RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 19th January 2011 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs B White	
Mrs S Smith	Mr R Rushby	Mrs S Hickman
Mr P Huddleston	Mr G Lloyd	Mr N Bellairs

Six members of the public and Ms Charlotte Jones, County Councillor were in attendance.

APOLOGIES – Mr S Fenn, Mrs C Gardiner and Mr P Finch

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, Francis Court
Mrs White - Spire Homes and Disability Issues
Mrs Smith - Parkfield Road
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road
Mr Bellairs- Playing Fields, Parkfield Road resident

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd seconded by Mrs White and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2010 as a true record.
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MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing Update

Planning approval has been granted for the 8 houses in the scheme on Essendine Hill site, with a few planning conditions to be met. The land sale and transfer are the next stage along with consideration of an open green space/ play provision.
The Parish Council were asked to comment on a play area provision within the affordable housing scheme on land on Essendine Hill, Ryhall.
In principle the Parish Council feel that an open space is important in a development. A designated green area was approved although it was requested that it's siting would take into consideration the location of the two bungalows for the disabled.
It was agreed that play equipment was not necessarily required but tree planting and benches were suggested for a green recreational area.
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Parish Walks Leaflet & Plinth on the green by the Library
Mr Rushby reported that he has secured agreement from RCC to pledge a contribution of 50% (£800) of the costs towards the plinth and map – the total figure is £1,600. Mrs White had made a presentation to Spire Homes for a grant toward the project.

Tree Works & Hedge cutting
RCC have cut back the hedges along the A6121 and the Chairman reported he has received positive feedback from residents, the allotment hedge now needs cutting back – clerk to collate three quotes. It will be necessary to agree the height of the hedge. On next agenda.

Vicarage Lane Footpath & Tree
No further progress to report

Spire Homes Handrails at Francis Court
The Parish Council wish to ensure that the handrails are ascetically pleasing in such a prominent position at Francis Court. Spire Homes have been reminded of their original agreement about powder coating the rails and have been asked to send photographs of current handrails at Spire Homes' property in Empingham.

Street Lights Maintenance contract
Mr Lloyd has arranged to shadow the maintenance crew for the next annual check in June 2011. It was noted that electricity costs will be increasing significantly in the forthcoming year and it may be prudent for the Parish Council to consider ways to conserve electricity and costs. This item will be on the agenda in July 2011.

Allotment Meeting.
A subcommittee will meet in due course.

Community Emergency Response
The Parish Council is compiling a community response in the event of an emergency. The aim of the plan is to support the emergency response to an incident affecting the local community as defined in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. This involves assessing the infrastructure and communities network and compiling a list of resources and people available to use such resources. A sub committee have met initially to discuss first action. There are lots of issues to address such as support services emergency numbers and communication, co-ordination with other organisation such as Neighbourhood Watch, assisting vulnerable residents, accommodation and emergency food and equipment. It would be wise to update information annually and there would be a requirement to inform all resident of the final emergency plan and work with adjoining parishes.
The Parish Council would welcome anyone who would like to join the sub committee in this project. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

E-On Demonstration Pack
Suggestions of useful items parishioner should have in the event of a power cut. Analogue corded telephone, (as digital cordless phones will not work during a power cut) torch with batteries, a wind up mobile phone charger, a battery operated radio, a foil blanket. Clerk to check if packs are available to purchase.

AGENDA ITEMS

Snow Warden

The scheme is working well and is under the remit of RCC. The Parish Council will be reimbursed for the Snow Warden's hours.

