RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ryhall Parish Council held on Wednesday March 19th 2011
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

Present Mr C Parsons -Chairman, Mr P Huddleston, Mrs C Gardiner, Mrs S Smith, Mr S Fenn, Mr P Finch, Mr N Bellairs, Mrs S Hickman, Mr G Lloyd, Mrs B White

Seven members of the public and County Councillor, Charlotte Jones attended.
It was noted that Miss Roberts had emailed the Clerk to advise that she will shortly no longer be a resident of Ryhall parish and therefore cannot continue in her role of Youth Advisor to the Parish Council, who wished her well.

Apologies –Mr R Rushby

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 relating to the agenda items. They completed the Declaration of Interest Book.
Mr Lloyd - Francis Court & Neighbourhood Watch
Mrs Gardiner – Allotments & Belmesthorpe NHW
Mr Bellairs - Playing Fields, Parkfield Road Resident
Mr Fenn – Allotments, Ryhall Football Club, RMPF
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter and RMPF Roadway
Mrs Smith – Parkfield Road resident
Mrs White – Francis Court, Spire Homes, Disability issues

PUBLIC TIME

Tribute to Mr A Cook
In memory of Mr Cook who was the secretary of the Methodist Hall and very regular attendee at the Parish Council meeting, in tribute, Mrs Smith read an extract from his book of local poems.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mrs White, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2011 as a true record.
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MATTERS ARISING

Affordable Housing Update Work on the site is due to commence soon.

Parish Walks Plinth Update Ryhall Strollers meet every other Monday morning. Mr Rushby to give a full update at the next meeting on the progress of the Walks Plinth.

Hedge cutting update Due to the urgency of the works (the hedge cutting season is nearly over due to nesting) the Parish Council had been consulted and agreed to the hedge cut on the A6121 adjacent to the allotments. After seeking three quotes

from contractors used by RCC, the quoted sum of £200 plus VAT was approved. For an additional £100 plus VAT the contractor has removed four dead elms which if left may have fallen and caused damaged. The contractor will replace the elms with five oak saplings with rabbit guards at a cost of £50.00. Clerk to obtain a quote for internal works to hedges on the allotments. As it had not been possible to conclude the ownership of the Turnpike Hedge (due to complaints from villagers the PC have trimmed it) – Clerk to obtain a quote for cutting down of the Turnpike Hedge/ annual trimming.

Vicarage Lane Footpath The Vicar continues in negotiation with the Diocesan Office regarding the state of the wall on Vicarage Lane. To hasten the process it was suggested that the Parish Council contacts Rutland County Council again. As this is the access to the school, it was considered that some responsibility for the maintenance of the access and safety of the wall falls under the remit of RCC.

Spire Homes –The handrails will be powder coated and tenants will be consulted on the colour.

Community Emergency Response The subcommittee (Mrs White, Mr Rushby and Mr Bellairs) have produced a comprehensive working document which will be circulated to Councillors for comment. There is a considerable amount of work still to progress. The Chairman thanked the committee for their significant work to date.

Bench refurbishment Thanks to Mr Walmesley volunteered his time to refurbish the village benches and generously offered to cover some of the costs of the materials.

High Sheriff's certificate for 'Service to the Community'. The Parish Council nominated Mr Len Laybourn, as past Chairman, for this award, and awaits the outcome of the nomination.

AGENDA ITEMS

National Referendum, Unitary and Parish Council Elections – May 5th 2011
The Clerk had posted Notices of the above Elections for display with effect from 16th March 2010. The Clerk has nomination packs for anyone interested in standing for Council. Candidates may deliver their nomination paper and consent to nomination from 16th March to NOON on 4th April 2011 to the Returning Officer at Rutland County Council. Copies of the nomination packs were also available from Electoral Services at the County Council. It was noted that no one had come to the drop in session before the Parish Council meeting.

Library consultation and opening hours
Rutland County Council propose to reduce the operating hours of the Rutland libraries as a result of spending decisions the Council is currently undertaking. The public have been consulted on the proposal to reduce the hours at Ryhall library from 17 hours a week to 10 hours a week removing the 2 hours in the evenings Monday & Thursday (5 – 7pm) and Saturday 10 – 1pm. RCC state these have been chosen as they represent the times at which there is the least footfall in the library and borrowing is lowest.
The cost of these 7 hours in approximately £4,500 over a full year. (£2,100 for the evening and £2,400 for Saturdays) Ryhall Parish Council was asked if they wished to

cover the funding of these hours through a precept. Noted that this year's precept 2011/12 has already been agreed and submitted.

