RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on
Wednesday 21st November 2012
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Mr N Bellairs
Mr R Rushby	Mr P Huddleston	Mrs B White
Mr G Lloyd	Ms R Miller	Mr A Gombault

Twelve members of the public were in attendance for the presentation

APOLOGIES Mrs C Vernon, County Councillor and Mrs S Smith

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 & Supplier of produce to village shop
Mr R Rushby – NHW
Mr N Bellairs – RMPF and Parkfield Road resident, EMAS employee
Mr G Lloyd – Francis Court
Mr A Gombault- NHW
Ms R Miller – Parish Plan
Mrs B White- Francis Court & Spire Homes

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Gombault and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2012 were a true record, with the amendment that the White Bridge at Belmesthorpe was not painted by volunteers but by Rutland County Council at the request of Mr Gombault.

It was proposed by Mr Rushby, seconded by Mr Lloyd that the Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 25th October 2012 were a true record. All in favour. NB and CP abstained.

EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE PRESENTATION

A&E Operations in Lincolnshire attended the Meeting to talk about the Public Consultation has been launched by the East Midlands Ambulance Service

Lynn Rutland – Service Delivery Manager and Steve Kennedy – Operational Support Manager explained about the regional service that serves 4.8 million population, with 2700 staff, 66 stations, taking 776082 calls per year and making 592639 responses.. Ms Rutland highlighted the services offered , the history and achievements relating to target and times. As a Trust as a whole they are not achieving their national performance in standards A8 and A19 and demand is increasing year on year by 5 – 7%. The Trust recognises their funding issues and must spend the public money wisely. Under the new proposals, hubs would replace current stations with pods as small bases for the ambulance crews . The proposed hubs are computer generated based on figures were shown on a map of Lincolnshire, but they could not show the meeting the proposed hubs for Rutland. Since the Consultation began much comment has been received on the locations of the hubs and all proposed sites are under review. Ms Rutland said they welcome comment from local residents on this issue. Ms Rutland stressed that the level of ambulance cover will stay the same with investment in the ECP's and Urgent Care ambulances. Paramedic skills would

be put to better use and urgent care ambulances will be utilised for non emergencies like taking people to hospital. Under the new proposals a ' make ready 'team will stock and clean the ambulances not the paramedics at the newly established hubs where vehicles will also be mechanically serviced in the future. Staggered shift patterns will ensure robust cover, at present there are not enough staff to man the ' spare ' ambulance capacity.
Questions from the floor included the sale of the 66 ambulance stations and where the money would go. There is a suggestion of sharing facilities with the fire brigade and hospitals as bases. The Parish Council asked for a breakdown of facts and figures to ascertain the level of service currently experienced - Ms Rutland said she would contact the Business Intelligence Service for the accurate figures then went on to explain about the new electronics patient report forms and ' exciter's 'which microchip and log the trolleys coming in and out of hospitals to relieve the problem of paramedics and ambulances waiting at hospitals.
Ms Rutland confirmed that the results of the consultation with will be made public before a decision is made by the Board. The consultation ends on 17th December 2012 and feedback can be made via phone 0800 917 9911, email beingthebest@emas.nhs.uk, online at www.emas.nhs.uk .Mr Mick Jones is the Service Delivery manager in Rutland.
The Chairman thanked Ms Rutland and Mr Kennedy for their time and informative presentation. After they had left the meeting, it was agreed to submit a collective response from the Parish Council requesting that EMAS revisit their suggestions for the location of the hubs. The Parish Council do not consider that the current locations serve our area.

MATTERS ARISING

Redundant Phone kiosk
This was due to be re moved in November but will now be 2nd December.

Open Spaces update
Rutland County Council confirmed that the application will be processed and they hope to be able to advertise the notice of an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green (Form 45) in the Stamford Mercury sometime between now and Christmas They will also be writing to a statutory list of consultees, the registered land owner and immediate neighbours. Copies of the parish council application will be made available for inspection on our website, Council Offices, Oakham and also at Ryhall library. There will be a six week consultation period following which the application along with any representations will be presented at the Development and Control Licensing Committee for a decision to be made on the application.

Royal Mail response
The Parish Council received the standard reply letter suggesting that customers who were experiencing problems with their delivery to contact them directly with dates ,times etc.

