RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 19th September 2012 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

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

Two members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES Ms R Miller, Mrs B White, Mr A Gombault, Mrs C Vernon, County Councillor

MINUTE OF SILENCE

In memory of Mrs W Toulson, a very regular attendee of the Parish Council meetings over the years, the Chairman, Councillors and public held one minute's silence.

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
Mrs Sismore- Ryhall PTA
Mr Parsons – Playing Fields
Mr R Rushby – NHW
Mr S Fenn – Allotments, Ryhall Football Club
Mr N Bellairs – Jubilee Committee, RMPF and Parkfield Road resident
Mrs S Smith – Parkfield road resident
Mr G Lloyd – Francis Court

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mrs Sismore ,seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July were an accurate record of the meeting. All in favour Two abstained (NB & GL)

PUBLIC TIME

Dogs off Leads

Concerns raised by a resident about the issue of dogs running on the playing fields off their leads when the signage clearly states that 'Dogs on leads at all times'. The Parish Council wish to ensure that dog owners understand the dangers and implications of letting their dogs off the lead. It was noted that the Parish Council established and implemented a By-Law in 1995. This focuses on the issue of dog fouling on the RMPF. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to research into adding the clause about ' dogs on leads' in the By- Law. The Clerk to contact other Parish Councils' to ascertain their stance on this issue. Mr Bellairs suggested the possibility of offering an area that was fenced off from children where dogs could run freely off the lead. This item to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Jubilee Flagpole
The Gardening Club were not keen to commit to looking after a rose garden based by the proposed flagpole on the green by the Library. They suggested a viable alternative of a raised bed set with flowers for the summer and rested over winter. The Club would be happy to look after the raised bed possibly in conjunction with the school.

MATTERS ARISING

Redundant Phone kiosk
BT state that their current provisional date for full removal is the 12/10/2012

Ryhall Photos to Rutland College
Following an invitation to represent the Parish Council, Mrs Adams attended the Open Day on 8th September at the Rutland County College and viewed the display in the room named after Ryhall. The College were very grateful for the assistance of the parish to produce the pictures.

Open Spaces update
The Parish Council application has been passed to Rutland County Council's legal team for further legal advice. RCC are meeting with the legal services team on 25th September and will update accordingly after the meeting.

E-on New Christmas lights for Tree in Square
Replacement LED lights for the Sycamore Tree in The Square have been ordered and will be set on the tree after the leaf fall.

AGENDA ITEMS

Issues and Options Consultation
On THURSDAY 25th OCTOBER 2012 - Rutland County Council will be making a presentation at 7.00PM IN THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOMS, MILL STREET, RYHALL
The preferred option consultation document launch will be from 11th October until 22 November 2012.
There will be a static display in the Ryhall Library on Monday 22 October and Thursday 25th October 2012.
Rutland County Council staff will be manning the stand at the Library from 3pm till 6pm on the Thursday.
Mr Parsons reported on his understanding of the consultation, stating that he believed that the area likely to be developed in the parish was the area between Gwash Close and the Trout Farm. All other potential areas in Ryhall and Belmesthorpe were likely to be down for exclusion. However, the meeting on the 25th October will explain the likely outcomes. Any decisions will be binding for a ten year minimum.

Housing Allocation Policy and Tenancy Strategy Consultation
RCC is reviewing how it prioritises applications for registered provider (housing association) tenancies using the housing register (waiting list)
They are also developing their tenancy strategy regarding the length of tenancies.
Consultation started on 10th September and ends on Monday 22 October 2012. The Parish Council were invited to complete a six question response form, which they duly did after consideration of each question. A copy of the response can be found in the Parish Council file in the Library.

Planning Committee
The Committee require an additional member to take the number to five. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that Mr Rushby be co-opted to join the planning sub-committee with immediate effect. All in favour.

Planning Training
Rutland County Council will arrange a session for parish councillors and clerks in the county who have a particular involvement or interest in planning matters. This training will be held on Monday 24th September at 6.30pm. Three members of the Parish Council Planning Sub Committee and the Clerk will attend.

Cemetery Issues – Ongoing Purchase of land
The Clerk reported that the financial transactions have been completed with monies from the Burial Accounts. The Parish Council awaits confirmation on the completion of transfer. The next step will be agreeing the Grazing Licence.

Quotes for fencing off the clay pile
Mr Fenn reported that the clay pile in the corner of the cemetery is too large to fence off successfully and he is obtaining a quote to remove the pile completely. This will be discussed at the next meeting. If the pile is removed, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact all the funeral directors to ask their grave diggers to take away the excess soil generated in the future.

