RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 25th January 2012 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Ms R Miller	Mr N Bellairs
Mr S Fenn	Mr R Rushby	Mr G Lloyd	Mr P Huddleston

12 members of the public were in attendance and Mrs Charlotte Vernon - County Councillor

APOLOGIES Mrs B White, Mrs S Smith sent apologies as Councillors.
Mr A Gombault representing the Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Watch and Jubilee Committee also sent apologies.

RESIGNATION

Mr Bob Gorman has tendered his resignation due to work commitments. The Parish Council will now declare a vacancy and have to wait a request for an election from 10 electors. If no request is forthcoming then co-option can be on a future agenda.

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 – Allotments, Parkfield Road resident
Mrs Sismore- Ryhall School PTA
Mr Bellairs- Playing Fields, Parkfield Road resident & Jubilee Committee
Ms Miller – Fun Squad and Parish Plan
Mr Huddleston – Village Hall. RMPF, Newsletter, Park field Road resident
Mr Parsons- RMPF
Mr Fenn – Ryhall Football Club and Allotments

GREEN OPEN SPACES

A resident brought the Parish Council's attention to the Open Spaces Society Booklet – a guide to law and procedure for town and village greens and how to register them. The website is www.oss.org.uk and it was suggested that the Parish Council consider joining the society . The Coppice Road green is deemed to fulfil the criteria to be registered as an open space, in that it has clear boundaries and had been used for recreational purposes for over 20 years. It was agreed to circulate the booklet. Mr Lloyd and Mr Rushby offered to form a delegation to prepare a report in advance of the next meeting in March when this item will be on the agenda.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

The next formal stage for the LDF Site Allocations and Policies Plan is for Rutland County Council to publish a 'Preferred Options' plan. They are aiming to publish this June/July this year. This is the final public consultation stage leading to adoption following a public examination to consider unresolved objections.

At present Rutland County Council are processing all the responses received to the Issues and Options consultation document and should be in a position to provide a summary of the results in a few weeks time.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9th November 2011

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed that the Minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. 7 in favour, one abstained (SF)

MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Lane – The Vicar reported to the Clerk that a conservation officer had inspected the vicarage wall but there had been no progress with regard its repair. The issue of the ownership of the lane continues, with no department seemed willing to take responsibility for this. The Diocese is having a further meeting on this issue on 9th February. It was suggested that the PC ask the School to contact the Diocese to continue to press for a result.

Redundant Phone kiosk -Following a request for action from the Parish Council, BT had stated that there are no current plans to remove the Kiosk at Belmesthorpe .The PC agreed to contact BT again to press for its removal.

Library opening hours update
Rutland County Council is monitoring the library use rate at present, and at the end of January will have the results for a Quarter of the year using the new pattern. To date, there are no clear results from this short period of operation. Total visits in November 2011 were lower than for November 2010, as might be expected; however there were actually more visits in December 2011 than in December 2010, despite the lack of evenings and Saturdays. RCC will therefore continue to monitor visits for January and February, and then review whether an alteration to the pattern might be required.

Paint recycling scheme - No progress to report

AGENDA ITEMS

PRECEPT REQUESTS

The Parish Council were keen not to increase the precept request to RCC despite rising costs. The running costs were estimated to be £15,000 per annum plus additional costs of maintenance for trees and hedges.

Ryhall Parish Church.
The PCC requested a precept donation of £6,000 for works to the church after the recent inspection. It was noted that the Parish Council had granted £12,700 over the past ten years to the Church. It was proposed by Mr Fenn to grant the PCC £3,000. This was not seconded. It was proposed by Mr Huddleston to grant the PCC £2,000. This was seconded by Mr Bellairs. At the vote, 7 in favour, one abstention (GL)

Ryhall Village Hall
This year the hall is self sufficient and did not seek a precept donation.

Methodist Church.
Request a precept donation of £500 to fund a new heater for the chapel at a cost of £1750. As the Methodist Church are funding the majority of the project it was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed unanimously to donate £500 towards the heater.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
The Committee asked for £3,000 for ongoing running costs maintenance and repairs. Future replacement of the play equipment following a ROSPA report, will require capital reserves. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to support the RMPF with a tangible specific project. The ROSPA report has indicated works required to most of the equipment. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, to ring fence a gifted amount to the Committee to purchase the toddler swings that are needed. This was not seconded. It was proposed by Mr Fenn that the PC would purchase the equipment up to £1,700 excluding VAT. This was seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed unanimously.

