RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ryhall Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th July 2011
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

Present	Mr C Parsons -Chairman	Mr P Huddleston	Mrs E Sismore
	Mrs S Smith	Mr S Fenn	Mr B Gorman
	Mr G Lloyd	Mr R Rushby	Mrs B White

County Councillor, Mrs Charlotte Vernon and seven members of the public attended.

Apologies Received from Mr N Bellairs and 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 relating to the agenda items. They completed the Declaration of Interest Book.

Mr Lloyd - Francis Court & Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter and RMPF Roadway
Mrs Smith – Parkfield Road resident
Mrs White – Francis Court, Spire Homes, Disability Issues
Mr Parsons – same solicitor as proposed for legal issues regarding the cemetery
Mr Rushby – Neighbourhood Watch
Mrs Sismore - Ryhall School PTA

3. SPEAKER – Inspector Monks from Leicestershire Constabulary to talk on Local Policing Issues in the Parish and Policing the County. Also in attendance was PSCO Liam Bourne.

Inspector Monks gave an overview of his time in post for the past two and half years and the structure of the policing team in Rutland. He gave a report on the reduction of burglaries (66%) in the past 12 months – there was a 50% detection rate for burglaries in Ryhall and no street robbery in the whole time on his watch. He stated that anti social behaviour had also been reduced by 21% so policing was effective in Ryhall and surrounding areas. Inspector Monks then drew the meetings' attention to the hoax call on 17th June which had necessitated a firearms response. A male voice made an anonymous call from the phone box in New Road stating that there were shotguns on the RMPF. A response would have taken too long via road from Force HQ in Enderby, therefore the decision was made to deploy the one helicopter that is shared with Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire Force.
At massive expenditure to the taxpayer (approx £250 per ten minutes) the cost of mounting this operation has run into tens of thousands of pounds. The helicopter may have been needed for an RTA in Leicestershire or the other counties, ambulance and other police support vehicles were also deployed.
The Police are investigating the identity of the hoaxer and appeal to anyone with information to come forward. It was felt that the community will know who made the call and they are working on voice recognition. At about the same time there were acts of vandalism on the portacabin on the RMPF and in the St Johns Church which may or may not be linked. The Police will be visiting local school to highlight the futility, costs and repercussions of these incidents and have various avenues to follow up.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Rushby, seconded by Mr Gorman and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2011 as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Lane Footpath & Wall

The Vicar continues to liaise with the Diocesan Office about the wall. It may be removed and replaced with kerbing to differentiate the footway. The ownership of the roadway remains unconfirmed; it was agreed that the Parish Council should again try to clarify the ownership of the roadway. Clerk to write to all departments at Rutland County Council and to include the primary school in all correspondence as this is their main access route.

Dropped Kerbs

Mr Rushby reported that following a discussion with RCC, they have now confirmed that a dropped kerb will be installed outside No 72 Coppice Road and 1, Spinney Close after Coppice Road resurfacing has been completed.

Francis Court handrails

Mrs White reported that Spire Homes have written to her to confirm that the handrails will be white powder coated and there will be yellow lines on the ramps.

Affordable Housing - update on street name & specifications

Waterloo Homes confirm that Plots 5 and 6 are two bungalows designed to wheelchair standard both have a covered car port each with a store to the rear for scooter storage. Both have level access and sufficient turning area, the bathrooms will have wheel-in shower provision.

Regarding the naming of the new close, it was agreed that the Parish Council would consult the village for suggestions and offer their own two suggestions. Jubilee Close as the homes will be completed in the Queens Golden Jubilee Year 2012 and St Eabba''s Rise. St Eabba was the cousin St Tibba a celebrated saint of Ryhall.

Clerk to arrange a box for suggestions and comment for RMPF Fun Day. A decision will be made at the Parish Council meeting in September.

Gritting routes 2011/12

A decision on new and altered gritting routes will be taken by RCC at the Community Services Meeting on 25th August or 27 October. Mr Parsons and Mrs Vernon will press for the routes in Ryhall and Little Casterton as previously minuted. Mr Parsons stated that as Scrutiny Chairman he can now speak in Cabinet.

