MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

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

County Councillor R Coleman was also in attendance

01/19 APOLOGIES
Mr C Parsons (CP)

02/19 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 – NONE

03/19 PUBLIC TIME – Two members of the public in attendance for the public time only
Concerns raised about speeding into the village on Foundry Road, despite the visual addition of the new village gateway. It was suggested that residents may consider the Speedwatch initiative for this side of the village (Agenda item 20)
Concern about the poor state of the footpath from the white bridge along Foundry Road
The parish council will submit a request to RCC for upgrade/ repair

04/19 MINUTES
It was proposed by DA, seconded by DW that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2019 were correct and be approved and signed
Mr A Gombault (AG) Mrs E Sismore (ES) abstained

05/19 MATTERS ARISING –
Butcher Site – the area has now been cleared
Hedge by A6121 cut – this hedge on the footpath side has been cut
Parkfield Road Tree Planting – will be undertaken by RCC in November 2019
Vicarage Lane ownership of lane and wall – next agenda

AGENDA ITEMS
06/19 HIGHWAYS ISSUES
Weight Restrictions The roads leading to the bridges have a 7.5T weight restriction, however the bridges themselves do not have a weight limit. Vehicles can drive through the weight limit for "access". With no structural weight limit on the White Bridge, lorries up to 40 tonnes can be accommodated on the bridge.
The parish council request RCC to look again at the weight restriction on the two white bridges and also put a width restriction in place with advisory signage.

Belmesthorpe Bridge The repair is now unlikely to be done this financial year due to budget commitments on another scheme. RCC hope to have the scheme design and relevant permits in place ready to commence work in April 2020. RCC are continuing to monitor the condition of the parapet fencing to ensure there are no safety concerns for the travelling public.

Ryhall White Bridge Painting RCC state that as painting is for aesthetic reasons, not structural and therefore not essential. However RCC would have no objections to the Parish Council undertaking the painting of the white bridge but there are implications to consider:

It would be necessary to close the bridge to traffic whilst the works are being carried out for which a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order and a signed diversion route will be required.

An application will need to be made to the Environment Agency to work adjacent to the main river. As part of the application they are likely to require confirmation of mitigation methods to prevent contamination of the watercourse. There will be costs associated with this

As the white bridge was damaged on 15.11.19 and will now need structural repairs, it was agreed to defer any plans to paint the bridge and request this now might be included in the works

Repainting and repairing the Fingerpost at the bottom of Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe – completed 11/11/19

A6121 Improvements

RCC asked the PC to consider and endorse various options to go to the HTWG on 5 November for approval

The installation of solid white lines down the edge of the carriageway and red high friction surfacing with SLOW markings option was approved

RCC are still reviewing the village gateways under ITCP-2019-32 and are now undertaking the speed surveys in these locations.

The trail on the speed indicator device (SID) on Essendine Road, Ryhall has now finished. The SID was on placed on site from the 12/8/2019 until 22/8/2019 with the device turned off. During this period it recorded vehicle speeds. RCC concluded that this survey has demonstrated that the SID has been ineffective at reducing vehicle speed at this location

The parish council is to repeat its request for a permanent kerb on the A6121 to prevent vehicles running over and churning the grass opposite the egg hut

07/19 SNOW WARDEN - the appeal for a new snow warden continues. DR to add to the NHW/Community facebook page

08/19 RUTLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
The Rutland NHW Association is requesting donations from the parish councils. Funds are needed to maintain and develop the Smartphone APP as a means of communication, county wide. It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed to donate £50. AG promoted the App which is free to download and details of it will be added to the parish website. To locate google 'Rutland Neighbourhood Watch app'

09/19 GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME
This scheme offers householders a voucher towards group bids to active suppliers in their area (ours has four, including BT). The two schemes are titled Rural and Enhanced. The Rural scheme must include a business and ten or more households, and offers vouchers of £2500 to the business and £500 to each household. It promises a minimum broadband speed of 30 Mbps. The Enhanced scheme is for households only, and promises minimum speeds of 100 Mbps. In each case, only a 12 months subscription is required to qualify for

the capital investment. The scheme is open-ended, dependent on continuing funding availability.

Ryhall Library and Primary School are due to be upgraded and this should be completed by March 2021 latest. This should make it possible for nearby residents to apply for upgrades at a reduced cost, as the infrastructure will already be installed.
The Village Hall is not able to progress at present due to the monthly charge but might be interested if costs become more affordable
As a resident, AG will be canvassing residents of Belmesthorpe via the NHW network to ascertain level of interest for a group application
Details of the scheme will be posted on the parish council website

10/19 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS
Hedge laying – It has been agreed in principle (September 16th) that the middle hedge should be professionally laid to improve visibility for the new play area and encourage stronger growth .The hedge would be approximately three/four foot in height and be laid to this height as far as the climbing frame then the high hedge will continue where there are no play structures/ natural break in the hedge. JG to seek the advice of a specialist for a quote. The larger trees will be retained within the lower hedge.
Dog poop holders -DR to liaise with Ryhall School about the continuation of the eco group initiative. On next agenda
Gala Day funds – a cheque for £1,000 has been donated to the play project towards the new equipment
Tree Planting It was agreed to defer this until the play equipment was in situ.

