RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on
Wednesday 23 January 2013
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

Nine members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES – None

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 G Lloyd – Francis Court
Mr A Gombault- Belmesthorpe NHW
Ms R Miller – Parish Plan
Mrs B White- Spire Homes
Mr S Fenn- Allotments, Ryhall United Football Club

Dispensations
The paperwork regarding notification of dispensations was issued to all councillors. They duly completed the dispensation request form for the agenda item on precept setting and budget; as homeowners and council tax payers in the parish. The Dispensation is sought for a period of four years up to May 2014. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed unanimously to pass a resolution to approve the dispensations.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr Gombault seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2012 were a true record. SF abstained

MATTERS ARISING

Open Spaces update
Rutland County Council advised on 20 November 2012, that due to staff resources they would not be able to advertise the Coppice Road village green application prior to Christmas. RCC will endeavour to progress the application and advertise this as soon as possible in the New Year. Clerk to email again and Mr Parsons to contact directly to ascertain progress.

East Midlands Ambulance Service Update
The Parish Council response was submitted on 14th December, copy to all Councillors, but to date no response has been received. It was understood that following the consultation, the Board decision has been deferred until spring 2013.

Rutland County Council Public Transport Questionnaire
The Parish Council completed this at the previous meeting, but no response to date.

Local Plan Site Allocations and Policies Development plan
An email of 15th January 2013, notified that the Council has published a summary of the comments received in response to consultation on the "Preferred Options" version of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD in October-November 2012.
The summary document can be viewed and downloaded on the following page on the Council's website and is available for inspection at the Council Offices in Oakham and at the libraries in Oakham, Uppingham, Ketton and Ryhall:

http://www.rutland.gov.uk/local_plan/site_allocations__policies_dp/preferred_options/summary_of_responses.aspx

A total of 166 written responses to the consultation were received from a total of 162 individual people and organisations. All the comments received will be considered by the Council in preparing the next "Proposed Submission" version of the document.
It is intended that consultation on the Proposed Submission document will take place in April-May 2013 prior to it being submitted to the government for public examination later in 2013.

Vicarage Wall and access to school
This issue has been referred to the Diocesan office by Rutland County Council. It was due to go before cabinet in January 2013 but Mr Parsons reported that this was deferred to February. He will contact Property Services to seek an update on action required and will request an email response to the Clerk.

Snow Warden
The Parish Council thanked Mr Link, the snow warden. It was commented that he is doing an excellent job and is willing to take grit to routes where requested. It was noted that some residents have been accessing the grit from the hoppers, which is not for use on private drives but for the public footpaths only. Clerk to produce notices to place on every grit hopper advising of this. The grit hoppers have been replenished once by RCC if they require a third fill this will be billed to the Parish Council.

AGENDA ITEMS

Decision on New Road Phone Kiosk
The invoice for £300 plus VAT annual sponsorship for the kiosk had been received. Members discussed the usage of the phone which amounted to 40 calls in the past year. Although the Parish Council were minded to provide a service for the community, the validity of paying this sum was debated in the light of modern times of mobile phones. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd that the kiosk be terminated for one year and possibly reconnected if there is sufficient demand. This was not seconded.
It was proposed by Mr Gombault to renew the sponsorship for one year from December 2012 to November 2013 and give the community nine months notice of the Parish Council intention not to renew again in November 2013 unless there was public demand. This was seconded by Mrs Smith. The Parish Council will inform parishioners of this decision by posters and an item in the village news. At the vote, nine in favour, one against (GL)

Precept Decision - January 2013
It was proposed by Mr Lloyd and seconded by Mrs White and agreed unanimously that the parish precept remain as last year – which would be the same for four years. Of this sum, £29,150 the running costs for the parish amounts to an estimated £17,000; the Clerk detailed the costs incurred by the parish on an annual basis
The reserves held in the high interest account have mounted due to no action taken on the playing fields roadway which was previously budgeted for. It was agreed that a

percentage of the reserves should be used for the maximum benefit of the parish for capital projects (not repairs or maintenance). The funding would have a cap of £10,000 maximum. The Parish Council will invite applications of capital projects to be considered at a separate forward planning meeting.