New Christmas lights for Tree in Square
The new LED lights have been installed in the tree and will be lit for the month of December. The Parish Council thanks Mr Richards for supplying the electricity.

Gate to Fields by RMPF – no action at present by RCC on this gate

AGENDA ITEMS

Precept for 2013/14
Councillors issued with copied of information on Precept Setting and Disclosable Percuniary Interests (DPI's)
They were also issued with 'Openness and Transparency on personal interests' (a guide for Councillors) and the Dispensation Request Form. Mr Parsons will ascertain the exact protocol for disclosing interested prior to the next meeting.

At the January meeting Councillors will be discussing the precept request that the Parish Council submits to Rutland County Council. Any organisation who might wish to submit a request for funding to the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for a standard application form. Requests need to be made by 1st January 2013 to allow time for consideration.

Vicarage Wall and access to school
Rev McKee had brought this ongoing issue to the attention of the parish council. Mr Parsons reported that the Head of Property Services at Rutland County Council was checking with the Diocesan Office as to their level of contribution toward the repair of the wall and the Rutland County Council would complete the remaining works to the wall and the road surface. This issue will be going to Cabinet next week and full Council in January 2013 and it is included in the Forward Plan 'Roadway to Ryhall School'.

Rutland County Council Site Allocations and Policies - Phase 2 Consultation –Following the extra ordinary parish council meeting held on Thurs 25th October, the Parish Council completed the response form. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed to include comments on the SP21 Important Open Space and Frontages and SP 23 Landscape Character in the Countryside. (One abstained CP)

Public Transport Questionnaire – completed. Noted that the Parish Council were keen to have additional transport and were willing to survey residents to ascertain potential usage. Noted that Ryhall have access to the Stamford Community car Scheme. Further comment made on the Friday bus service being removed and requested it is re-instated .

Cemetery Issues
Grazing Licence.
It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs White and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council levy a an annual fee of £10.00 for the grazing rights to the land recently purchased form Mr Flint for future burial ground extension. Mr Flint will continue to graze his sheep on the land until such time that it is needed by the Parish Council in the future. Then a post and rail fence will be erected. The Grazing Licence will be a formal document prepared by the Solicitor.

Hedges and maintenance.
The clerk reported on the recent maintenance and tree / hedge cutting. Rutland County Council as owners of the current cemetery have been asked to ascertain ownership of the right hand side boundary as this needs to be cut.

Removal of the Clay Pile
The Clerk had produced options for the removal of the clay pile as Mr Flint had offered to undertake the work with his digger and tractor and trailer and charge £100 for the day's labour and transport to Bourne. Bourne Skip Hire(who are the only local company able to dispose of clay) would charge £15 per ton to dispose of clay and there is approx 20 tons of clay to be removed. However it transpired that two skips at £130 plus VAT per skip from Bourne Skip Hire would be the more cost effective option. Mr Flint will still undertake the work for a nominal charge of £40.00. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed unanimously to the option of the skip hire.

Bus parked in the lay-by.
It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed unanimously that the Clerk will write to the bus company on this issue and copy in Rutland County Council as the landowners of the cemetery.

Donation of new bench-
The Parish Council thanks the Cavendish Gospel Hall Trust for the offer to donate a new bench for the village. It was suggested by Mr Lloyd to locate it on the grass area on the

junction of Mill Street and Turnpike Road facing the fields looking towards the village. it could then benefit walkers and people waiting for the bus. Ms Miller suggested on the Green area by Parkfield Road to benefit the many users of the green. At the vote 5 in favour of Turnpike, 2 in favour of Parkfield Road. PH and ES abstained.

Flagpole Update
The necessary documentation for the erection of a flagpole on the grass area by the Library has been completed and will now be submitted to planning for approval. The fee for planning permission was £85.00.

Allotments
The sale of produce in the village shop in the summer transpired to be a breach of the Tenancy Agreement and has now ceased. There was an argument for adjusting the tenancy agreement to allow for excess produce to be sold to purchase seeds for the forthcoming season but it would be difficult to monitor if on a commercial basis. Mr Lloyd to discuss with the allotment committee, who are also working on producing a Constitution to include a communal shed and toilets.
The working party have cut back the internal hedges and the Minutes of the recent meeting are included at the end of the Parish Council meeting Minutes.