Planning Committee update

Both Mr Gorman and Mrs Sismore as new Councillors had offered to take a role on the Planning Sub committee at the May meeting during the allocation of roles. Having two new councillors on the committee might have caused an imbalance with experience so it was agreed that Mrs Sismore will defer her role on the planning committee for a year.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

Ms Rachel Miller made a presentation to the Parish Council outlining her volunteer work in the parish over the past years. She was co-opted onto the council and completed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed her onto the Parish Council Ms Miller was given copies of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Register of Interests to declare.

Library consultation and opening hours
Parish Council wrote to the Library Service requesting that one evening session be preserved for residents who are working to access the service and asked that the Library do not reach a final decision until further discussion with the Parish Council. The reply stated that the internal review of the opening hours in libraries and museums is likely to be concluded in the next two months and hope to implement the revised opening arrangements from 1st September 2011. The points RPC raised have been noted.
Ms Miller reported on the home delivery service for local residents on which she has offered to assist. Every fortnight she will visit residents who requested help to change books, videos or cassettes.

Cemetery Issues (Mr Parsons left the room for the duration of this agenda item as one of the solicitors considered for the purchase of land use was his own solicitor- personal interest)
After discussion on the merits of the two quotations, it was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to instruct Hegarty's solicitors to proceed with the paperwork to purchase the land. One abstention BW.

Cemetery Issues
Rateable Value of current cemetery;
The Clerk reported that RCC will now be charging rates on the current cemetery land at Belmesthorpe Lane at a reduced rate of £62.00 per annum.

Rebate for burst tap / water leak last winter – ongoing following completion of paperwork

Bins at the new cemetery – confirmation of ordering a new black bin.

Community Emergency Response
Mrs White thanked Mrs Smith for her assistance with the questionnaire which it is hoped will be sent out with the next edition of Village News. The replies will be accepted at the Library and the Village Shop. Mrs White advised on who the committee were contacting for updates on their emergency response plans and for assistance. There is still a considerable amount of work to be completed. The Chairman thanked Mrs White and the Committee.

Allotments Meeting update
Mr Lloyd reported on a very positive allotment holders meeting. Thirty one allotment holders had attended and volunteers have formed an allotment committee which will manage the allotments to deal with ongoing issues. There was an allotment inspection on 2nd July by the new Committee, which included assessing the hedge-cutting, borders and cultivation of plots.

With the agreement of the committee, the holders of the un-worked allotments will be informed that they are not complying with the tenancy agreement and will be asked to return the allotment as there are many on the waiting list. Hopefully this will result in allowing those on the list for many years to take up an allotment and also allow for the formation of two nursery plots which will be divided up (half size) being smaller for the beginner and will increase income.

Subject to confirmation, the allotment holders offered to maintain the hedges thus making a saving to the Parish Council of approximately £600. It was agreed that the St Tibba Hedge should be cut back to a manageable height after consultation with the neighbours.

Those allotment holders who wished to have metered water and pay for their own consumption with own tap outlets will be making the necessary arrangements, others will continue to use the dip tanks.

New Tenancy agreement from September 2011 will include

- A clause about water usage and taps.
- A clause about the three foot pathway access
- A clause about a four foot boundary between the edges of allotments and neighbouring fences/hedges
- A clause confirming that shooting pigeons on the allotments was not permitted.
- The new rent increase

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Gorman and agreed that rents would increase by £2.50 per year for the next four years annually. The rent would then be reviewed in 2014 in line with inflation or water costs so the allotments will be self sufficient. From September 2011 the rent will be £12.50 per plot.

Minutes from the meeting on 29th June will be circulated to allotment holders and the Parish Council for information.
The next allotment holders meeting will be on 1st September 2011 at the Millstone Inn meeting room, Ryhall.

Street Lighting

The light on the library has been passed to RCC as it is under their remit. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed to action the work required for the cottage next to the Green Dragon in the Square. This is to fit a plastic supply box fitting a cut out (isolator) and the service transferring @ £242 plus VAT.
Mrs Vernon (County Councillor) reported that RCC are still reviewing adopting all street lights in the parishes and this will be considered under the Community Services scrutiny panel in the next twelve months

Wind Turbines on the Woolfox Site, near the A1, Rutland.

