RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 28th July 2010 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mr P Finch	Mrs B White
Mrs S Smith	Mr R Rushby	Mrs S Hickman
Mr N Bellairs	Ms S Roberts (Youth Advisor)	

Ms C Jones – County Councillor and 6 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Mr P Huddleston, Mrs C Gardiner, Mr G Lloyd, Mr S Fenn

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 - Neighbourhood Watch & Parish Plan
Mr Bellairs - Playing Fields & Parkfield Road (resident)
Mrs Smith- Parkfield Road (resident)
Mrs White - Francis Court, Spire Homes and Disability Issues
Mr Finch – Allotments
Ms Roberts – BMX Track and Fun Squad (Youth Issues)

PUBLIC TIME

Community Right to Build
Mr Whowell highlighted the main issues of this new Government initiative which gives groups of local people the power to deliver the development that their local community wants with minimal red tape. He noted that this would have an effect on the work load of the local authority planning departments and offered to assist the parish council in an ex-officio capacity should Councillors require clarification and advise. Details on www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild

Broadband
Mr Parsons reported that he hoped the short presentation on high speed broadband would take place at the next meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed unanimously to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2010 and the extra-ordinary meeting held on 5th July 2010 as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway Issues
Following the dropped kerb audit, RCC are undertaking a number of dropped kerb improvements. It was reported that dropped kerbs would be welcomed on Coppice Road and Spinney Close. Mr Rushby to progress these requests.

Parish Walks Leaflet
Mr Rushby reported that the leaflet is being printed and he also hopes to establish a Guide/Map of the Walks possibly on a plinth near the Library if he is able to attract some sponsorship for this project. Working with RCC Footways Officer, it was hoped to create an improved circular walk linking footpaths E176 and E321 between Ryhall and Little Casterton.

Affordable Housing Update
The Housing Association are progressing the preparatory work for the planning application for the site on Essendine Hill. When formalities have been addressed there will be another consultation event to allow the community to comment on design, layout and materials. The initial design proposal is being revised. Any consultation would be in advance of the submission of the planning applications. RCC have been advised by the Homes and Communities Agency that there is no grant funding for new applications in the current financial year. Any submission would have to be in January 2011 for available funding for 2011/12 depends on the outcome of the comprehensive spending review in the autumn.
Ms H Violett will attend the next Parish Council meeting on 15th September 2010 to update.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
Rachel Miller has resigned from the RMPF Committee.
Sian Roberts would represent the Parish Council as Youth Advisor at future RMPF Meetings when youth issues are on the agenda.

Roadway Update. There was a sub meeting on 22nd July between two representatives of the Parish Council, the Clerk, the Contractor, Mr Begy and Ms Garland RCC and representatives of the RMPF Committee. Mr Begy issued a short email update on the situation. Wilmott Dixon are the contractors working on the refurbishments at the school over the summer holidays. RCC have entered into negotiations with them to fund the project as a community project. Wilmotts are due to report to RCC with a costed proposal and the sub group will meet again on Thursday 5th August. Wilmotts had requested the use of the roadway to access the school site over the summer, although initially they are using the Vicarage Lane entrance. As a gesture of good will, the Parish Council may consider granting this request depending on the outcome of their initial offers regarding the roadway. As there will not be a Parish Council meeting until September, it was agreed to delegate powers to the two members of the Parish Council who are representing at the sub meeting – Mr Parsons and Mr Rushby.

Fun Squad
Sian Roberts reported that she was no longer the Project Co-orindiantor and not involved with the Squad. Ashley Rolfe is now the co-ordinator; Rachel Miller is the

supporting adult. Following a short update, it was noted that the PC donation (May 2010) was held in the Parish Plan account for the purchase of equipment. Rachel had sent an update to inform that the Rutland County Council Youth Services Team manager would be meeting with the Fun Squad on 29th July for a Quality Assurance Meeting.