Alllotment Association
The Association asked for £300 to set up their own account and work towards self sustainability. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Ms Miller. At the vote, 6 in favour, 2 abstained (SF and GL)

Ryhall United Football Club
Requested £1,000 which would pay for the cost of the pitch and pavilion rental, to help the club break even throughout the year, whilst trying to keep costs down. The club does do fundraisers and charge match subs etc. The Parish Council commended the club for doing a very good job and bringing sport back to the playing fields.
It was proposed by Mr Lloyd and seconded by Mr Bellairs to match fund the monies raised by the Club to the maximum of £1,000. The Treasurer would produce evidence/ bank statements of the amounts raised then the PC would match it commencing in April 2012. At the vote, all in favour, one abstained (SF)

Ryhall Jubilee Committee
The Committee have already raised £1,069 in a variety of fundraisers and have more planned to be able to host a free village event for all ages and bring the community together. This will include a children entertainer, hog roast, disco and Ryhall Olympics, commemorative mugs.
Any funds remaining after the event would be donated back to the Parish Council to purchase tangible items such as commemorative trees or benches. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mr Lloyd to match fund what has already been raised to the maximum of £1,000. At the vote, all in favours one abstained (NB)

Belmesthorpe Neighbourhod Watch
The NHW Committee have asked for £120 towards the newsletter and purchase of bulbs. It was proposed by Mr Rushby and seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed unanimously to donate this on the production of receipts as in previous years.

Jubilee Committee Belmesthorpe.
The Committee requested £200 towards the porta-loos needed for their Jubilee Event. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd and seconded by Mr Bellairs to offer to match fund this amount as with the Ryhall Jubilee Commitee. At the vote, 5 in favour, 3 abstained (RM,CP and PH)
The Committee requested £3,000 to purchase a village sign for the Jubilee year. The PC unanimously agreed it was not possible to grant this as they would need to fund a similar sign for Ryhall and there were not the funds available.

Bus Shelter – outside Francis Court Rutland Way
RCC have offered to pay for a new bus shelter at a cost of £5,000. Ryhall PC would have to pay the installation costs of £500. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd and seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed unanimously to fund this amount. Spire Homes have consulted with the residents and yielded a favourable response. Spire Homes has no objection with the following clauses;
Consultation carried out with the adjacent owner-occupiers and their response is favourable, (the Clerk had written to the four neighbouring properties to inform them of

the proposal. No objections have been forthcoming); the proposed shelter is sited where agreed at the site meeting between the Clerk and Spire Homes. No costs are incurred by the Association either now or in the future and that Spire Homes has the right to ask the Parish Council to remove the structure at any point in the future and make good.

Street Lighting 2012.
The Parish Council will complete the final two upgrades of two lights – outside Ashley Green Belmesthorpe and the last one on the road to Ryhall at a cost of £525 each plus VAT. It was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed unanimously to these upgrades.

Final Precept request
It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed unanimously to request a precept amount from Rutland County Council of £29,150 as last year with no increase. This would leave approx £4,000 operating costs for funding additional items - tree and hedge cutting in the parish.

Village Hall sound system / audio loop.
Mr Huddleston, representing the Village Hall Committee put a request before the Parish Council. Bolstered by funds from the Ryhall Pantomime productions, the Committee were keen to use the monies to specifically purchase an audio loop for the hard of hearing and sound system. The overall cost was put at £5,909.59. However, if it were gifted by the Parish Council to the Village Hall then the VAT which stands at £984.93 could be reclaimed. The Parish Council can claim back the VAT but the Village Hall cannot. Mr Huddleston asked the PC to consider this gift so that the VAT reclaimed could be used for the benefit of the community and help other organisations. He reminded the meeting that the Village Hall had not asked for any precept for 2012 and would not ask again in the foreseeable future unless there was a catastrophic emergency.
Various discussions arose about this request and the reserves in the Parish Council high interest account. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Bellairs that the PC would gift this money and make the purchase of the sound system for the Village Hall on the proviso that the Village Hall did not ask for any precept donation for the next three years. At the vote, 3 in favour, 3 abstained, 2 against, carried.