Village News Magazine.
The editors have requested a sum of £800 to put towards the deficit situation incurred of £1,400 for 2013. At the time of submitting the original request they were optimistic of gaining and retaining more advertising for 2013 but when advertising was complete for the year 2013 the magazine had lost several advertisers due to economic pressures and had not managed to gain new business.
The Parish Council were mindful of the appreciation of villagers of the magazine as a communication tool to the three villages and the hard work involved on a voluntary basis by the two editors. Ryhall Parish Council had originally contributed £1,500 to the start up costs and would not like to see its demise. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd to grant £600 to the Village News, there was no seconder.
It was proposed by Mr Gombault , seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to grant the £800 requested to help clear the anticipated deficit for 2013. The Parish Council had suggested that the Village News also approach the two other parish councils of Carlby and Essendine for support, and contributions from the churches might be another option

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
The Committee requested £1,953 for the purchase of tables and chairs to enhance their ability to let the pavilion for functions. The Parish Council agreed that the RMPF is a valuable asset to the community and the use of the fields and facilities to be encouraged, with investment. Various suggestions about extending the play equipment were discussed which may be a feasible community capital project for 2013. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to the above grant request. AG abstained.

Ryhall Library
RCC had forwarded a detailed analysis of the uses of the library over the past year. The Parish Council were keen to re-establish the Saturday opening times and this could be possible with a grant to cover the cost of staff. Volunteer staff was not an option, having been previously explored. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Gombault and agreed unanimously to invest £2,500 required for the Saturday opening for one year. Attendance on Saturdays would be carefully monitored. Saturday opening would be in addition to the Thursday evening. The Parish Council will promote the new times and the necessity to make everyone in the community aware of the necessity to utilize this facility. It was agreed to ask RCC to change the hours to 10- 1 pm on Saturday.

Ryhall United Football Club.
Mr S Fenn (Chariman of the Club) withdrew from discussion on this item and did not comment or vote.
Ms Miller joined the meeting at this juncture. She completed the Declaration of Interest Book and the Dispensation Form

Mr Fedasch reported on the Club last season - when the first team won the league and were promoted to Peterborough and District Football League Division One. They plan to improve the side and challenge for promotion to the Premier League.
There are rules in place with regard to changing room size, where the showers and toilets are situated, the number of shower heads etc. Currently, the pavilion/portacabin, is not of standard to allow the Club to enter the Premier League.
Taking this into account, the clubs plan for the future is to build a permanent extension building alongside the pavilion, with changing facilities which meet the FA regulations to allow our first team into the Premier league. This would also make the facilities more attractive to more teams to play in the village (more junior and women's teams)

The grant request of £1,500 match funding is so the money the Club raise can go towards the running of the club and any money from the Parish Council would go towards the project of improving the facilities.
AG remarked on the shortfall between revenue and expenditure and observed that this could be recovered by raising the match fees by one pound. On this basis, It was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed unanimously to this request.
SF abstained.

St John's Church PCC
The Committee have requested a grant of £4,500 towards the following required works Improve access to the bell chamber, repair fallen window louvres and replace, including bird-proofing £2,000-00. Test church electrics. Price unsure.
Clear moss from chancel gutters. £100-00. Eradicate growths from Spire. £2,000-00.
Repair and re-paint rainwater pipes; alter Chancel pipe and Vestry gutter and pipe. £3,000-00.
This is work that has to be done this year under The Inspection of Churches Measure.
The reserves of the Church were noted but the Parish Council were informed that this was allocated for the impending heating project. Mindful of the heritage of the building and to preserve it for future generations the Parish Council supported this request. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston seconded by Mr Parsons to allocate £2.000. There was a counter proposal by Mr Fenn , seconded by Mr Gombault to allocate half of the request at £3,500. At the vote 5 in favour, 6 against. For the first proposal 6 in favour , 5 against. Therefore the sum of £2,000 was agreed.

Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Watch. The request for £100 to fund the printing of the NHW newsletter, the lunch club menus, and the purchase of a further quantity of spring bulbs to plant around the village was submitted. It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed could be funded from reserves.
Taking into account the estimated running costs and grant- the total was £23,300 – the request will be submitted for £29,150 minus the Local Council Tax support grant of £2,322.70

RMPF – Dog bylaws and signage
This item will be revisited at the next meeting.

Cemetery
Purchase of Land - The Clerk reported that the completion statement and official copy of the register of title for the purchase of land at Ryhall for the cemetery extension had been received from the solicitors. Hegarty are yet to receive the Grazing licence
Clay soil Pile - due to the excessive wet weather grooves in the grassed area since the clay pile had been removed were evident, Mr Bellairs to reassess following the recent snow.

