RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 9th May 2012 In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

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

4 members of the public were in attendance for the main part of the meeting, joined by 7 residents from Crown Street at the public time at the end of the meeting.

APOLOGIES Mr S Fenn and Mrs B White

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.
Ms Miller – Fun Squad and Parish Plan
Mr Bellairs - Playing Fields, Parkfield Road Resident, Diamond Jubilee Committee
Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road resident
Mrs Sismore- Ryhall PTA
Mr Parsons – Playing Fields
Mr R Rushby – NHW
Mr Lloyd – Francis Court

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Rushby seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2012 were an accurate record of the meeting. All in favour.

Election of Chairman

As Mr Parsons is due to take on the role of Chairman of Rutland County Council for the forthcoming year, Mr Lloyd suggested reducing his workload and proposed an alternative system of progression throughout the parish council to be considered for the future. He proposed that the vice chairman would succeed the chair if so wished to after a period of a year. If the vice chair did not wish to succeed he/ she would not be obliged to.
This was seconded by Ms Miller who indicated her wish to be considered in the future as vice chair. At the vote, 2 in favour, 1 against and 4 abstained.

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mr Bellairs that Mr Parsons take the chair for a further year as he indicated he would be willing despite the increase in his work load. There were no counter proposals. Carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Smith that Mr Huddleston continue as Vice Chairman. There were no counter proposals. Carried, two abstained (PH and RM)

Presentation on the future of RYHALL LIBRARY – Mr Robert Clayton

Mr Clayton distributed a handout of the current library user figures which indicated that residents had become accustomed to the shorter opening hours and were using the library with numbers up in the compressed hours. This showed that people did want to use the service – the main difference in the figures of users was the loss of the Saturday

morning session. The trial of opening at 9am had showed that less people than anticipated had used the library in the first hour of 9 – 10am. There were also seasonal peaks with fewer visitors in the winter.
He confirmed that there were no plans for any further reduction in library hours and Saturday morning could be reinstated if the parish council wished to fund this. The costs would be £2,500 per annum.
The Parish Council were asked to discuss the user numbers verses the pattern of hours. Mr Lloyd proposed 10 – 6pm Monday and 11 – 7pm Thursday to allow the working population to access the library in the evening. This was an issue that the Parish Council had pressed for in the first instance. This proposal was not seconded.
It was proposed by Mrs Sismore and seconded by Mrs Smith to open the Library 10 – 5pm Mondays and 10 – 7pm Thursdays. Carried unanimously.
Mr Clayton will enact this proposal by July and confirm the exact costing of supporting the Saturday morning session. Mrs Smith thanked the librarians for their courteous and helpful service, stating that they make a valued contribution to the community.

MATTERS ARISING

Redundant Phone kiosk
BT had confirmed that the payphone engineering manager for this area had agreed to move forward with removal of the kiosk.
BT have contacted the planning department at Rutland County council as they are required to give 90 days notice before the removal of the kiosk. A notice will be placed in the kiosk in the next few weeks advising customers that BT are planning to remove it and to contact the local council if they have any objections. If RCC agree to removal, BT will remove the payphone as soon as the 90 day notice period has expired.

Update on Millennium / Belmesthorpe sign
Mr Fussell who kindly provided the signs originally, has offered to refurbish the Belmesthorpe Millennium sign.

Bus Stops – St Ebbas Close
Mr Rushby reported that he is still working with Highways and the bus companies to get a requested bus stop at this location.

