MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2018 AT 6.30pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

PRESENT

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH), Mr D Wilby (DW) Mrs E Sismore (ES) Mr D Amies (DA)
Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mr A Gombault (AG) Mrs S Smith (SS) Mr N Bellairs (NB)
Mrs S Markwell-Cook (SMC)

01/18 APOLOGIES - Mr C Parsons (CP)

02/18 DECLARATIONS OF UNREGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A REGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST –

DA and DR both registered a DPI in Item 3 parish plan options for parking in The Square

PUBLIC TIME - Five members of the public in attendance

03/18 PARISH PLAN – to discuss the outcomes of the parish plan survey and agree future actions.

IMPROVE FACILITIES ON THE PLAYING FIELDS

The children's survey (39 responses)stated the most popular suggestions were
skate park , zip wire, rope swing, Trim Trail for older children and a bigger, better slide.
The skate park and the trim trail were discussed but would not be taken forward due to logistics and costs
DW explained that due to lack of funding it had not been possible to upgrade the current facility. As a result of the Gwash Meadows housing development Ryhall will receive £17,731.65 Community Infrastructure Levy funding due in October. These funds could now be used for this purpose.

It was agreed that one major piece of equipment with the climbing block and slide has nearly expired and would need replacing. Therefore a bigger multi purpose climbing frame with a bigger slide attached would be a first option
The parish council is conscious that any improvements to the play area would take into account all ages
It was agreed that a dedicated parish plan committee would work with the RMPF Committee to take forward future actions. At least two more Councillors would be needed to support the parish plan committee. In order to source other external funding avenues, evidence of need and footfall would be essential

(1) Mr Nebel to undertake an analysis of the parish plan contributors to produce a more discreetly defined set of data
(2) The two Committee's would undertake a feasibility study to review prices and all expenses including the costs of annual maintenance & the ROSPA inspection
(3) Quotes for separate play equipment items would be gathered to enable a ball park figure to be established
(4) A further consultation be arranged to assess the children's choices and also to survey secondary school children in the parish who had not been represented in the parish plan children's survey. A simple tick box survey would be organised
(5) Other improvements such as picnic tables and more seating would be considered
(6) The Committee's would seek further external sources of funding. Evidence of need and footfall would be essential

PARKING IN THE SQUARE

Noted that parking in the Square for residents, the Green Dragon and The Post Office & Shop has been highlighted in the Parish Plan.It was agreed that it is in everyone's interest to retain the drop-in parking – to allow drivers to come and go to support the shop which the parish plan outcome said was highly valued

Ideally there is a need to create more space –the only option would be to lease the space in the butcher's yard on a short term basis – but after discussion all agreed this would not be possible. Despite extensive discussion, there were no other suggestions that would work with the geography of The Square, given that it is a conservation area.

PARKING FOR THE SCHOOL

Different options were discussed including creating more parking / drop offs on two green areas, incentives for walk to school and options on the playing fields roadway– all ideas had been reviewed with the school. It was noted that most village schools suffer from the same parking issues, landlocked in the centre.

The parish council decided that they would

- to re-endorse the 20mph speed limit in the village with more school signage.
- research the interactive flashing slow signs used in Ketton rather than just static signs and then submit another Integrated Transport Application to Rutland County Council as this would need the support and funding of the County Council
- obtain clear data and numbers as to who drives their children to school given the recent amalgamation with Easton school to support the ITCP application .Mr Nebel as School Governor, offered to conduct a study of behaviour to record this data.
- to work with the school what they can do to improve the parking

04/18 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY– to agree in principle where to direct the funding

Due to the development of the Gwash Meadows housing site, in October Ryhall Parish Council will be granted 17,732.65. Both the upgrading the children's play area or improving parking for the school fit the CIL regulations for spending on provision and improvement of infrastructure.

It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously that the entire CIL funding be allocation to improving the RMPF facilities. The Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee would then consider boosting the funds with grants. The final sum could then be match funded by external sources.This would enable a large scale upgrade befitting Ryhall and encourage use of the playing fields for future generations

OTHER ISSUES ARISING FROM THE PARISH PLAN

HOUSING

The Parish Council continues to await the outcome of the Local Plan. There is now uncertainly as to whether the proposed St Georges Development would reduce the pressure on other villages in Rutland.

Noted in the parish plan, that the preference was for no more than 40 new dwellings and there was a need for bungalows, downsizing and affordable houses.

Noted that respondents were unanimous in maintaining the green space between Ryhall and Belmesthorpe, and land between Ryhall and Stamford. The Parish Council would strongly endorse that especially in the light of any development of the Quarry Farm and Northern area of Stamford

SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC CALMING

Alongside the current traffic calming applications already submitted it was agreed to

1. Press Rutland County Council for the village to become designated as a 20mph zone from New Road through to Rutland Way

2. Investigate feasibility and costs of village entrance gates (as in Langham) to be located at the top of Essendine Hill and Belmesthorpe Roundabout on A6121 . A Councillor suggested that Belmesthorpe would also like to seek this option for their entrance points to reduce speeding and enhance the aesthetics of the village

DOG FOULING

The parish council continue on their campaign to reduce dog fouling . It was agreed that more signage was needed along Waterside to New Road footpath and New Road

RIVER BANK IMPROVEMENT

It was agreed to ask the Environment Agency to clear the river bank north side of the river of nettles and overgrowth between the White Bridge and Gwash Close

RMPF FOOTPATH – Consideration and discussion about the winter drainage and flooding of pathway used by parents to access school. DW reviewed the history of works done to alleviate the problem when rain is excessive. Mr Capper was thanked for dealing with flooded area when required.

05/18 FINANCE

It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to fund the promotional boards publicity material for the parish plan display. The maximum allocated sum agreed was £150 but it was hoped that with clerk's input this would be reduced. The Display will be in the Library from Monday 20th August until Monday 10th September and also at the Gala Day on Sunday 2nd September

It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to the quote of £80.00 for the refurbishment of the benches in the new cemetery.

It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS to the quote of £15 for siting the new Parish Council post box on the village hall wall.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.20pm. The Chairman thanked the parish plan committee for all their work to date. The next meeting will be an ordinary meeting of the parish council to be held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Ryhall .

Signed Dated