11/19 PLAY AREA UPDATE
The contractor has supplied the final quote for the play area project taking into account a revision on the fencing and gate provision quote for the gym area and removal of costs of the staff welfare facilities (contractors will use the Pavilion) The final total is £ 33,300 plus VAT (6,660) = 39,960.00 Works to commence January 2020 weather permitting . The sub committee were thanked for their hard work in securing the funding from the National Lottery and the Gala Committee were thanked for their generous donation. The sub committee will now consider Phase 2 - the Under 5 equipment refurbishment

12/19 SCHOOL PARKING UPDATE
RCC recently undertook a parking survey at the end of school day. No further update available at time of the meeting. The parish council is keen to progress with a separate initiative of the parking brochure/ leaflet in conjunction with the school

13/19 NEW CEMETERY –
Inspection of headstones – six headstones have been flagged for attention to make safe. Since September 2019, a Notice has been posted at the Cemetery to ask relatives to contact the clerk who would then direct to their memorial supplier for maintenance work to be undertaken. No families have come forward. It was agreed to contact directly those families who were still traceable. Action needs to be taken to make safe these memorials. It was proposed by NB, seconded by DR and agreed to ring fence the sum of £470 to cover repairs should that be necessary to conclude the works. AG abstained.
Drainage/Soakaway –On their annual Inspection, RCC highlighted the two drains as blocked. The clerk arranged for clearance of two drains - the soakaway is now operational again

14/19 OLD CEMETERY –
Closed cemetery status **-** yet to be confirmed by RCC

Maintenance - has been undertaken with the clearance of twenty ancient graves and general tidying including the removal of all debris and the refurbishment of the bench which has been relocated nearer the front. Funds were allocated to commence this work at the September meeting and RCC have been asked to reimburse the costs incurred.

15/19 FOUR YEAR PLAN 2020 – 2024
The conclusion of the 2015-2019 Plan will be published on the website and Notice board with extracts in the village news. The Chairman thanked all who had input to drive forward the projects as much has been achieved. A steering group will be needed to process a new Four Year plan for 2020-2024 and volunteers are requested. Suggestions for the Plan from parishioners will also be welcomed.

16/19 GRASSCUTTING AND HEDGECUTTING QUOTES FOR 2020
Our current contractor has submitted quotes for the main parish grass cutting and hedges for 2020. It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to approve as there is a standard inflation increment and the parish council are satisfied with the quality of the work. The Clerk to gather further quotes for a decision on the grass cutting for the old and new cemeteries and churchyard at the January meeting

17/19 DEFIBRILLATOR PADS
NB reported that costs for the pads and batteries have significantly increased since installations. However these are essential to maintaining the defibrillators. It was proposed by AG, seconded by SMC and agreed to purchase three sets of pads (one spare) and two sets of batteries to the maximum cost of £210.

18/19 MAINTENANCE OF BENCH BY LIBRARY
It was proposed by NB seconded by DR and agreed to the sum of £50 for the refurbishment of the bench. A maintenance programme will be scheduled into the Four Year Plan.

19/19 REMEMBRANCE POPPIES
More poppies will be required for 2020 to replenish. It was agreed to research suppliers and finalise the purchase at the July meeting

20/19 OTHER MEETINGS
Parish Forum – Community Speedwatch
RCC invites bids by 2nd December 2019 for the Speedwatch Scheme whereby the community work in partnership with the police and RCC to tackle speeding.
Full risk assessments, training and equipment will be provided by RCC.
Areas with a speed limit of no more than 40mph may be put forward for and four is suggested as a minimum number of volunteers necessary
The parish council is keen to champion this initiative and encourage volunteers. It was proposed by DR, seconded by SMC and agreed that both Councillors would take the lead on this scheme

Parish Forum – Land Transfers
RCC is seeking to pass ownership and responsibility for small parcels of RCC land over to parish councils. It was agreed that Ryhall Parish Council would express an interest in the land transfer of the Library green area to preserve it as a green space. Members of the planning committee will lead on this. It will be necessary to investigate the costs of the legal transfer of land and the process of registering

Crime and Policing Event
AG reported on this meeting hosted by the Conservative Prospective Candidate as Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Village Hall Committee – the 2020 calendar has been launched featuring scenes from 1900 to 1960. A quiz has boosted village hall funds by almost £600