Changes to Winter Maintenance – Grit Bins
At the Formal Cabinet in November 2011, Rutland County Council decided that, during the winter season 2012/13 salt bins will only be filled three times free of charge after which Parish Councils will be charged for each subsequent refill at a rate of £50 per bin.

Tree assessment on boundary of allotments
The Parish Council have dealt with the immediate works to trees. To date the following works have been undertaken: trim the top and roadside of the mixed species hedge to the roadside , removal of the major deadwood from the Lime trees , fell to the ground the moribund beech, inspect all significant trees and report their health and condition with recommendations for future management. The report received from the tree care company suggests further works required. It was agreed to get two more quotations.

Bus stop St Ebbas Close
No progress to report – Mr Rushby to follow up

Cemetery Issues – Purchase of land
The purchase of the land to extend the new cemetery is progressing. The land will be purchased from funds in the burial accounts agreed at £ 3,600 plus clients costs and the Parish Council will be responsible for maintaining existing fencing and erecting and maintaining a stock proof post and rail fence where it presently does not exist. Until such time as the land is required the client will be permitted to graze the land at a nominal rent. A grazing licence will be prepared at a cost to the Parish Council of £250.

Street Lighting

1) Changing to part night photo cells

To change 83 parish owned lights to part night photocells (when the lights would go off from midnight till 5.30am then on again 5.30 till dawn) would cost £35.00 plus VAT each. To fit the retro gear for the 35 watt lights which would reduce electricity consumption by 50% using the new white lights would costs £98 per light plus VAT. The Clerk has consulted with Great Casterton Parish Council who did not proceed with the part night photocells. It was agreed to defer this item. GL, NB and SF will form a delegation to look into all costs and consulting the parish. This item to be on a future agenda.

2) Continuation to St Ebbas Close .

RCC state that they have no plans to extend the street lighting as part of the new development. The Parish Council agreed to a formal request for a street light.

3) BT Pole transfer.

The BT pole outside Dunster House, Foundry Road is due to be replaced. E-on quoted for a new pole bracket and lantern on the new BT pole when installed. To supply and install a new 1 Metre steel pole bracket complete with 36 watt low energy lantern (white light) controlled by an all night photocell on the new BT pole would cost £250 plus VAT. To transfer the low voltage electricity from the old pole bracket to the new pole bracket and to remove and dispose of the old pole bracket and lantern would cost £410 plus VAT. As this has to be done, it was proposed by Mr Fenn, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed unanimously.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 / Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods

The Woodland Trust if offering free community tree packs to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Spire Homes are co-ordinating this initiative. It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to apply. Trees could be planted at the new cemetery.

Litter Pick Initiative

Ms Miller reported that this will no longer be planned as it is a requirement of RCC to keep the streets of parishes free from litter. She had photographic evidence of the litter on Essendine Hill. The Parish Council agreed to press for more litter clearance.

At this juncture Mr N Bellairs left the meeting.

Un-adopted Roads

It was noted that in a Rural Community Council Magazine, Mr Jeremy Prescott of the Rural Community Council had promised to take up the matter of unadopted roads and was seeking a response from Leicestershire County Council Highway Adoption Agency. He will report back via the Rural Community Council.

OTHER MEETINGS

Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. Mr R Rushby reported on the Rutland Parish Forum held on16th January.

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Belmesthorpe NHW Update from Mr Gombault

From Rutland LINK – Event about Hospital Services – poster on Noticeboard. Seminar on 16th Feb 1.30 till 4.00 at Greetham Valley Hotel

From a resident – concerning horses on footpaths and the horse manure left behind on certain areas of footpath. The letter highlighted a directive, Laws HA 1835 section 72 R (S) A 1984 section 129 (5) which states' *You MUST NOT take a horse onto a footpath or pavement and you should not take a horse onto a cycle track. Use a bridleway where possible. Equestrian crossings may be provided for horse riders to cross the road and you should use these where available (Rule 27)'*
From a resident concerning bus stops – it was noted that at the ' hail and ride stops' it is likely that the stop may be muddy etc but the official stops would have clear access.
From RCC – free hand gritter – agreed to request one for the parish.
From RCC School Admissions Consultation 2013 – closes Mon 27 Feb
RCC Changes to School Transport Policy
From Chandlers Oil – re Oil Buying Groups- agreed that this was an interesting initiative but not a parish council led project as it could be seen to support one commercial venture over another.