Ryhall Parish Council considered the figures and noted that by comparison on population numbers with Uppingham and Oakham, Ryhall was used more than the larger two libraries. Closing the library at the times suggested by RCC would mean 36% of the total library users (those who were at work) were not able to access it. The Parish Council consider the library a vital asset to the community and wish to do everything possible to reach a compromise to keep the library open for 17 hours.

Regarding the evening hours - It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Fenn and agreed to write to RCC to suggest opening two hours later in the week from 1.30pm until 7.00pm thus allowing one third of the user group to access it in the evenings.
Regarding Saturday hours, Ryhall PC would be open to discussion with RCC about volunteer cover, possibly contributing to operating costs and contacting Essendine Parish Council for a contribution.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields - Update on Roadway
The roadway has been re-gravelled and new kerbing installed. Mr Capper was thanked for all his hard work co-ordinating this project.
Rutland Wanderer Bus. Rutland County Council Youth Services & Ms Miller have asked for this facility to return to the Playing Fields on a Wednesday evening from 7pm - 9pm. The RMPF Committee may have reservations due to complaints from residents last year. The return of the 'Rutland Wanderer' will be discussed at their next meeting on 22 March and the decision reported to the Parish Council. Mr Lloyd suggested an independent community volunteer to oversee proceedings and offered his time in the first instance.

Purchase of grit bin- St Johns Close
It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded Mr Bellairs and agreed to purchase one grit bin for the green area at the end of St Johns Close. The other areas suggested for a bin location Coppice Road and New Road were not deemed suitable. The bin at St Johns would be subject to the outcome of the Cabinet decision on the next season gritting routes. Mr Parsons and Ms Jones are pressing RCC for the inclusion of Ryhall & Little Casterton villages in the new gritting routes.

Fun Squad.
Ms Miller thanked the Parish Council for the £500 ringfenced precept funding for 2011/12. This will be used for equipment. Ms Miller requested £54 to pay the Village Hall for the hire of rooms in January and February when the Fun Squad moved indoors. At present the Fun Squad has a nil balance until the precept funding arrives. It was proposed by Mrs Hickman, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to pay this sum from the £500 ringfnced for the Fun Squad from the 2011/12 precept in April. Mr Huddleston abstained.

Cemetery – Extension and tap
The Clerk reported that a test dig will take place shortly to ascertain the water table and the ground suitability for burials. A professional gravedigger will undertake this at the quoted approx cost of £100 – Mr David Toone (Burial Administrator) will accompany him and take photographic evidence. The landowner had been informed.

The tap and burst pipe have been repaired at a quoted approximate cost of £70.00. It was agreed that next winter the water supply would be shut off to avoid freezing up again.

No action to a verbal request received by Mr Parsons requesting the return to grave-digging by hand rather than by mechanical digger. This is not under the remit of the Parish Council.

EON Street Lighting.
The Clerk reported that the street light (by the speed indicator sign on Essendine Hill) had to be replaced due to damage to the column in a RTA. The PC insurance company had been informed and had reimbursed a standard sum. Clerk to ascertain if further costs regarding the underground electricity connection can be reclaimed as detailed below.
To replace damaged column with new 6 metre post top column with white lantern 36 watt and remove damaged column and reconnecting to the speed sign is £480 plus VAT. To transfer the underground electricity from the old column to the new column £351 plus VAT including permanent reinstatement of the footway.
Demonstration Packs including items for use in the event of a power cut. The pack was shown at the Parish Council meeting in March. The packs are for display and advice purposes only. All items in the pack are available to purchase separately from high street stores. This item will be included in the Civil Emergency Response initiative.
Unmetered Supply Certificate. – received from Eon dated 8th February 2011

St Johns Church Clock
Annual Maintenance undertaken and verified by Mr Fenn.

Diamond Jubilee Beacons
Lady Gretton, HM Lord Lieutenant had written to Parish Council's to suggest they purchase one of three types of Beacon to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. After due consideration the Parish Council decided not to proceed with this initiative.

Veolia Grass cutting Maintenance Contract for 2011/12
It was proposed by Mr Fenn seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed to accept the grass cutting contact for the forthcoming year noting that the increases were acceptable.

OTHER MEETINGS

Parish Council Forum 3rd March
Mrs White attended on behalf of Ryhall parish Council and reported on the agenda items including Local Government Funding, Election 2011, Local Development Framework; Local Transport Plan 3 (noted that there is £39,000 grant to extend the Call Connect Service). Other topics included Highways winter weather review & Broadband provision.