Other issues
The Clerk reported on other issues that needed attending to following a site visit:
The following quotes have been obtained from Veolia:
1.Cutting the lower branches on the six trees to open them up and shape properly then the mower can get underneath.
Lift canopy of trees & shape up. All for the sum of £240.00 + Vat

2: Cutting the right hand hedge/ trees back to a reasonable height and tidying the whole boundary, this is not included in the regular quote so would be a ' one off'.
Reduce RHS hedge to approx 6ft high & reduce side. All for the sum of £540.00 + Vat

3: Spraying the weeds on the drive.
Spray car park. All for the sum of £20.00 per occasion + Vat

It was agreed that the Parish Council, as the Burial Authority, should make improvements to the upkeep of the cemetery whilst continuing to be vigilant about costs and spending. The ownership of the far right boundary was not clear – agreed to contact RCC who are the landowners to ascertain the boundary line before committing to Quote 2.
Therefore it was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed unanimously to proceed with Quote 1 & 3. It was further agreed to add to the annual contract with Veolia the spraying of weeds on the gravel twice a year.

The three seats also need refurbishment as does the front fencing. The Parish Council will to ask via the Village News if there were any volunteers who could help by offering their time to varnish. All materials will be supplied.

Turnpike Hedge & Tree cutting issues
The Turnpike hedge which was very overgrown has been cut by Veolia for the sum of £65 plus VAT. There was some debate at the meeting as to the hedge cutting responsibilities of the Parish Council who do not own this hedge and have been in long term dispute as to the ownership. As a gesture to the upkeep of the village and the fact that it was about to obstruct the footpath the Parish Council decided to act.

Painting seat by Library & Donation of new bench
The Parish Council would like to thank the Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust for the refurbishment, at their own expense and time, of the bench by the Library. The Trust has also offered to donate a new Corbridge Timber bench for the use of the local community. The Parish Council appreciates this offer and is discussing a suitable

location. One possible site could be on the grass by the bus stop on the Mill Street/ Turnpike Junction. Villagers who walk the loop round the village might make good use of it as well as people waiting for the bus. To be decided at the November meeting.

Jubilee Flagpole
Mr Bellairs, representing the Jubilee Committee, reported that the Committee would be concluding shortly. The Committee would like to purchase a six meter glass fibre flagpole with internal mechanism at the cost of £368.40 (vat 70.00) RCC state that Planning permission is required; @ £85 rate for parish councils. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed that the Parish Council would submit the application. One abstention (NB) Thereafter, a subcommittee led by Mr Bellairs would be created to look after the flagpole in the future. RCC Property Services will require a sketch plan showing the location of the pole and details of the height and materials of the flagpole and how it would be affixed to the ground. It was likely that any remaining monies in the Jubilee Fund would be spent on the raised bed, directly liaising with the Ryhall Gardening Club.

Expenses reimbursement for Councillors
Clerk to make enquires and will report to Councillors

Allotments –Update
The allotment committee will be holding it's AGM on Monday the 1st October 2012 at the Bluebell Public House, Belmesthorpe 7pm for renewal of tenancy agreement and payment of annual rent (£15.00 this year)
Hedge Cutting- Quotes to be obtained for the cutting of the perimeter hedge adjacent to the A6121. The Allotment holders will be having a 'tidy up' day to deal with other maintenance issues.

Grit Bin for Belmesthorpe;
Purchased. Mr S Fenn to arrange siting it once the grit delivery timeframe from RCC has been ascertained. Clerk to ensure that this bin is added to the grit bin list for filling.

Eon- Street Lighting- cracked column outside the Blue Bell Public House at Belmesthorpe
As previously stated to replace with new 5 metre steel column with new 36 watt PL (low energy) white light lantern controlled by all night photocell including removing and disposing of old column - £465.00 plus VAT. To transfer the low voltage underground service from the old to the new column - £248 plus VAT. This item has been under review by the Parish Council who has sought second opinions on the column. Mr Gombault has also suggested an upgrade to an old fashioned type lamp with the additional monies coming from the remaining funds in the Belmesthorpe Jubilee fund. Mr Fenn suggested locating the light on the wall of the Blue Bell Public House but as this is a listed building it would probably not be possible. Clerk to check.
It was agreed to defer until Mr Gombault could give an update on his proposal.

OTHER MEETINGS
Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.
Village Hall Meeting - Mr Huddleston reported that repairs are underway to the flat roof. The fundraising calendars are due out shortly.
Insurance Matters Course offered by the LRALC- 26th September 2012. Mrs Adams to attend this course covering Assessment of Risk, Public Liability and Event Management. Course costs £35.00 held at Anstey in Leicestershire.