(Mrs Vernon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as she knows the applicant and did not participate in any discussion)
A steering group are opposing the 22 turbine wind-farm on this site and seek the support of neighbouring parish councils. All Councillors had read the letter in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that the Ryhall Parish Council wait to see what the next step in the decision making process is and thereafter could invite a representative of the steering group to a Parish Council meeting to update.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Mrs Lofthouse was invited to offer her suggestions on how to commemorate the Jubilee. She proposed forming a steering committee made up of the village organisations and interested villagers from Ryhall and Belmesthorpe to organise an event. The Parish Council supported this proposal and may be able to assist with some funding when the precepts requests are submitted next January.

It was agreed that Mrs Lofthouse would write an item for the Village News having ascertained a meeting place and dates and she offered to Chair the committee.

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields

Mr Capper was invited to report to the meeting on the improvements to the pavilion and on the Fun Day on 24th July, which will be a celebration of the new pavilion being completed. There will be a car boot sale, BBQ and official opening of the pavilion at 2.00pm. He noted that with the improvements the pavilion insurance needed to be reviewed. It will now be insured for £120,000 necessitating an increase of £188.00 to the premium. It was proposed by Mr Rushby, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to this increase which is funded by the Parish Council.

OTHER MEETINGS

The Clerk reported on the finance course she attended on 26th May and has distributed copies of 'Powers to Spend' as a refresher item for Councillors. A point of note is that Parish Councils are now required by HMRC to have 'employer status' and have to produce a payslip and NI/ PAYE implementation as opposed to the previous system when Clerks were self employed. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Huddleston and agreed to instruct Lamin & White (local accountants in Oakham) to undertake the PAYE role for a sum of £30 per quarter.

CORRESPONDENCE

ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION ON SITE ALLOCATION SITES.

The Planning Policy team at Rutland County Council will be attending Ryhall Parish Council's meeting on **9th November** at 7pm, to discuss 'Site Allocations & Policies DPD – Issues and Options Consultation'.

The purpose of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD will be to allocate specific sites for development and to set out more detailed policies for determining planning applications within the overall strategy provided by the Core Strategy.

This is the first stage in preparing the Site Allocations and Policies DPD and the Council is seeking views on a range of issues and options in order to help it prepare the document, such as:

Obtain views on site specific issues such as the suitability of sites for development, amendments to the proposed planned limits of development around the towns and villages, and the designation of important open spaces.

Obtain views on the more detailed policies that will provide criteria for determining planning applications particularly where the Core Strategy has indicated that more detailed polices will be needed in this document.

Obtain views on the approach to replacing the existing Rutland Local Plan policies that remain in force where these have not already expired or been replaced by the Core Strategy DPD.

Correspondence to note:
From the High Sheriff of Rutland – invitation to service 28th July 2011. Mr Parsons to attend in his capacity of Vice Chairman to the County Council and will also represent Ryhall Parish Council.
From St Johns Church – Royal Scarecrow event & thanks for precept
From Plough Services – re grounds maintenance – to circulate
From RCC – re tree pruning in Parkfield Road
Peterborough City Council – temporary prohibitions/ road closures
From Rutland CAB – Letter of thanks
From Ryhall United – Letter of thanks
From RMPF – Letter of thanks
From Ryhall School – letter from the Governor to Mr Parsons who had replied directly to the Chairman of the Governors.
It was noted that it is no longer a requirement to have a parish council representative on the governing body as there are now community governors. It was agreed that future correspondence to the school would be conducted via the Governing Body and that it would be a good idea to invite the Community Governors to the Parish Council meetings in the future for improved communication.
From RCC – Parish Forum – 7 July. Mrs White and Mr Rushby to attend.
From RCC Bus Stop Improvements. RCC had indicated that there was an opportunity to upgrade bus stops and shelters, however after submitting suggestions for Ryhall it transpired that there is no direct funding for any bus shelters and the parish would have to contribute £500 per shelter, which has not been budgeted for.
Mr Rushby offered to undertake an independent survey of bus routes and stops and services to the parish.
From Lincolnshire Rural Housing – Road show on Wednesday 3rd August.
Councillors given copies of the following:

- NALC Legal Briefing on Councillors Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998
- NALC Policy Consultation on Planning Laws
- 'Powers to Spend' document

- Burial Fee structure for 2011/12 has been forwarded to Mr D Toone, Burial Administrator.