Purchase of further Grit Bins and Grit provision

It was noted that next year the bins would only be filled twice by RCC and any further replenishment would have to be funded by the Parish Council. The grit may be colour coded to prevent theft. Consideration of purchasing a grit spinner for better distribution was discussed. There was request for grit bin at the end of St Johns Close. This item to be discussed at the next meeting.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields

Update on Roadway

RCC/Wilmott Dixon had suggested the wooden logs to differentiate between the roadway and grassed area. Mr Rushby and Mr Parsons had undertaken a site visit of a play area with logs in Uppingham. It has since been noted that due to space allocation available on RMPF, Sport England would not endorse them.
After the last meeting in November, the Clerk had informed the School, the new Chair of Governors and RCC of the latest situation and had enclosed copies of the Minutes of the extra –ordinary meetings that have been held in 2010 regarding the roadway. No response to date.
It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to write to Wilmott Dixon to accept their original offer of gravel top-up resurfacing of the roadway.

Disabled Access

Work to upgrade the disabled access at the Parkfield road entrance will commence as soon as weather permits. The cost will be £616.87 including VAT .The Parish Council will fund £500 from the ring fenced amount.

Precept Requests

Applications for financial support were received from many of the organisations and voluntary groups and had been considered in advance by Councillors. Precept monies are spent for the benefit of parishioners of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe. Whilst considering each request during the meeting, it was agreed it may be necessary to reduce the final agreed amount by a percentage to keep within the budget. For the financial year commencing April 2011, the Parish Council submitted a request to Rutland County Council for a precept of £29,150 - the same as last year.
Allocations to village groups and organisations are as follows:

Parish Council Running Costs;

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed unanimously to allocate £17,000 for running costs taking into consideration the anticipated increased street lighting costs, two final street light upgrades, elections costs and general increased expenditure.

Village Hall.
Requested £2,500. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to allocate £2,500 to the Village Hall. Mr Huddleston abstained.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
Requested 4,000 for the continuation of the works to the paviallion, undertaken by small team of dedicated volunteers to get to standard in the next financial year. All fund raising monies go toward play equipment. Initial proposal of £2,500 by Mrs Smith, this was not seconded. It was proposed by Mr Rushby, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to allocate £3,000 to the Playing Fields. Mrs Hickman, Mr Huddleston and Mr Bellairs abstained.
Following representation from the Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee, it was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to allocate a further £1,000 towards the pavilion upgrade. from the current reserves ring fenced last year. Mr Huddleston and Mr Bellairs abstained.

Ryhall Methodist Church
Since 2002/3 the Methodist Church has not requested a precept contribution. Requested £2,000 toward the significant repairs to the heating system in the schoolrooms. It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to allocate £2,000 to the Methodist Church.

Ryhall St Johns Church.
Requested £5,000 toward the removal of pews and making good the floor to create space to enable the church to be used more fully, plus fitting of power sockets for the north aisle.
It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to allocate £3,000 to the Church.

Senior Football Club
Requested £1,000 towards work on the portacabin to be sited behind the Pavilion. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to allocate £750 towards this work. It was agreed with the representative of the Football Club that receipts for all expenditure from this amount would be issued to the Parish Council who would then reimburse the monies.

Neighbourhood Watch.
Ryhall NHW– requested £150 as previous year. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to this amount to be ring fenced and allocated on receipt of expenses.
Belmesthorpe NHW - requested a contribution towards further bulb planting and other NHW expenses. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs White and agreed a pro-rata amount of £100 would be ring fenced for Belmesthorpe NHW on receipt of expenses.

Fun Squad
Requested £900 towards insurance, hire of indoor and outdoor venues. The Parish Council was keen to support all endeavours to create facilities for the younger members of the community but wanted more detail about the hiring charges. Noted that the RMPF did not charge to use pavilion at the current time. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Bellairs that £500 be allocated subject to receiving receipts for expenditure and there were no legal implications. Mrs Hickman abstained.

Agree voucher for lighting of Christmas tree / T Elsigood
Proposed by Mr Bellairs seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed unanimously to purchase vouchers as a gesture of thanks for Mr T Elsigood for audit services (£50) and Mr Richards for kindly supplying lighting for the Christmas Trees in The Square (£25)

Belmesthorpe Speed Limit Review
The suggestion to move the 30mph signs out to the Belmesthorpe village signage has gone before Cabinet.