AGENDA ITEMS

Parish Council Vacancy
Mr Adrian Gumbault expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council to fill the vacancy created by Mr Gorman. As Chair of the Belmesthorpe NHW and a member of Rutland County NHW, he is keen to be involved in the community and now retired has the time to contribute to the Parish Council and represent the interests of Belmesthorpe. It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Lloyd and agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Gumbault onto Ryhall Parish Council. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mr N Bellairs left the meeting to attend the Jubilee Committee Meeting

Parish Council Roles and Responsibilities

Planning Committee	Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) Mrs E Sismore Mrs S Smith Mr N Bellairs
Allotment Committee	Mr G Lloyd (Chairman) Mr. David Pearce- Hunt (former Councillor -seconded in advisory capacity)
Tree & Grasscutting Warden	Mr N Bellairs

Village Hall Rep	Mr P Huddleston
Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Rep	Mr N Bellairs will continue to undertake play area safely checks. Mr C Parsons will represent the Parish Council at the RMPF Meetings.
Snow Warden	Mr P Link (Parishioner)
Burial Administrator	Mr D Toone (Parishioner)
Community Response Sub Committee	Mrs B White Mr B Rushby
Leics & Rutland Association of Parish Councils And Parish Forum Representatives	Mr B Rushby Mrs B White
Open Spaces Delegation	Mr G Lloyd Mr B Rushby
Street Lighting Rep	Mr. S Fenn
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It was agreed to request planning training from RCC, possibly in conjunction with neighbouring parishes

Open Spaces & Issues and Options Consultation

The Parish Council have submitted an application to Rutland County Council for the registration of Coppice Road green as a village green on 4th May 2012. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Hurford who had assisted significantly with the gathering of evidence in support of this initiative. If the application is successful it was agreed to register Parkfield Road green and the Spinney as similar village greens. This would require the formation of delegations to undertake the work.

Cemetery Issues – Ongoing Purchase of land

The Parish Council have received the detailed Report on the Contract for the purchase of the land behind the Cemetery. The Clerk and the Chairman to represent the Parish Council as signatories.

Street Lighting

(1) RCC Contribution to upgrades. The Clerk reported that no budget was available from RCC at present towards the upgrades which had been completed by the Parish Council. Regarding a future loan scheme towards upgrades, a RCC reported that a new and bigger loan scheme is planned for energy saving upgrades whereby Parish will be able to borrow and payback as they make savings in electricity costs. This has been approved in principle but not yet set up.

2) Continuation to St Ebbas Close RRC confirmed that the developer does not wish to install street lighting and RCC has accepted that it is not required for road safety or security reasons. As a lighting authority the Parish Council could chose to provide lighting.

(3) Consideration of night cells Parish Councillors were issued with the latest update of the ' retro-fit' control gear available which converts existing Phillips 35 watt sodium (orange) lanterns to 24 watt (low energy) white light lanterns. To supply and install would be £98.00 plus VAT each light. This would make a saving of 55% on existing energy costs and was a special rate held for three months.

Additionally E-on stated that it is possible to replace the ' all night ' photo cells with part night photocells which go off around midnight and back on again at 5.30am to supply and install would be £35.00 plus VAT each light. Saving 35% on existing energy costs.

It was agreed to defer this agenda item until Mr Fenn was in attendance and full cost analysis had been compiled.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 / Woodland Trust Jubilee Woods

Mr Toone Burial Administrator, reported that he had assessed the cemetery site with regard to the suggestion of tree planting and have concluded that there would be little or no room for a copse or indeed several trees for the following reasons.
The only open areas at present constitute consecrated areas reserved for future plots. Secondly the small area at the front of the cemetery behind the fence is earmarked for extension of the Garden of Remembrance (cremated remains). He noted that when the cemetery is extended to the top field the current road will need to be extended to give access and therefore the existing trees at this spot would need removing. It was therefore concluded that with no other parish owned land , the parish council would reluctantly not be able to accept the offer of sapling trees to plant for the Jubilee.

Purchase of Grit Bin for Belmesthorpe

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Parsons and agreed to purchase one grit bin at a cost of £158.00 plus VAT to be located at the top of Newstead hill, Belmesthorpe.

Grass cutting contract for 2012

The contract with Veolia for grass cutting the parish owned areas, which are the new Cemetery and the RMPF had been continued for 2012/13

Fun Squad

The Scheme has now ended due to lack of volunteers and funding. Ms Miller hoped that in future RCC will be able to provide some form of play provision. The equipment, currently stored on RMPF, will be returned to Rutland Youth Services.