BMX Track

Options on the proposed track had been considered at the recent RMPF Committee meeting. Rachel Miller had sent an update. (1) In order to comply with Aon the insurers of the Playing Fields the track would have to be built by a qualified contractor at a minimum cost of £8,500 plus supply of soil locally. (2) Rachel Miller indicated that she had obtained a quote from an alternative insurer who would insure for £396 per annum.However this would necessitate changing insurers for all the Playing Fields cover.

The RMPF Committee felt unable to proceed with option 2 but could revisit when the Aon Insurance was due for renewal in 2011. The Parish Council agreed that the RMPF have two major projects at present – the roadway upgrade and concentrating on the pavilion refurbishment, both needing priority. Furthermore, issues such as the monitoring of the 7 -12 year old age bracket, the maintenance of the track, safety and usage implications needed to be resolved too. It was agreed to defer any decision on the BMX Track at the present time.

Gala Day Fundraiser

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with Mr Bellairs fundraiser idea. The stall will be manned in half hour sessions by Councillors; the clerk will co-ordinate the hamper prize. Councillors would personally donate a gift for the hamper.

Street Lights

(1)Three upgrades completed.

(2)Replacement of demolished light on Essendine Hill. A new column has been erected at a cost of £689 plus VAT, the nett amount to be re-claimed from the vehicle's insurance company as agreed.

(3) Electrical testing. Eon have issued a recommendation under BS7671 of the 17th Edition Wiring Regulations that all street lights should be electrically tested every 6 years. This would cost £10.00 plus VAT per light (Ryhall and Belmesthorpe have 85 lights under the parish remit). Eon offer a further service of producing and installing numbers to each street light when testing @ £2.00 plus VAT per light. It was agreed to ascertain what RCC's policy is with regard to the recommendation and if possible to seek a grant towards this testing.

Bench for location at the Library

RCC have confirmed they are able to grant a licence to the Parish Council to erect a bench on the green area owned by the County Council by the Library. They require details of the proposed bench and how it will be fixed to the ground. The Clerk had written to residents of Church Street and Vicarage Lane to inform them of this proposal. Two comments had been received and noted as not in favour of progressing. However, in light of the positive feedback from the Police at the previous meeting it was agreed to continue with the bench project, noting that its usage/location would be monitored. It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Hickman and agreed to present RCC with the details of a bench as on the RMPF (Approx £75.00) for their approval.

Purchase of Notice board for Belmesthorpe
The planning permission has been approved for a double door notice board in hardwood to be located in the same position as the old one. It was proposed by Mrs White, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to purchase @ 430 plus VAT. The Parish Council will ask Mr Fenn if he would position it on the wall. The old one would be offered to the RMPF committee for use on the pavilion.

Spire Homes Estate inspection
This will take place on 9th August. Mr Rushby and Mrs White will accompany the Officer on the inspection and will report at the next meeting.

Allotments
Mr Finch is Chairman of the Allotment sub committee. It was agreed to convene a meeting of the sub committee to review the allotment rents, the water consumption and additional costs incurred in operating the allotments facilities. The recent emergency works to two large trees abutting the allotments and therefore under the remit of the parish council had incurred an unexpected cost of £600 net. One beech had an aggressive fungus attacking the roots and had to be felled, the other was greatly crown reduced.

Cemetery – Belmesthorpe Lane
The Chairman reported that the planning permission for the cemetery extension was ongoing and hoped to furnish a more fulsome update at the next meeting. The problem of the black bin overflow could be resolved by obtaining a large bin which Mr Toone has offered to empty, thus saving the parish council the cost of £3.81 per fortnight for RCC to empty. Mr Parsons to action.

CORRESPONDENCE

From a resident concerning the wall along Vicarage Lane to school. It was noted that the wall is crumbling and the tree is dead, both requiring the attention of the Diocesan Office. Clerk to forward to the Diocesan Office & copy in the PCC and The Vicarage.