Belmesthorpe Street Light
E-on have stated that the street light by the Blue Bell Public House requires replacing .To replace the cracked column with a new 5 metre steel column complete with a 36 watt PL (low energy) white light lantern and all night photocell and remove and dispose of old column would be £465.00 plus VAT. To transfer the low voltage underground service from old to new column would be £248.00 plus VAT. Mr Gombault proposed to undertake this opportunity to upgrade the streetlight to something more in sympathy with the Blue Bell Inn, which is a listed building. Metcraft supply a cast iron, " Victoria" lantern with ladder bar and column, and have been installed by Oakham Council by the bandstand in the castle area. The lantern is attached to a standard metal column, and a photocell comes with the light for an extra £22.80. Current delivery time is January.

Mr Gombault has spoken to a number of village residents and the response to this proposal has been wholly favourable. There is a surplus from the Diamond Jubilee events, which the Organising Committee are willing to use to make up the difference (likely to be around £400) over above a like-for-like concrete replacement. Whilst the lantern and fittings come ready finished, the column is only primed and would have to be painted: the Jubilee Committee would ask that the Council take responsibility for this aspect, as well as routine maintenance in the future.
The Committee believes that this improved amenity will greatly add to the ambience of the Shepherd's Walk area and thereby give pleasure to all those who regularly walk or drive through it.
Therefore it was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed to replace the light, either with or without the ' Victoria' lantern. The view of E-on would be needed regarding the inclusion of the Victorian light. GL voted against, RM abstained.

RMPF – dog bylaws and signage
The clerk had replies from neighbouring parish councils about dogs on leads on public land but it was not conclusive. At the insurance training event she attended, it was established that the Parish council cannot be deemed negligent for any outcome relating to dogs off leads. It is the responsibility of the owner of the dog to ensure that the dog is managed. More advisory signs were suggested by the insurance company. It was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed in principle to three signs for the Playing Fields at a reasonable cost. It was agreed to re-visit the suggestion of creating a dog on leads bylaw at the next meeting.

Profiles of Councillors in the Village News

Ms Miller had suggested this as Ketton Parish Council had produced their profiles. However,it was agreed to update the list of Councillors with a photograph for the Notice boards but not the Village News. Mr Huddleston (Mediawaves) will produce the updates as previously agreed following the election.

OTHER MEETINGS

Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

National Grid proposed electricity substation as part of the Network Rails upgrade of the East Cost Mainline. Thursday 8th November – report by Mr Gombault & Mr Parsons

The site answers a requirement by British Rail for the upgrading of the East Coast main line. The proposed site has been chosen because it lies half way between the two nearest sub-stations and sits in a rural area well away from inhabited dwellings. It is equidistant from the three nearest villages.

The installation work will be disruptive for a few months. After completion, there is likely to be little impact on the community. The site will normally be unmanned and visited only for maintenance purposes. The impact on the skyline will be minimal, due to the underground nature of the bulk of the infrastructure and the extensive landscaping around the site. The low level humming noise will be inaudible from any distance. The site will be surrounded by a 2.4 metre palisade

Rutland Neighbourhood Watch AGM – report by Mr Gombault

Overall the crime statistics for Rutland represent a twenty three year low with two thirds od crimes detected. Crimes rates from 1st April to 12 November are down by 13.6%. From January2013 the policing structure will be altered with Melton and Rutland stations joining together. Laurie Appleton will be Ryhall's Beacon Officer as the main point of contact.

Parish Forum Update –report by Mr Rushby

The notes from the meeting will be circulated. Key issues were the maps of green lanes in Rutland, Transport Hub and Tourist Groups in Oakham.

