RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of the Parish Council On Thursday 30th September 2010 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mr P Finch	Mrs B White	
Mr R Rushby	Mr P Huddleston	Mr G Lloyd	Mr Belliars

Mr. David Chapman was present at the meeting to represent the Ryhall Primary school in his capacity of Chair of the Governors. The meeting was open to the public to attend as observers.

APOLOGIES

Mrs. C Gardiner, Mrs S Hickman, Mrs S Smith, 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 – Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Lloyd – Neighbourhood Watch, Francis Court
Mrs White - Francis Court, Spire Homes and Disability Issues
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road
Mr Bellairs- Playing Fields, Parkfield Road resident

RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS ROADWAY

The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on Thursday (September 30) following a third sub-committee meeting held in the afternoon which had been attended BY Mr. Parsons, Mr. Rushby, Mr Lloyd, Mr Capper (RMPF) and Mrs Garland (RCC).
Councillors reported their disappointment and frustration that despite agreeing the date Sophia Lawrie did not attend the afternoon meeting to represent Willmott Dixon and confirm any progress towards the roadway upgrade.

Progress since the 5th July has been very slow. Now with the weather worsening for winter, congestion is building up again with parents cars parking randomly in St Johns Close, Parkfield Road and the Village Hall. The situation is clearly unsatisfactory and as Willmott Dixon pledged assistance the Parish Council need to see positive commitment.

The Parish Council agreed the need for the time lines to be defined for this project with the written commitment of Willmott Dixon and RCC to:
(1) provide the actual date of commencing and estimated completion of the work
(2) detail its share of the costs (as yet still unknown)
(3) complete the job to the standard required

The meeting noted that the only progress so far from Willmott Dixon has been
(1) a topographic survey
(2) a sub committee meeting on 5th August with Willmott Dixon and Marion Garland (RCC)to look at some drawings
(3) a check this week (27/09/10) of the underground services.

The Parish Council and Playing Fields Committee have:
(1) formed a sub committee for a year to seek funding / grants to upgrade the roadway, and consulted with Rutland County Council
(2) spent £1,700 on emergency measures to keep the roadway open for the those needing access the school and playing fields
(3) delayed closure of the gate to assist the school on the day of its OFSTED inspection
(4) allowed Willmott Dixon access, when requested in July, for all their construction vehicles necessary for work on the school refurbishment over the summer
(5) ring-fenced £6,000 of parish monies for our share of the work.

The Parish Council want this issue to be resolved as soon as possible but in view of the fact that nothing has changed, it was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Finch and agreed that the Parish Council had no alternative but to keep the gate closed. (One abstention - CP)
The gate cannot be opened primarily for safety reasons – the barriers only prevent parents driving on the grass and we need temporary speed bumps to slow traffic. Since the arrival of the barriers, it has been decreed that temporary speed bumps are not possible due to the nature of the surface of the gravelled track. Secondly, if the track reopens, wear and tear will resume. Mr. Chapman reported that, to his knowledge, no plans had been discussed for school personnel to monitor traffic speed on the roadway.

Councillors would review the situation within a week. Councillors are prepared to hold another extra ordinary meeting to discuss again. Clerk to contact Mrs. Garland with a full update of Parish Council concerns and seek a written response and commitment to the project. It was noted that half term for two weeks commences on 18th October and by then Willmott Dixon will have completed the school refurbishment and Mrs. Garland as capital projects co-coordinator, will have ceased her role at Ryhall.

The Parish Council concluded that it has done everything possible to get a solution to the situation and is deeply concerned at the current stalemate.