Bus parked in Lay-by - The Clerk read out the letter sent from RCC to the bus driver which indicated that there are no parking restrictions unless the vehicle is causing an obstruction to other uses of the highway. The Parish Council felt that it was an obstruction as the lay-by was built for the purpose of accommodating visitor' cars and it was not appropriate to have a bus parked there, particularly at weekends. The Parish Council will write to RCC to ask that the bus company desists from parking there in the future as a gesture of respect to the users of the cemetery.

Licence & Installation of new bench
It was agreed in principle to fund the setting of the donated bench on the green area by Mill Street junction. Mr Fenn had verbally submitted a price as a ball park figure for this work. This was discussed but according to standing orders two further quotes should be

sought. Rutland County Council had sent a licence for the Parish Council to complete prior to any action.

Flagpole Update
Rutland County Council is unable to grant a licence for erection of a flagpole on the grass by the library and advised the Parish Council to identify alternative sites. The County Council is undertaking a review of all of property assets and this site has potential for more efficient and cost-effective utilisation. Alternative sites could be the grassed area at the end of St Johns' Close or the green space opposite Francis Court. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Belmesthorpe Issues
Street Light - With the costs to replace the cracked column with an antique lantern embellishment deemed prohibitive, the suggestion of locating lights on the two strategically placed BT telegraph poles on Shepherds Walk was discussed. AG commented that lighting in Belmesthorpe could be improved and this would be an opportunity to do this. He would approach BT for their comment and suggested that there may be some funding available from the County Council at the end of the financial year.

Railway Line activity -The new owners of the land have cleared the area and taken back the vegetation. In a letter read out by AG, it was stated that the owner has no plans at present for any development and will restore the gates. It was noted that Belmesthorpe is a restraint village and any future development would be infill.

Water problem at east of village - Rutland County Council wish to install a drain chamber on the site of the redundant phone kiosk to alleviate the water problems; this would be undertaken in the new financial year so it was imperative that the kiosk is removed before 1st April 2013.

Speeding issues - Initial comment had been submitted to RCC by the Clerk after the last meeting, it was agreed to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Grit Bin - Purchase of a grit bin for the east end of Belmesthorpe – to be discussed at next meeting

Ash Trees - AG brought the meetings' attention to the infected ash tree alert in the press. It is the responsibility of the landowner whether the local authority, highways agency or a private household to deal with the diseased trees. It was agreed that Mr Bellairs as Tree Warden would undertaken a visual check of the trees on the perimeter of the RMPF and that the Clerk would highlight this to Rutland County Council.

OTHER MEETINGS

Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.
Mr R Rushby hopes to attend the next Parish Forum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Emailed & Circulated to Councillors
Welland Rivers trust 8-11-12
Welfare reforms VAR 30-11-12
LRALC Precept setting and Dispensations 6-12-12 and 3-12-12
Removal of trees in old Cemetery 6-12-12
Spire Homes Housing Crisis 22-11-12

Rutland Annual Intercultural Lecture 7-11-12
RNWA Updating report 19-12-12
LRALC Training Social Enterprise 7-11-12
VAR Grassroots Meeting 26-11-12
RCC Developing Solutions 26-11-12
RCC Welfare Reform Workshop 13-12-12
Voluntary Newsletter 14-0113
Arts in Rutland Meeting Achievement Awards 2013 – 11-01-13
LRALC Code of Conduct training revised date
LRALC Neighbourhood Planning Event
RCC Weekly Update

To consider:
Rutland Community Spirit – offer to attend meeting. Declined
From Resident – village issues to be considered, copy of the letter to all Councillors for their consideration. Mr Rushby offered to investigate the first two points, check with highways. To discuss at the next meeting. Clerk to ask RCC to action the repainting of 'SLOW' on roadway in The Square.
From RCC - Bus Stop Enhancements for 2013. It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to ask Rutland County Council to consider a bus shelter on the corner of Turnpike Road at the bus lay-by. RM,PH and AG abstained.
Energy Action of Rutland – Training courses 11 or 27th February at RCC
RCC Social Fund Reform – also on Parish Forum agenda RCC invited parish councils to assist on a financial and administrative basis the social fund reform scheme. Copies of the letter and case studies had been distributed to all councillors. It was decided that Ryhall Parish Council did not have the resources to assist.