Volunteer for refurbishing Benches
Following an appeal in the Village News, the Parish Council thank Mr Warmsely who has volunteered to refurbish the benches when the weather improves. Clerk to purchase the necessary equipment as agreed at the meeting of 10th March 2010. (Figure in the region of £ 37.99 for 2.5 litres of sadolin)

Cemetery – Extension and tap
During the cold weather the pipe burst resulting in the Parish Council having to turn off the water supply. The Clerk is arranging for a plumber to undertake repairs.

Burial Ground Extension is ongoing – at the present time January 2011 the land costs are estimated at approximately £4,500 for ¾ acre. The Clerk is still working with the guidance of the Environment Department of RCC – it was suggested that the Parish Council should undertake a trial dig to ensure that the ground is suitable for burials and ascertain the water table level. Clerk to arrange this and subject to all being well, the Parish Council would like to proceed with the purchase of the land. The landowner could then occupy the land for grazing until such time it is needed for purpose.

OTHER MEETINGS

Parish Forum – 30th November – attended by Mrs White. Subjects covered included local health services, Rutland Link soon to be re-launched as Health Watch and the forthcoming Census. There will be a census event in the Library to promote it. Mrs White raised the subject of ownership of the grass verges since the transfer of land from RCC to Spire Homes. RCC will be responding to this question.

Election Workshop – 17th January - attended by the Clerk
Elections for parish and town councils take place on May 5th 2011, and the Parish Council would welcome expressions of interest in joining Ryhall Parish Council. Parish Councillors are volunteers who know their villages and can represent the views of the local community to other local authorities & public service providers. Parish Councils are consulted on planning applications and other issues such as roads and schools, and have a wide range of powers covering allotments, street lighting, footpaths, leisure facilities and cemeteries. Ryhall Parish Council meet bi-monthly on a Wednesday evening. There will be an informal drop-in session on Wednesday March 16th for anyone who might be considering standing for councillor. Call in from **6.pm** at the Methodist Church schoolrooms for a coffee and information about the roles and responsibility of the Parish Council and meet your Chairman, Clerk and Councillors. The Parish Council meeting will follow at 7.00pm – everyone welcome to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to note:

Funding Cuts - invitation from RCC to the public meeting - 19 Jan 2010.
Ms Jones reported on the proposed funding cuts, noting that the main areas under review are Highways, amenities, libraries and schools. Full details are on the Rutland Website. There was voting at the meeting on which cuts are deemed more acceptable to the public and have the least impact on community and via the website. Mr Lloyd noted that the most vulnerable and elderly may not have access to computers to cast a vote. Ms Jones will take this comment back to RCC. The decision on the funding cuts will be made on 20th February 2011.
With regard to Ryhall, one main inpact might be the proposed reduced hours of the opening of the library. It was suggested that Saturday mornings and after work hours may be run by volunteer staff. Ms Jones suggested that Ryhall might like to work together with Essendine for volunteer staffing of the library.
From RCC Ms Bysouth – acknowledgement of receipt of clerk's letter and copies of the minutes re RMPF roadway situation.
From Lady Gretton – Diamond Jubilee Beacons – June 2012. Clerk to ask for more information.
From the High Sheriff – Nominations for service to the community. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, that Mr Len Laybourn – former Chairman and Parish Councillor for 28 years- be nominated by Ryhall Parish Council. Mr Parsons to contact Mr Laybourn and to work with Mrs Hickman to produce a brief citation to support the nomination
From Rural Community Council – Land in Trust – invitation to a meeting to review the initiative to protect playing Fields in perpetuity.
Spinal Injuries Association – promotional poster to be offered to the Library.