Letter of thanks from Highlands residents for the proposed grit bin. Noted again that this siting of this depends on the gritting routes. The winter maintenance schedule is due to be agreed at RCC shortly.

Two letters from residents concerning horse manure on footpaths. The Parish Council noted their concerns, however, the Parish Council had previously written a request to all horse owners in the parish in the spring about this issue. These letters were hand delivered by Mr Finch. It was agreed to put a note in the Village News requesting the assistance of horse owners again, although recognised that some would be outside the parish and not in receipt of the publication.

From Lincs CC – Preferred Minerals & Waste Strategies. Noted.
From SKDC – Core Strategy Development Plan – Adopted

From RCC – Call Connect Bus Service. Mrs White, who had initiated this service and attended the launch, noted that this is an excellent facility and should be embraced by users; she will draft a note for the Village News promoting the service.

From RCC – Best kept village judging has commenced.

From RCC – Notice of road closures 2nd Aug –Belmesthorpe Lane, Foundry Road and Mill Street

From RCC – Tree works in St Johns Close. RCC will be actioning works to two ash trees outside Number 13. RCC are proposing to reduce the height and spread by 15% and remove dead limbs in September/October.

From RCC Tree works in the Spinney. RCC are intending to carry out pruning and felling works within the spinney adjacent to the A6121 in September/October. The work will be felling and remove the dead branches & crown reduce. Fifteen tees will be felled. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council write to RCC to seek assurance that RCC will replant saplings to replace the felled trees.

On the subject of the Spinney, Mr Parsons assured residents that the Spinney and garage land was not transferred to Spire Homes in the recent transfer of land. Land remains under the ownership of RCC; the garages on the land are owned by residents.

Horse Chestnut Trees. Following a verbal query, the Forestry Officer at RCC had said the trees were suffering from horse chestnut leaf miner - the larvae of the moth mine into the leaf causing the disfiguration through out the country. There is no evidence that this can cause a decline to the trees health and should flush normally the following season.

Documents in circulation
Voluntary Action Rutland
Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Annual Report
Village Voice Magazine
LRAPLC – June Newsletter
From Rural Community Council – Application to be a trustee
RCC Standards Board

In circulation 23/7/10
Spire Homes Newsletter
RCC Forum Minutes
LAPLC Newsletter July
2011 Census Councillors Handbook

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account - None

It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to pay the following accounts.

Payments to approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams July Salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Hall			10.00
Mrs C Adams – Expenses			123.39
Eon Replacing demolished street light	689.00	120.58	809.58

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs. C Adams June salary			408.37
Rutland CAB Donation as agreed			50.00
Mrs B White travel expenses to training course			55.17
Nat Soc of Allotment Gardeners subs	55.00	9.63	64.63
Parish Plan – Fun Squad – donation as agreed			500.00
LRALC Delegate Fee for Mrs. White			15.00
Veolia Grass cutting (May)	57.86	10.15	67.99
Coleman's photocopier cartridge	122.44	21.43	143.87
Rutland Tree Care			
Emergency action to trees by allotments	600.00	105.00	705.00
Eon Energy for 3 street light upgrades	1,338.00	234.15	1,572.15
Ryhall Methodist Hall Hire			10.00
NALC – standing orders book as agreed			35.00
Anglian Water -Allotment Tap			54.84
E-on Repair	23.47	4.11	27.58
E-on Electricity	438.37	80.30	539.17
Veolia Grass cutting (June)	35.15	6.15	41.30

Payments made from Burial Accounts

04.06.10 Veolia Grass cutting April	23.79	4.16	27.95
23.06.10 Veolia Grass cutting May	23.79	4.16	27.95
19.07.10 Anglian Water Burial Tap			18.96
19.07.10 Veolia Weed spraying	19.00	3.33	22.33
19.07.10 Veolia Grass cutting June	23.79	4.16	27.95