Veolia Grasscutting Quote
It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to the quotations from the current contractor - Veolila for grass cutting for the 2013 contract.
Meadows playing Fields Grass-cutting Fortnightly £ 23.97
Play Equipment strimming Fortnightly £13.13
Road way weed killing Monthly 25.11
New Cemetery site grass cutting Fortnightly £24.50
Cemetery Hedge Cutting 2 per year £71.30

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

Wayleave payment	5.75
Refund from RCC for flagpole planning permission	95.00

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**	
LRAPLC Delegate fee			30.00	
E-On Maintenance	281.76	56.35	338.11	
Anglian Water Allotment tap			44.73	
Mrs C Adams January Salary			408.37	
Lamin & White accounts	30.00	6.00	36.00	
E-On Electricity		470.38	94.08	564.46

Payments to consider & approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00

T & S Fenn – new handles on Notice board	20.00	6.95	26.95

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting-

Bourne Skip Hire	260.00	52.00	312.00
Mr J Flint for removal of clay			40.00
Anglian Water Burial tap			16.57

Payments to make from Burial Account - None

Income received into Burial Account – 10th December
M Plant 65.00
B Hawkins 65.00
W Allen 56.00
Refund from Hegarty Solicitors - £175 - the amount required to complete the Land Purchase as £4553.20 however £4718.20 was paid which was the total. The Land Registry payments were reduced in October by £10 so the fee reduced to £40 and not £50 as shown on the Statement.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted
Mr P Morriss, Walnut Cottage, Braceborough ,Stamford, Lincs for House type submission for 1 No. detached two storey dwelling on Plot 1 of planning permission FUL/2010/0654 Quarry barn, Essendine Road, Ryhall ,Stamford, Lincs PE9 4NT

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
Mrs Middlebrook, The Old Forge, Foundry Road, Ryhall PE9 4JA for Fell 3 No Silver birches, 1 No. Apple tree and 1 No. Box Elder
Mrs S Armstrong, Mona House, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL for fell 1 No. Ash Tree
Mr S Court, Rutland County Council for Various works to trees – Spinney adjacent to Spinney lane, Ryhall.
Mr A Hindmarch, South View, Mill Street, Ryhall PE9 4HF – Fell 1 No. Sycamore tree, 2 No Ash Trees and prune 1 No. Cherry Laurel f
Fell 1 Ash Tree – Mona House – New Road, Ryhall- Withdrawn

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- None

Erection of 6 metre fibre flagpole by Ryhall Library
Application not required as not a development.

Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning application - None
Planning applications considered:
Demolition of shop and outline planning permission for 2 No dwellings – Fancourts' Farm shop ,
The Square, Ryhall.
Ryhall Parish Council would want assurance that any development on this landmark site is in accordance with the style and character of The Square, which is circa 17th Century. The shop is in a key site in a conservation area in close proximity with a listed building (The Green Dragon Public House).
If it is seen fit to demolish, Councillors would want to ensure that the size of the new project and materials are in keeping with the older established buildings.

The Parish Council ask that the application is referred to Rutland County Council Planning Committee for full discussion.

PUBLIC TIME

On behalf of their various committees ,residents thanked the Parish Council for their precept grants
Venue for Gardening Club to meet. Club to liaise with RMPF to use the pavilion, although lighting could be an issue. This could be a capital bids project.
Gritting Routes - Bus routes are routinely gritted.
Commercial vehicles parking on residential roads – Clerk to ascertain the view of Highways department with regard to legality and visibility.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Parish Council to send a get well card to Mrs Stallon, a very regular observer of the Parish Council meetings.
St Ebbas Close – request for a grit bin – to be considered at a future meeting
Parish Plan update on next agenda
Parish Surgeries - RM suggested occasional surgeries to be held in the Library on a Saturday morning, whereby resident s could meet the councillors with their comments
Bus shelters on the A6121 – graffiti to be removed by RCC
E172 footpath – still under review by Rutland County Council
Dropped kerbs and white lines on Coppice Road – to progress

NEXT MEETING-

Members of the parish council will meet informally on Wednesday 13th February 2013 to discuss reserves and capital projects, a forward plan for the year and the logistics of the proposed Councillors' Surgeries. No financial decisions will be made, it is a meeting for discussion only.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday March 13th 2013 at 7.pm at the Methodist Church, Ryhall.