CORRESPONDENCE

Emailed & Circulated to Councillors
R Community Council Weekly Bulleti*n*
RCC Information on Winter fuel Grants
RCC NHS Sexual Health Review
LRALC Annual Report
Voluntary Sector E-news July &August
Transport in Rural Areas 2/8/12
Playing Fields Association Newsletter 7/8/12
LRALC Guidance on Members Interests 2/8/12
Vitalise Appeal Letter 2/8/12
LRALC NALC Documents
George Phillips Award circulated 20/8/12
Update on National Grid new substation at Essendine – Meeting postponed
E-on Street Lighting Offers (circulated 20/8/12)
RCC- Letter about Meals on Wheels service (emailed 23/8.12)
RCC Parish Forum 27th September
Spire Homes Pride, People and Community Awards event 12 Sept 17/8/12
Rutland CAB Afternoon Tea and solving problems meeting to be held on 19th September plus Annual Report (circulated 23/8/12)
Rutland County Bus Network Booklet (copies in the library)
Rural Community Council AGM and Annual Review 6/9/12

Localisation of Council Tax Scheme 2013 10/9/12 The Local Government Finance Bill has set out changes which will require all council tax billing authorities to devise a local Council Tax Support Scheme to replace the current national Council Tax Benefit Scheme from1st April 2012. Rutland County Council started a public consultation August 2nd 2012 to run until September 28th 2012. A presentation will be delivered at the Parish Forum and Chairman Chris Parsons is on the Board.

Housing Allocation Policy & Tenancy Strategy Consultation 10/9/12 Response completed.
Evergreen Trust Brochure 18.09.12
Back to Church Sunday invite from Ryhall Methodist Church
Active Rutland Activity Guide 18.09.12
From a resident about horse manure on pavements with an accompanying copy of a section of the Highway Code. A copy was issued to all Councillors. It was agreed to check where this section might be applicable and in the meantime request the assistance of horse owners via the Village News and on the Notice boards.

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

Mrs Downing Allotment Plot			15.00

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs C Adams August Salary			408.37
Mr A Gombault Expenses			11.00
LRALC Delegate Fee for AG			30.00
Clement Keys Audit Fee	285.00	57.00	342.00
E-On Repair to light New Road	23.47	4.69	28.16
Veolia Grassutting x 3	70.17	14.03	84.20
Mrs C Adams September salary			408.37
E-On Maintenance	281.76	56.35	338.11

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to pay the following:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams Expenses			135.99
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00
Wybone Grit Bin	186.51	37.30	223.81

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting-

30.08.12 Hegarty Purchase of land	4624.00	94.20	4,718.20
Veolia Grass cutting	37.31	7.46	44.77

Payments to make from Burial Account- None

Income received into Burial Account – None

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES
Notice of Closure for the annual return has been completed and returned to Clement Keys in Birmingham

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mr T Tew, Heath Cottage, The Drift, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4EF
For extension and alteration to dwelling house and erection of a double garage with covered link.
Mr S Alexander, Siting of temporary mobile home to rear of existing farm buildings. Green Farm, Newstead lane, Belmesthorpe.
Mr R Dexter, Construction of single storey extension to rear of dwelling house 32, Rutland Way, Stamford, Lincs PE9 4ET
Mr D Patel, Erection of 1 No. two storey dwelling and detached garage – Land adjacent to 1, Back Lane, Ryhall

Outline Planning Permission - None
Listed Building Consent-Alterations –None

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area
Crown reduction to 1 No Walnut Tree Church Farm, The Square, Ryhall PE9 4HJ
Fell No 1 Ash Tree Mona House, New Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission
Mr I Bull - for siting of mobile Home land adjacent to Back Lane, Ryhall

Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None
Planning applications considered:
Construction of single storey extension to side of dwelling house following demolition of garage. 4 St John's Close, Ryhalll
Construction of two storey extension of dwelling house – 18 Turnpike Road, Ryhall
Installation of 4 double floodlights on 15ft aluminium poles, Belmesthorpe Stabling, Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe.
Construction of first floor extension to rear elevation The Dovecote, 4 Crown Street, Ryhall

OTHER BUSINESS

Post Office Service
The meeting discussed the recent changes to the postal service in Ryhall in some cases mail had not been delivered for four days. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Royal Mail to express concerns that the new system was proving haphazard and unsatisfactory to the extent it could affect trade and business in the area. The Parish Council felt it regrettable that the postman who had extensive knowledge of the local area had not been able to serve out his time in the village and had been moved to Stamford with forty weeks remaining before retirement. The Parish Council agreed that at present there appeared to be limited time for the new team to deliver the post whilst learning a new delivery route and this was not satisfactory.
Letter to be copied to Rutland County Council and Alan Duncan MP

Church Clock
Mr Fenn reported that the clock had stopped working and he is liaising with Smiths of Derby with regard a site visit from an engineer.

Litter Bin- the bin suggested for the green by the library has been diverted to the RMPF near the dug out where it appears to be very well used. If the RMPF committee could ' adopt' it then the Clerk could ask Rutland County Council to add it to their schedule for emptying.

Bridge at Belmesthorpe
Thanks expressed to the volunteers who had undertaken the renovation of the bridge.

Milepost on the A6121
Requires attention – Clerk to action

East Midlands Ambulance Service
Following notification of the consultation of changes to the East Midlands Ambulance Service (consultation runs from 17th September to 17th December 2012)it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Phil Milligan, Chief Executive to invite him to the October or November meetings.

Items for future meeting agenda
Risk Assessment

NEXT MEETINGS

At 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Ryhall

Wednesday 21st November2012
Wednesday 23rd January 2013