21/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

18 .09.19 Draft Minutes
18.09.19 North Beat Report
07.10.19 RCC Traffic Suggestions for A6121
07.10.19 North Beat report
07.10.19 Webcare report
07.10.19 Health Plan for Rutland
07.10.19 Licencing Act 2003 consultation
07.10.19 RCC Annual Report
07.10.19 Snow warden scheme
07.101.9 Rutland Neighbourhood Watch and Choice
15.10.19 Rutland Police Newsletter
28.10.19 Parish Forum Notes AG
04.11.19 Webcare report
06.11.19 North Beat report
07.11.19 Bus Users Minutes

Correspondence to note-

From Great Casterton PC – Noted their response to Stamford Local Plan Consultation
Cinammon Trust promotional information

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account – None

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Ryhall Allotment Association (as agreed at September meeting)			350.00
07.10.19 HM Revenue & Customs Tax for September			252.80
07.10.19 Mrs C Adams Salary for September			857.95
07.10.19 Environment SK Grasscutting	679.94	136.00	815.94
07.10.19 The Grasscutter			188.17
23.10.19 Biffa Waste Dog bins	325.00	65.00	390.00
23.10.19 Hill Accountants Admin	49.00	9.80	58.80
28.10.19 Rutweb website additions			120.00
05.11.19 Mrs C Adams October Salary			857.95
05.11.19 HM Revenue Tax for October			252.80
05.11.19 Adrian Gombault travel expenses to Forum			10.00
12.11.19 Environment SK	529.78	105.96	635.74

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	**TOTAL**
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			17.00
Mr A Gombault Travel to Police Meeting			10.40
C Adams Expenses			
Donation to Rutland NHW			50.00
Payment to K Altham for works to old cemetery			560.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

28.10.19 Anglian Water Burial tap	13.61

Income received into Burial Account

G Bull purchase of two graves	600.00

F Smith Internment Fee 80.00
Payments to agree from the Burial Account – None

Income received into the play project Community Account

Gala Day fundraiser	1,000.00
From on the day collection at Gala Day	101.26
Donation tins in the village shop and pubs	160.09
Grant from the National Lottery	8,515.00

Accounts as at 11/11//19

Current Account	18,887.31
High Interest	24,104.33
Burial Current	989.32
CIL Community Account	21,272.27

23/19 CLERKS CONTRACT
This has been reviewed and updated to include a HMRC guidance 'working from home' allowance as from September 2019. It was proposed by PH, seconded by ES and agreed to approve the revision to the contract.

24/19 PLANNING
Full Planning Permission & Listed building Consent
Conversion of barn and annex to form a new dwelling and alteration is to existing house. The Old Forge, Foundry Road, Ryhall PE9 4JA
2019/0697/FUL and 2019/0698/LBA

Replacement of four front windows on a like for like basis The Poplars, Foundry Road, Ryhall PE9 4JA **2019/0726/LBA**

Outline Planning Permission

Retrospective Applications

Refusal of Planning Permission

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area
T1 and T 2 Lawsons cypress. Fell and remove both trees. The Poplars, Foundry Road Ryhall PE9 4JA **2019/1044/CAT**

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development

Planning applications observations:

Extension and alternations to dwelling – replacement detached garage – Hill foot Careby Road Ryhall PE9 4HD **2019/0771/FUL**

Remove No 1 Walnut Tree (T1) to near ground level – tree growing vigorously near to stone wall. Church Farm, The Square, Ryhall Rutland PE9 4HJ **2019/0769/CAT**

Proposed single and two storey extension to rear elevation and single storey extension to side elevation – 2 Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE9 4HD **2019/0655/FUL**

Stablise chimney stack internal chimney breast and move to original position. Reinstate original opening from kitchen to snug. Reinstate French doors from existing window. The Cedars, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL. **2019/0437/LBA**

Erection of flue for woodburning stove on the side elevation. The Birches Foundry Road Ryhall PE94JA **2019/1059/FUL**

1 No mature silver birch tree- removal due to structural damage to property. 4 Waterside, Ryhall PE9 4EY **2019/1080/CAT**

Construction of two storey side extension with first floor balcony. 2 Balk Road, Ryhall PE9 4HT **2019/1066/FUL**

Replacement dwelling incorporating landscaping and associated access. The Bunglaow, Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe PE9 4SA **2019/1036/FUL**

25/19 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Parked vehicles on the Parkfield Road Green area. It was agreed to write to all residents to ask for their assistance to desist for parking on the green space. On next agenda to monitor
Roundabout etiquette on the A6121 – to discuss possible signage as part of the speed watch initiative

26/19 NEXT MEETINGS - The next meeting will be on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Ryhall .The main agenda item will be the budget and precept for 2020/21