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Correspondence noted:
From Rural CC Digital Switchover – Volunteers Sought. Poster on notice board.
From Resident about tree planting – noted five new Oak saplings ordered
From RCC – Repairs to white bridge on C9305 - Belmesthorpe

From St Johns Church & Belmesthorpe NHW– thanks for the precept donations
From Resident – thanks for new disabled access onto RMPF. Note passed to RMPF Committee

From Spire Homes – Poster on new Community Grants Fund. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be a Spire Homes resident or be part of an organisation that benefits the residents of Spire Homes. There are two levels of funding and three priority categories. Contact the Clerk for more information.
From RCC – Burial Fees for April 2011/12
SSE Renewable – Wind Turbines at the Woolfox Site, A1 near Stretton. The Parish Council have been consulted on the application for a tower to measure the wind speed and advised of the consultation process as a neighbouring parish. Mr Parsons attended the recent consultation. Ms Jones is not able to represent parishioner's views due to personal and predicucail interest but can pass on the name of a fellow County Councillor who can make representation.

Documents in circulation
8/1/11
LRAPLC Newsletter
RCC Parish Forum Minutes
British Legion Poppy party Weekend 10-12 June 2011
28/2/11
SSE Renewable – Woolfox Wind Turbines
LRAPLC - Feb Newsletter, Membership and Training Courses
KOMPAN _ Playground Funding Scheme
Sports Surfacing Solutions
Digital Rutland – Event on 11 March
14/3/11
Fields in Trust – Recreational Sites for Queens Diamond Jubilee
NHS Rurality Consultation

Income received into Parish Account
15.02.11 Allotment Plot rent £10.00
22.02.11 Allianz Insurance Refund for damaged street Light £ 466.94
Rutland County Council Snow Warden Rebate £82.00

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs. C Adams February salary	408.37
T & S Fenn for repair to Noticebaord	23.55
RMPF for donation to disabled access works	500.00

It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to approve the following accounts. Mr S Fenn abstained.

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams March Salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Hall			15.00
Rural Community Council Membership for 2011			40.00
NALC & LRALC Membership			318.18
Eon- Replacement Street Light	831.00	166.20	997.20
Mrs. C Adams Expenses			93.02
Eon Street Lighting Quarterly Maintenance	286.44	57.29	343.73
Ms R Miller Fun Squad Hire of Village Hall			54.00
Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Association Annual Subs 2011-03-07			18.00
Smiths of Derby Church Clock	175.00	35.00	210.00
Aon Insurance RMPF Pavilion			463.28
Hillfort Tree Care – Hedge and removal of 4 dead elms	300.00	60.00	360.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts – None
Quote agreed for payment for test dig of potential burial ground £100
Quote agreed for repair to the broken pipe and tap - £70

Income received into Burial Account – 23 Feb 2011
T Hallam £64.00; R Perry £473.00; A Cook£55.00

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mrs J Juggins, Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall for Various Internal and external alterations including installing a new gas supply and associated works.
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. (Revised scheme FUL/2010/0643)
Mr J Sheehan, 1 Clover Gardens, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 2WN
for Erection of portacabin to the rear of pavilion. Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields, Parkfield Road, Ryhall.
Mr & Mrs Olsen, 16 Lea View, Ryhall PE9 4HZ for construction of two storey extension to the front, side and rear elevations (Resubmission of application)

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

Planning applications received & considered: Planning applications received & considered:
Erection of 80m high meteorological mast. Land to the north of Woolfox Depot, Empingham, Rutland
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.
Withdrawal of planning application
Conversion of outbuildings to dwelling with extension and attached garage block. The Laurels, Main Street, Belmesthopre Withdrawn on 10 Feb 2011

OTHER BUSINESS

Cycle Route from Boarderville to Stamford. Mr Huddleston continues to press Lincolnshire County Council for the continuation of the cycle path. Noted that the consultation regarding the football stadium relocation could impact on the cycle path issue.

British Legion 90th Birthday Poppy Weekend celebration. Mrs Hickman has confirmed the date.
Highway Issues - Drains and potholes – Manor Close/ Back Lane / The Crescent and Flint Close. Clerk to report to RCC. Manhole depressed outside No 51 Parkfield Road, Mr Bellairs to investigate and report to clerk
RMPF Committee was thanked for the work done to the gravel & kerbing, suggesting that daffodil bulbs are planted alongside the kerbing as in the past. The Gardening Club will consider this suggestion and would welcome any other suggestions for bulb planting in the autumn from resident's .Please email marham170@btinternet.com
Wedding Congratulations – Ms Jones, County Councillor, was congratulated on her recent marriage.

PUBLIC TIME

Allotment Boundaries Mr Finch- Allotment Chairman - offered to walk around the boundaries of the allotments to check that there is full access around the perimeters. The allotment tenancy agreement states that there should be a 3 foot access at the perimeter.
Coppice Road to Spinney Close – mud on the path needs cleaning

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.**00pm at the Methodist Church Ryhall.
Future meetings will be on Wednesday 6th July 2011 and Wednesday 21st September 2011.