Emailed to Councillors
Localism Act – NALC Breifing of 17 November 2011
LRP Rural Commissioning Plan 9 Feedback due on 27 Jan)
Cemetery Costs

Circulated 5 12.11.
Rutland CAB – New Service for Rutland Carers
LDF Site Allocation – Parish Council's Consultaion response
Rural Community Council – Green Directory 2011 and invite to Seminar of 2nd Feb
http://cccconference.eventbrite.com

20.12.11
Rutland Link
CPRE Planning Brochure
Standards Committee

09.01.12
Rutland County Council LDF Supplementary Planning Document Developer contributions to off site affordable Housing. Consultation from 12 January – 23 Feb.

18.01.2012
Townsweb Archiving services – promotional
Rural Community Council – Village Voice
South Kesteven DC – Grantham Area Action Plan Development Plan and DVD
LRALC- Rural Commissioning Plan -

23.01.12
RCC Standards Committee
CPRE Planning Brochureaudio

Income received into Parish Account

Two allotment rentals	25.00
RMPF Annual rental	10.00
Wayleave payment	5.75

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs C Adams December Salary	408.37
BT Kiosk payphone	360.00
Colemans photocopier cartridge	146.93
Mrs C Adams Expenses	145.33
Eon Quarterly Maintenance	339.62
Vouchers for Tim Elsigood and Mr Richards	75.00
Anglian Water allotment tap	34.82
Lamin & White for clerks salary tax	36.00
Hillfort Tree Care allotment perimeter boundary	648.00
Mrs C Adams January salary	408.37

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed to pay the following accounts.

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Eon for street lighting x 2 invoices			1,112.47
Ryhall Methodist Church 18th Jan			15.00
Ryhall Methodist Church 25th Jan			15.00
Mrs C Adams February Salary			408.37
RMPF for Fun Squad storage			40.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

RDC Rates for cemetery owed	4.67
Hegarty Solicitors for cemetery purchase	165.00
Veolia Weed killing	18.00
Anglian Water Burial Tap	18.96

Payments to make from Burial Account- None

Income received into Burial Account

War Commission	24.00

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Change of land use to equestrian and construction of stables, manege and associated works
Land off Newstead lane, Belmesthorpe, Rutland APP/2011/0715/PG

Removal of 2 No Plum Trees
1, St Johns Close, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4HS APP/2011/0763/APB

Construction of single storey extension to the west and rear elevations of dwelling house
16 Lea View, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4HZ APP/2011/0724/NT

Construction of single storey extension to the side elevation of dwelling and porch extension to the front elevation. 8 Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs APP/2011/0644/NT

Various alterations to dwelling house including construction of two storey extension to the south (side) elevation of dwelling house – Quarry Barn, Essendine Road, Ryhall APP/32011/0567/NH

Outline Planning Permission - None

Listed Building Consent-Alterations –

Mrs J Juggins, Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall Stamford Lincs for various internal and external alterations including removal of partition wall, alterations to store room and creation of new openings to alter internal layout, removal of outbuilding within courtyard to fit wood burning stove (revised proposal)

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area

Mrs J Thorpe, 29 Manor Road, Carlby, for Removal of 2 No Plum trees, at 1 St Johns Close, Ryhall.

Mrs Edmunds Mill Farm House, Mill Street Ryhall for establish a new framework for 1 no. Lime tree by shoot renewal, pruning, by reducing height of crown by approx 2m back to appropriate growth points and tip crown away from buildings back to tertiary growth points.

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission - None
Appeal Decisions- None
Withdrawal of planning applications - None

PUBLIC TIME

Request for a litter bin by the new bench, Mr Fenn to action.

OTHER BUSINESS

RCC Youth Services run by trained youth workers, are not returning to Ryhall for the next season as it was decided there was not suitable venue from which to operate from. Mr Parsons will check this with the RMPF at the next committee meeting.
However Rutland County Council state that they will always consider the young people in Ryhall when planning our outreach programmes and there is always a possibility of a Ryhall youth club in the future. The Parish Council were keen to support this initiative if another opportunity arose.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Ryhall Parish Council will be Wednesday 7th March 2012 . This will be the **Annual Parish Meeting** commencing at 7.00pm, followed immediately by the ordinary Parish Council meeting.