50 NHW and from Ryhall United FC for a contribution towards set-up costs of £1,200. Mr

Parsons suggested that there should be a pre-Precept meeting before the next Council meeting.

Snow Wardens
No volunteers had come forward, so therefore no gritting can take place. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the RCC Highways Cabinet councillor (Mark Wells) expressing disgust that there was no gritting undertaken through the village, through which there are two main bus routes as well as routes to school, and requesting that this should be reviewed. It was suggested that a notice for a volunteer for snow warden should be posted on the notice board. It should also encourage parishioners to complain to RCC when conditions are bad, and include contact numbers for Highways Councillors

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields - Roadway/ car park & Footpath re-opening
Mr. Lloyd reported that fund-raising was progressing, and praised the efforts of the sub-committee in this respect. There had been several meetings, a proper costing done (£37k), and applications for funding submitted to various bodies. Spring 2010 is the earliest that work may be realistically expected to commence. The roadway is currently in dire condition, even though some potholes had recently been filled. Debate ensued on whether gates should be locked for safety reasons, which all were reluctant to see happen. Mr. Lloyd asked if a loan could be obtained from either RPC or RCC to enable work to commence before fundraising was complete. Mr. Whowell suggested that this was not feasible, the situation was too open-ended, and the gates should be closed.
Mr. Lloyd felt that some temporary fix was required to enable the roadway to continue in use, and RMPF chair Jonathan Harvey said a quote had been taken for the area to be completed scraped level at a cost of some £1,200.Mr. Parsons proposed that the Council grant £1,000 to RMPF, against their invoice, this sum to come from RPC reserves. Mr Harvey said RMPF would make up the difference. Mr. Bellairs seconded, and at the vote eight were in favour, 1 against, with two abstaining. Carried.

Grit bin purchase
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Spire Homes with a request for the funding of this bin.

Communication
It was agreed that the Clerk should proceed with a planning application for a large notice board to be erected in Belmesthorpe

Christmas Lights on the tree in The Square
It was reported that the home-owner was agreeable to supply of electricity for these, and agreed that reimbursement of these costs should be made.

CORRESPONDENCE
From RCC The Big Switch Off Campaign 12 -18 November (emailed to all 19/09/09)
From LIVES- Letter of thanks for donation
From RCC Homelessness Consultation Event 15th October (emailed to all 29/09/09)
From Rutland Neighbourhood Watch – First AGM 22 October and request for Grant Aid (circulated)
From RCC – Acknowledgement of Comments on Core Mineral Strategy
From Ryhall Parish Church – Christmas Tree Festival
From RCC – Parish Newsletter and events – Active Rutland

From Resident re tree pruning

Documents in current circulation
04/10/09 EMDA News Magazine
From LAPLC – Power of Wellbeing update
Rutland Link – new organisation in health & social care
Film Scene – Community Entertainment (circulated)
21/10/09 Parish Forum Notes and Standards Committee
03/11/09 the Playing Fields Magazine
03/11/09 Minerals and Waste Core strategy – Revised Issues and Options – comment by 18th December 2009
LRALC – October Newsletter
Land Registry – Guide and advice to register land – on January agenda

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From Rutland County Council Street Lighting grant	2,062.00
Allotment Rents Totalling	280.00

Payments to approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Payments made since last meeting			
Ryhall Village Hall Half Precept			1,250.00
RMPF Half Precept			1,500.00
St Johns Church Half Precept			1,250.00
Mrs. C Adams (October & November Salary)			816.74
23/10/09 Eon Electricity Quarterly	491.38	73.71	565.09
Anglian Water – Allotment Tap			119.58
Veolia Grass cutting September	56.18	8.43	64.61
Clement Keys Audit Fee	285.00	42.75	27.75
IES Insulation Services (Asbestos repairs)	1,670	250.50	1,920.50
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire for 18th Nov			10.00
Payments made from Burial Accounts			
Mr D Toone Burial Administrator			750.00
Anglain Water Burial tap			14.39
Veolia Grass cutting and Hedge	90.30	13.35	03.85

The payment of these items was unanimously approved en bloc on the motion of Mr. Whowell.

Income received into Burial Account – None

The Annual Return for the accounts year ending 31 March 2009.
Report by Mrs C Adams – the intermediate audit has been conducted by Clement Keys and successfully concluded. The Notice of Closure of Audit was on the notice board, with a copy sent to the auditors.
Matters arising from the 2008/09 audit were:

1. The 2008 Closure Notice in correspondence dated 6 August 2008, of which a copy was not retrieved and forwarded to Clement Keys. The Clerk has explained this to the auditors.
2. The Council's name was omitted from the top of section 4. The Clerk had rectified and returned the Annual Return

The intermediate audit is complete for 2008/09, and included:-

- Copies of the financial statements & bank statements
- Minutes of meetings & signed acceptances of the Code of Conduct for all serving Councillors
- Copies of Registers of Interests & explanation of the procedure
- Copy of Standing Orders & schedule of Insurance & risk assessments

Internal Audit Check for 2000/10
To seek agreement from Mr T Elsigood to internally audit check the accounts for this year 2009/10.

OTHER MEETINGS

Parish Forum Report by C Gardiner – (emailed to all 1.10.09)

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Double garage to replace existing and 2 storey detached dwelling and garage to the north of property at Hilltop, Essendine Road, and Ryhall
Ground Floor extension to the rear elevation – 17 Turnpike Road, Ryhall

Listed Building Consent-Alterations

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission
Mrs V Neeve, 1, Beech Drive Ryhall for Erection of brick wall to the north side of property with timber gate adjacent to front elevation.

OPEN FORUM

Trees in Foundry Road still need cutting back. Clerk to contact Highways
Pavement adjacent to 26 St.Johns Close needs attention. Clerk to contact Highways
Francis Court – there are now 6 empty flats
'A Christmas Carol' mask and puppet show 8th. December at the Village Hall
Parkfield Road – Water Board concrete pillar collapsed on corner of Parkfield Rd. Clerk to contact Anglian Water.
Drop kerbs – Residents express concerns over access for mobility scooters. Clerk to request audit of drops in Manor Close, The Square, The Millstone, Flint Close. Mr. Rushby volunteered to accompany this kerb audit if it comes to fruition.
Village Calendar available for £5 at village shop
Mill Street planning application – Mrs. Hickman voiced her disappointment at the RPC response to this application.
Mr. Huddleston suggested the council should at its next meeting consider introducing guillotine measures to ensure that the PC did not run overlong and so run the risk of becoming inefficient.
Mr. Whowell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Patience for standing in as Parish Clerk during Mrs. Adams's incapacity.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 13th January 2010
Wed 10th March 2010