Tree works to tree in the Square – temporary removal of lights

Due to works to be carried out to the tree, the electricity box was removed as the fixings are now restricting the tree growth. The Parish Council has co-operated and removed the lights but would wish to retain the lights for Christmas. However, some new strings may have to be purchased. To be considered on a future agenda.

OTHER MEETINGS

Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Visit to Casepack Recycling Centre- Three members of the Parish Council attended. Mr Rushby reported on the facility. The Centre processes 150,000 tons a year and recover 99% of materials. Overll, 5% is not recoverable and goes to landfill. Rutland recycling rate is in the top 10 in the country. The website www.casepak.co.uk gives advice on what products to put in the bins etc. There is to be a judicial review in June concerning possible separate collection bins.

LRALC Training - An Introduction to Finding Project Funding. Mr Lloyd had attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and reported on the topics of how to find appropriate funding for your particular project and understanding the bidding process. He concluded that this re money available if groups have the time and application to access it. Between 2009 and 2012 Rutland made 16 applications for funding, which was the smallest number, and this would indicate that Rutland could be higher on the scale for obtaining future funding. GL to circulate the information to relevant committees.

CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

From Rutland Cab - Request for donation. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed unanimously to donate £50.

From RCC Paint Scheme - Rutland County Council have now set up a Paint Re-use Scheme. If a householder has paint that they no longer have any use for they can take it to either of Rutland's Civic Amenity site's for disposal. However much of this paint is

suitable for re-use by others. Rutland County Council are making suitable paint available to Parish Councils, community groups, charities and voluntary organisations free of charge to the organisation.
From Ryhall PCC – thanks expressed for the precept donation.

Circulated
LRALC Membership benefits and training schedule
SSE Update on the proposed Woolfox Windfarm
Leics Youth Offending Service – Final IMPACT Report
Rural Community Council Diary of Events
From RCC Big Lottery Funding Leaflet
Energy Action for Rutland
Rutland Walking Festival **promoted by RCC** 20th May - 2nd June
Leaflet is circulating and the website is www.discover-rutland.co.uk
From RCC Minutes of the Standards Committee

Emailed to Councillors
15/3/12 Energy Advice Training
27/3/12 Localism Act 2011 and Standards regime
2/4/12 Grantham Site allocation Meeting
26/4/12 Invitation to RCC free event 3rd May on Rural Issues
4/4/12 Older Persons Month

Circulated 04.05.12
Draft Supplementary Planning Document Wind Turbine Development
Rutland LinK – Ambulance & Patient Transport Event 24th May
Parish Forum & Standards Committee Minutes

Agree and Approve the Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2012
Copies of the end of year statement of accounts had been circulated to all Councillors along with the Annual Governance Statement, which was completed at the meeting. The accounts and the AGS was approved at the meeting by the full council and signed on behalf of the Parish Council by the Chairman and Clerk. The external audit will take place on 9th July2012, conducted by Clement Keys. The Notice of Appointment of date for the Exercise of Elector's rights will be on the Ryhall notice board. Any persons interested has the right to inspect the accounts and make copies of the annual return, all books, deeds, contacts and vouchers relating to the accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2012. These documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to Mrs C Adams, Clerk to the Parish Council.
It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mrs Huddleston and agreed to approve the annual audit of accounts.