Documents in circulation 1.06.11
From Ryhall Village Hall – Receipt and payment accounts & Trustee report for information
Rutland Community Spirit information & Playing Field Association annual report
RCC Bus Stop Improvements & Waterloo Homes Affordable housing Update

22.06.11
Branchline & Living in Rutland Guide to Services
Playing Fields Newsletter & Inspection Course & Playing Legacy Fund
Rutland Link the Health Service – meeting on 1st July
Older Persons Month information
Rural Community Council application for trustees

04.07.11
LRALC Rutland Branch Minutes and June Newsletter
Leics County Council Highways Dept services brochure
Village Voice Magazine Summer 2011

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

24.06.11 From Customs & Excise _ VAT return			1,742.94

Payments made since last meeting

04.04.11 Mrs. C Adams June salary			408.37
LRAPLC Delegate Fee			25.00
Ryhall United Precept donation			750.00
13.06.11 Eon Maintenance	286.02	57.20	342.22

Payments to consider & approve: It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs White and agreed to pay the following:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs.C Adams July Salary			408.37
Mrs C Adams Expenses			126.95
Ryhall Methodist Hall			15.00
Veolia ES UK Grass cutting	36.00	7.20	43.20
Anglian Water (Allotment tap)			24.80
T & S Fenn Installing bench			198.25

Payments made from Burial Accounts - None

Payment to make from Burial Account

Rutland C Council District Council - Rates on Cemetery	61.48

Income received into Burial Account

21.06.11 Hawkins Internment & Purchase	907.00

All Councillors were issued with a copy of the income and expenditure and bank reconciliation for the current month.

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Mrs M Darlington, Ryhall Childcare Centre C/o Ryhall Primary School, Church Street, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HR for Retention of temporary building. Date of validation 06.04.11 Notice received by the Parish Council on 27.05.11

Outline Planning Permission - None

Listed Building Consent-Alterations - None

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Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area – Mrs Janine Juggins, Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4HR. Fell 1 No Yew Tree. Crown raise 1 No Yew Tree by approx 2.5m, reduce height by approx 3m and reduce lateral growth. Date of validation 03.02.11 Notice received by Parish Council 27.05.11
Fell 11 no. trees of various species and crown raise 1 No. Beech to give 2m clearance over outbuilding. Date of Validation 01.02.11. Notice received by the Parish Council on 27.05.11

Refusal of Full Planning Permission - None

Appeal Decisions- None

Planning applications received & considered:
Fell one sycamore tree – Dormer Cottage, Foundry Road, Ryhall
Ryhall Hall – various internal works
Installation of electronic communications apparatus – opposite 'Middlemarch' Stamford Road, Ryhall

PUBLIC TIME

County Councillor Mrs Vernon thanked all who had voted for her at the elections in May and listed the roles she has been re-elected to at Rutland County Council. Chair of Development Control Committee, member of Children's and Young People's Scrutiny and Community Services Scrutiny and also a Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.
Charlotte's new email address is cvernon@rutland.gov.uk

Service to the Community Award. Mr Laybourn thanked the Parish Council for nominating him for the High Sheriff's Award for Service to the Community and circulated photographs of the award ceremony.

Note of thanks for the new seat now installed by the Library and much appreciated.

Note of thanks for the dropped kerbs due to be installed shortly as previously minuted.

OTHER BUSINESS

County Councillor Mr Parsons reported his roles as Vice Chairman of Rutland County Council. Chairman of Adult Health Social Services and Housing scrutiny. Member of the Development control Community Services Licensing Committee. Member of the Stamford Hospital Development Committee. Member of the Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Health Scrutiny Review Committee

Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields. Noted a report of a repair needed to the see-saw. Query as to the current state of the portacabin and how the repairs by the Football Club are progressing. Mr Parsons reported that this will be discussed at the next RMPF Committee Meeting.

Allotments Clerk to add an item to the Village News report on the creation of the nursery plots.

Grass cutting issues on the Essendine Hill- Clerk to report to RCC

Village Hall – Photography Competition will take place on 16th July

Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Mr Huddleston thanked the Parish Council for nominating him last year – he is proud to represent the parish of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe at the Garden Party in July.

NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church Ryhall