Insurance Matters training sessions Assessment of Risk, Public Liability and Events Management

2nd Session Fidelity Guarantee, Officials Indemnity and Libel and Slander report by Mrs Adams. This was a comprehensive training course covering a wide range of issues. It was agreed to seek a quotation for insurance for 2013/14 from the course facilitators, Came and Company. Mr Lloyd offered to accompany Mrs Adams and represent the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Emailed & Circulated to Councillors

Friends of Evergreen – Leaflet 4.10.12
Rural Community Council – Offer of free training and Info to Rural Communities.
Sir Clive Loader – Police Commissioner Election
CMI East Midlands Invitation to Rutland Hustings 23/10/12
Site Allocations and Policy Doc 10/10/12
VAR Community Outlook Newsletter 23/10/12
RCC invitation to Developing Local Solutions event 28 /11/12
Consultation on Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document
29.10.12 Branchline Magazine
Rutland Link Health watch event
Energy in Rutland Event 7 November
5.11.12 RCC Conduct Committee Meeting Agenda
5.11.12 RCC Minutes of the Parish Forum
7.11.12 Rutland NHW Association
LRALC Social Enterprise Training

Rutland Annual Intercultural Lecture
08/11/12 River Welland Trust Community Meeting
Update on Village Greens – 12/11/12

RCC Identifying Essential Infrastructure to support Housing and Employment Growth
Input needed by 21st December

Precept Setting and Disclosable Percuniary Interests (DPI's)
Openness and Transparency on personal interests (a guide for Councillors)
Dispensation Request Form

Income received into Parish Account

Allotment rents				495.00
(need to refund Mr Morgan 7.50)				

Payments made since last meeting

Anglian Water Allotment tap			61.29	
Mrs C Adams October Salary			408.37	
Lamin & White Admin fee	30.00	6.00	36.00	
Ryhall Methodist Hall Hire of Hall			15.00	
Fenland Leisure Products (Play equipment)	1,599.81	319.96		1,919.77
Veolia ES (UK) August Grasscutting	82.98	16.60	99.57	
Veolia ES (UK) September Grasscutting	124.59	24.92		149.51
Smiths of Derby Clock repairs	150.00	30.00		180.00
Eon Ltd Quarterly electricity	470.38	94.08		564.46
Mrs C Adams November Salary				408.37
Mrs C Adams Expenses including travel to Anstey			117.48	

It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by mr Bellairs and agreed to pay:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
E-On 4 sets of LED Christmas Lights	527.00	105.40	632.40
Rutland County Council Planning Permission fee		85.00	
LRALC Delegate Fee		50.00	
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00
Mr Morgan refund on allotment			7.50

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting-

25.10.12 Veolia ES (UK) August Grass cutting	24.50	4.90	29.40
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Payments to make from Burial Account-

Veolia Cutting Trees and spraying weeds	260.00	52.00	312.00
Veolia Strimming and grass cutting	37.31	7.46	44.77
Mr D Toone Burial Administrator			750.00

Income received into Burial Account

12.11.12 A E Bryatt 56.00
M Plant 56.00
P Plant 57.00
19.11.12 Commonwealth War Graves commission £24.00

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES
It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to approve a voucher for Mr Elsigood (£50)–for the internal audit of accounts and a voucher (£25.00) for Mr Richards for electricity supply for Christmas tree lights.

PLANNING
Full Planning Permission granted

Mr Dave Ralph, The Dovecote, 4 Crown Street Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HQ
Construction of first floor extension to the rear elevation of the dwelling house.
Mr & Mrs Hastings, 5 Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR for construction of extension to first floor level to front (east) elevation of dwellinghouse.
Mr A Dolby, 18 Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE9 4HD for construction of two storey extension to the rear elevation of dwellinghouse.
Mr P Rickett, 4 St Johns Close, Ryhall Stamford PE9 4HS
Construction of single storey extension to the side (west) elevation of dwelling house following demolition of garage.

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

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission

Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None

OTHER BUSINESS

Francis Court
Mrs White noted that one flat has been empty for five months and that there is a new warden scheme pending. Issues such as emergency cords and the possible removal of the warden replaced with a phone system are due to be clarified with Spire Homes on 22 November 2012. Mr Parsons was asked to clarify who is monitoring Spire Homes and the care provision. Mr Lloyd noted an increase in rents even though this had not been expected for five years.

Speed Restrictions (Belmesthorpe)
Mr Gombault highlighted speeding issues along Main Street especially in the peak morning and late afternoon periods, and on the road leading South from the village towards Newstead, which at present has no speed restriction at all, despite the presence of houses and a number of livery and stock-keeping establishments along the route.
In the case of the Newstead Road, Mr Gombault proposed that a 40 mph speed restriction be imposed between Belmesthorpe village and Cobb's Nook corner. Clerk to write to Rutland County Council . Mr Lloyd suggested that the Jubilee Committee might consider using some of their funds to purchase gates and road ripples.