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to pay the following:

Income received into Parish Account

From RCC Precept payment			29,150.00

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs C Adams February Salary			408.37
Lamin & White Accountant fee	30.00	6.00	36.00
Cory Environmental Dog Bins	910.00	182.00	1,092.00
Eon Quarterly Lighting	465.27	93.05	558.32
Veolia Grass cutting RMPF	12.44	2.49	14.93
Anglian Water Allotment Tap			9.32
Diamond Jubilee Committee Precept			1,000
Ryhall PCC St Johns Church Precept			2,000

Ryhall Methodists Precept			500
Ryhall Allotment Association Precept			300
Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association	55.00	11.00	66.00
AON Insurance			1,376.11

Payments to consider & approve:

Expenditure:	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams March salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00
T Plummer Tree Works	233.33	46.67	280.00
Smiths of Derby Church clock	180.00	36.00	216.00
Lamin & White Audit Fee	180.00	36.00	216.00
Ryhall United Football Club			

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting-

RCC District Council – rates	63.90
Veolia Grass cutting	28.55

Payments to make from Burial Account- None

Income received into Burial Account –

K Pell Memorial Headstone	65.00
Bellamy Memorial Vase	51.00
BE Pell Memorial Headstone	64.00
M & A Cook Memorial Headstone	65.00
P Brown Memorial Headstone	51.00
S R Bellamy Internment Crem remains	56.00

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Mr D Patel, Bexcrest Homes Ltd, I Kingswarren Oxshott, Surrey HT22 OPE for construction of single storey to side elevation of dwelling house following demolition of existing extension and construction of single storey detached garage to the rear. 1 Back Lane, Ryhall PE9 4JD

Outline Planning Permission - None
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 - None

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)- None

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

PUBLIC TIME

Crown Street

Residents from Crown street joined the meeting at this juncture to seek an explanation from the Parish Council as to why the Planning Committee had responded with a comment of 'No Objections' to the planning application for **Extension of a two storey dwelling and associated works – land adjacent to Crown Cottage, Crown Street Ryhall Revised details APP/2011/0629.**

Residents had concerns about anomolies within the application, the width of the road, parking issues as well as the lack of amenity space for bins. They stated that they had not been consulted or visited by Parish Council planning representatives for their comments.
Mr Huddleston – Chair of the planning committee - responded that a judgement was made on the scale, perspective and position of the application and a study the plans to see they conformed with size and proximity to the area. It was deemed that the application did not breach such considerations and the Parish Council are only making a comment – representative of the whole parish. The Committee were not aware of any underlying objection by neighbours in Crown Street and had not been approached by anyone. It was pointed out that this application was a revision of a previous one and no objections to that earlier application had been placed before the parish council.
Parish Councils are asked for their comment from a local perspective and have no direct influence on the final decision made by the County Council.

Mrs Vernon – as Chair of the Planning Committee at RCC, pointed out that Parish councils comment are just one part of the planning process and that at the point of planning decisions ,RCC consider all representations. If the plans do go for approval and this will not be known for a few weeks, then residents have the opportunity to make a deputation. Mr Parsons offered to advise residents of the 7 days notice of the RCC Committee meeting.

Flag of Flowers for the Jubilee For the Gardening Club to be allowed to plant this celebration flag made up of petunias, a risk assessment would need to be undertaken. Mr Lloyd offered to action this.

Public Rights of Way. Concern was raised about public access across farmland. It is the responsibility of the walker to take care with crops and livestock. Agreed that a map of routes / access and restricted areas in the Village News would be useful; Mr Rushby to initiate. He also drew attention to the Leaflet of Ryhall Walks in the Library.

Jubilee Flag Pole. If funds exist after the Jubilee event, it might be possible to consider the purchase of a flag pole.

Litter - Essendine Hill & The Spinney Clerk and Ms Miller to continue to chase up Rutland County Council to clear litter

Potholes – Mr Rushby had reported to RCC many recent potholes created after the wet weather and would continue to monitor.

Back Lane - Verges. Clerk to report to RCC that verges have not been cut on this Bi-way

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Parsons reported that an application for two wind turbines in Ketton which may be visible from higher points in Ryhall and Belmesthorpe had been submitted. Ryhall Parish Council may be invited to comment as a neighbouring parish.

Mr Lloyd reported that he had been misquoted in a recent Final IMPACT report produced by the Leicestershire Youth Offending Service.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th July 2012 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.