Documents in circulation
06/12/10
RCC Village Voice Magazine and suicide awareness training leaflet
8/1/11
LRAPLC Newsletter
RCC Parish Forum Minutes
British Legion Poppy party Weekend 10-12 June 2011
Countryside Gardens – for landscape requirements
Localism Bill information – by email
RCC Parish Forum Notes
RCC Standards Committee Minutes

FINANCE

NOTE: Accounts have been checked and internally audited by Mr. T Elsigood.

Income received into Parish Account

Allotment rents	50.00`
Eon Way leave rebate	2.30

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs. C Adams December salary			408.37
Eon Maintenance	286.44	50.13	336.57

It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed to pay the following accounts.

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams January Salary			408.37
Mrs. C Adams Expenses Nov – Jan			94.36
Ryhall Methodist Hall			15.00
Eon Street Lighting	458.87	80.30	539.17
Eon Repair Essendine Road	54.74	10.95	65.69
Eon Repair Turnpike Road	31.27	6.25	37.52
Anglian Water Allotment Tank			52.91
Mr. P Link Snow Warden	12 hours @ 6.91		82.92
Mr. T Elsigood Voucher for audit services			50.00
Mr. Richards Voucher for Xmas Tree lighting costs			25.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts - None
Payments to be made from Burial Account
Anglian Water – Burial Tap 16.21

Income received into Burial Account on 22.11.2010

Wheeler	55.00
Veasey	48.00
Wheeler	48.00
Fordham	64.00
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	24.00

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mr S Alexander, Lilac Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe for Erection of agricultural livestock building- Green Lane Farm, Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs
Mr M Blowers, White Gables, Main Street, Belmethopre, Stamford Lincs for Constriction of single storey extension to the rear elevations.
Mrs J Juggins, Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR for various internal and external alterations including new heating and electrical installations.
Mr A Barjrami, Rutland hand car wash, 34 Vergette Street, Peterborough for variation of Condition No 3 on planning permission FUL/2008/0888 that the permission is limited to the period expiring on 19 November 2010 at the car wash, Ryhall Service Station, Essendine Road, Ryhall – Now expiring on 10 -11 2015.
Mr A Nebel, Hemgate House, New Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs for Construction of extension to the side elevation of existing garage, including alterations to roof and installation of 3 No conservation roof lights.

Outline Planning Permission - None

Listed Building Consent-Alterations - None
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Notification of decision in respect of an application proposing works to a tree or trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

Refusal of Full Planning Permission - None

Appeal Decisions- None

Withdrawal of planning application
16 Lea View, Ryhall for construction of two storey extension to front, side and rear. 23/12/10

Planning applications received & considered:
New application received for 16 Lea View Ryhall.
Erection of port cabin to rear of Pavilion Ryhall Meadows Playing Feidsl, Ryhall Sanded area. land to Back Lane
Fell 13 No Trees of various species and crown reduce 1 No Beech Tree by 2m, Ryhall Hall, Church Street Ryhall
Erection of 8 dwellings land to the North of Hilltop Cottage, Essendine Hill Ryhall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Francis Court – Spire Hones have put forward a proposal for the use of the wardens house. It was suggested that it could be occupied by an elderly couple and noted that although the property is a house, it would not be suitable for families or children.
Village Pantomime – Friday & Saturday 28th & 29th January. Tickets from Anne Virgin – Village Hall Committee.

PUBLIC TIME

Requests for grit bins on New Road and Coppice Road by the green – on the next agenda. Request for snow warden to grit outside the bungalows on Spinney Lane.

Clerk's bonus and salary 2011
As a gesture of thanks due to the significant increase in the volume of work undertaken in 2009 and 2010 , it as suggested by the Chair, proposed by Mrs Hickman, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed unanimously to award Mrs Adams a one off payment of £100 as a bonus. Mrs Adams thanked the Parish Council. The 2011/2012 salary review will be discussed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday March 16th 2011 – 6.00pm drop in session followed by the meeting commencing at 7.00p.m