Highway issues
Parking across dropped kerbs and the white line on Coppice Road was noted, also access on the public footpath from Back Lane to Foundry Road. A new sign for St Johns Close has been requested from Rutland County Council.

Carol Evening – Ryhall Methdoist Church on 29th November 2012

PUBLIC TIME-

No issues/comments

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2013. The main agenda item will be the setting of the precept. Prior to that the Parish Council will meet on Thursday 17th January 2013 to discuss the requests submitted and budget forecast but no decisions will be made until the 23rd January meeting.
7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Mill Street, Ryhall.

Ryhall and Belmesthorpe allotment association
Minutes of the meeting of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe allotment association annual general meeting on Monday the 1st October 2012 7.30 at the Bluebell Belmesthorpe

Present Graham Lloyd (chair) Katherine Ayton, Sue and Wal Carpenter (committee) and 11 plot holders.
Apologies Dave Pearce, Karen Want, Mr Grainger and Paul and Andrea Atkins.

Re-election of allotment committee.
Graham, Dave, Karen, Katherine, and Wal and Sue agreed to stand again. There being no objections. The committee was formed for the following year. Eric Woods resigned from the committee and was thanked for his very valuable impute and help with the new tenancy agreements.

Financial report.
Katherine as financial secretary reported a healthy bank balance of £338.00. £38.00 which had been raised, by the bonfire celebration. And a £300 precept from the Parish Council. The precept was given to allow the allotment plots some cash flow for the organisation of future events. And plot improvements.

Allotment social committee.
It had been suggested to Graham that there were some plot holders who whilst not wishing to be part of the formal allotment committee would be interested in organising some social events in a more informal way. Hopefully the next event will be a bonfire party. Any future events will be posted on the notice board.

Re-numbering of plots.
Simon had suggested that the plots be re-numbered as there seemed confusion about plot numbers. Karen had drawn up a new plan with the help of Google earth. It was felt that just re-numbering the plots could cause even more confusion. It was agreed that each plot would have a numbered post put in the corner (the committee to organise) with the plot number on it. This should stop future confusion.

Allotment working party
Last years working party was a great success with the double bonus of having a tidy allotment plot and saving the Ryhall and Belmesthorpe ratepayers some money. This year plot holders have maintained their boundaries well and the task should be much simpler. The committee are holding a working Party on Sunday the 14th October at 10am which should not last longer than two hours. All help will be gratefully received. Please bring any suitable tools for hedge trimming and grass trimming if you have them.

Any other Business.
Bonfires. The guidelines for the lighting of bonfires on the plots, is laid down in the tenancy agreements. The committee would just like to remind plot holders that bonfires should be lit when the wind is blowing away from the surrounding houses and if possible at dusk when there is no washing out.
Rents. Concern was raised that rents would continue to rise year on year. Graham assured the plot holders that the agreement was that rents would only rise by £2.50 per year until 2014-15 when they would be £20.There is no agreement to raise rents past this date. The rents will then be a third of the current rent of a plot in Stamford. This year the rent per plot is 29 pence per week which represents good value.

Children on the plots.
It was agreed that children for safety reasons should only be on the plots when accompanied by an adult. Graham to organise signs for each gate to this effect.

The main Gate.
Catherine Gardener raised concerns over the lack of a padlock on the main gate and that it had dropped on its hinges and plot holders were not closing it properly. Discussion took place around the difficulties of continually replacing the padlock. The committee to investigate alternatives. And to try to lift the gate to its original position.

Scarecrow competition.
Geoff Brazier offered to donate a prize this year for the scarecrow competition in the spring. A suitable theme will be revealed soon. Watch the notice board for information.

New plot holders.
Graham welcomed all the new plot holders and commented that in spite of the difficult weather this year the plots are looking good. And hoped they would enjoy their time on the plots with a very friendly community.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30

The parish council have received a complaint that produce from the plots have been sold in the village shop. Whilst this is a good community project with local produce going to local people and very green as there are no air miles involved, plot holders are reminded that presently it is against the tenancy agreement to sell produce produced on the plots.