Payments to be made from Burial Account

Mr W Field - Refund for Space 181 dated 1/3/94	75.00

Income received into Burial Account

06.07.10 S Bellamy	119.00
06.07.10 L Coulsey	50.00
06.07.10 R Fewings	264.00

VAT Claim submitted for £ 1,462.51
Claim for street lighting upgrades (x 3 lights) submitted to RCC for £669.00
Claim about to be submitted for demolished street light on Essendine Hill for £689.00

Financial Regulations

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Regulations in accordance with the audit regulations. It was proposed by Mr Finch, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to adopt the amendments to the financial regulations as detailed below as from 28th July 2010. Clerk to issue revised Financial Regulations to Members.
2.2 Deleted
2.5 Replace with 'The *Parish Council agree to form a Finance Delegation to prepare and plan a three year forecast of revenue at the sometime as the annual budget' 5.3 'Cheques shall be signed by two members of the Parish Council'* Delete section on countersignature by Chairman and Clerk.

Financial Sub Group

In the light of government financial constraints and the future comprehensive spending review due in October, it was agreed that the Parish Council should be

prepared for financial restrictions. Mr Parsons offered to chair a subgroup that could convene as and when required to formulate a three year contingency plan. Mrs Hickman offered to sit on this committee and it was agreed to invite the absent Councillors.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Ryhall Parish Council Replace existing notice board with larger two door notice board. Lilac Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe PE9 4JQ

Mr J Busby, 7 Meadow Lane, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs for Ground Floor extension to the front of the property.

Mr A Hindmarch, March House, New Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs for Construction of two storey extension to the rear south west elevation of dwelling – South View, Mill Street, Ryhall.

Mr J Whittingham, Castlerigg, Foundry Road, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4JA for erection of oak framed two bay open garage with store room above.

Mr J Goodliffe, Pingle Barn, Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe, Stamford, Lincs for Installation of 2 No skylights to the western roof slope.

Ms Morrow, Warren House, Witham on the Hill Road, Little Bytham for construction of single storey extension to the north and east elevations of bungalow at the rear of St Johns Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall.

Mr O Clarke,13, St Johns Close, Ryhall Stamford, Lincs PE9 4HS for Erection of two storey extension to the south elevation , single storey extension to the north elevation and enlargement of garage block: 25 New Road, Ryhall

Outline Planning Permission

Mrs S Steele, 2 Moray Close, Stamford Lincs for Outline application for erection of a two storey dwellinghouse and detached double garage. Land adjacent to 1 Back Lane, Ryhall.

Listed Building Consent-Alterations

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Notification of decision in respect of Section 211 Proposing works to a tree or trees in conservation area

Mr M Hindmarch, The Poplars, Foundry Road, Ryhall, Stamford, Lincs for crown reduce 1 No Walnut tree, Land adjacent to 17 St Johns Close, Ryhall **.**

Mr Edwards, Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall, Stamford, Lincs PE9 4HR for reducing the height of 12 beech trees

Refusal of Full Planning Permission

Mr N Palfreeman, 4 Gwash Close Ryhall for Erection of two storey detached dwelling with integral double garage (revised scheme) Former Old Mill, Mill Street, Ryhall

Appeal Decision.

Construction of vehicular access route to approved agricultural storage barn. Land to the east of Newstead Lane Belmesthorpe, Stamford, Lincs. Application withdrawn on 01.07.10 Appeal details dated 17 June 2010 circulated to Planning Committee.

Planning applications received & considered:

Mill Farm House Mill Street Ryhall for fell 1 No Lime Tree

OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Council Forum

Mrs White will attend the next three forum meetings to represent Ryhall Parish Council with Mrs Gardiner.

Hedge cutting. Noted that some hedges and trees in the parish require cutting back by RCC. Clerk to inform RCC for their inclusion in the autumn cuts.

Belmesthorpe White Bridge – kerbing is loose, clerk to inform RCC to include in their maintenance work due commencing shortly.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15thSeptember 2010 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Ryhall

Mrs Heather Violet will attend to update on Affordable Housing and it is hoped that a member of the public will talk about high speed Broadband