MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020 AT 7.00 pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

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

01/20 APOLOGIES
County Councillor R Coleman and County Councilor D Wilby both representing the parish at the Rutland County Council meeting at Catmose
One member of the public in attendance

02/20 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 – DR declared a DPI in Item 21 Planning

03/19 PUBLIC TIME – Requested at the end of the meeting

04/20 MINUTES
It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2020 were correct and be approved and signed , noting the additional inclusion *Write to RCC library services to suggest future Saturday funding revert to RCC remit* -the amendment on page 4 agenda item 14/20 . PH and NB abstained.

05/20 TRIBUTE TO ROLAND SAUNDERS – former Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
The council would like to pay tribute to the memory of Roland Saunders, who has passed away.
Roland was on the council for 11 years serving on the planning committee and also as vice chairman until he retired in May 2003
With his wife Joyce, he also contributed greatly to life in the parish through the Church and village hall and is warmly remembered for his enthusiasm and pleasant nature.
The family will be arranging for a birch tree to be planted in the playing fields in his memory and we are delighted that his efforts to benefit the community will be so honoured.
A memorial service for Roland is being held in St John's Church, Ryhall, on Saturday 4th April with refreshments being served in the village hall afterwards.

06/20 MATTERS ARISING
Headstone inspection update- the clerk continues to seek to contact the families of the the headstones in the new cemetery to ensure the maintenance is progressed. Four have been contacted to date.
Leicestershire Fire & Rescue service, Rutland County Council, the Police and a number of statutory and voluntary agencies are providing a free information event for the Community and will be held at the Village Hall, Church Street, Ryhall, PE9 4HR on Monday 23rd March 2020 from 10am – 2pm

AGENDA ITEMS

07/20 LOCAL PLAN – No further updates available – await next RCC consultation

08/20 LAND TRANSFER the parish council applied to RCC for details of the transfer of land to Parish Council remit but have not had a response to date

09/20 LIBRARY UPDATE No decision received from RCC to the Parish Council request to revert the Saturday service funding back to RCC remit

10/20 HIGHWAYS ISSUES
A6121 Feasibility studies – RCC have published the outcome of the ITCP requests

1The access into Ryhall from Essendine The average speed has reduced by 8mph and the 85th percentile by 11mph since the installation of the gateway. However speeds are still in excess of 30mph. As the gateway has been effective at reducing speeds, RCC will install solid white lines and SLOW markings between St Eabbas Close and Turnpike Road . RCC have also carried out a large surfacing scheme at the two bends between Essendine and Ryhall.

RCC propose to monitor the site and see if these other measures will have an overall effect on reducing the speed of traffic. Noted that RCC state that this area would not be suitable for white gates due to the layout of the verge on the south east side of the road

2.The access into Ryhall from Stamford indicated that the speeds of vehicles are in excess of the stated speed limit . It is proposed to install a similar gateway design to the northern end of the village. This would include red high friction surfacing, dragon teeth, 30mph roundel, village name plate on yellow backing. RCC do not propose white gateways at this location as it was deemed a proper gateway with signs /lines would be more beneficial. It was proposed by NB, seconded by DR and agreed to endorse this proposal.

3.Proposed Belmesthorpe Gateway
RCC assessment for Belmesthorpe confirms that the speed of vehicles entering Belmesthorpe from the west and east are complying with the stated speed limit.

A speed survey carried out on Main Street at the eastern end of the village showed an average speed of 25mph and 85th percentile of 30mph.

A speed survey carried out on Main Street at the western end of the village showed an average speed of 27mph and 85th percentile of 32mph.
As the speed of vehicles on both these entrances into the village are complying with the stated speed limit, RCC would propose to do nothing at either site.
However it was noted at the meeting that local knowledge indicates that there is a problem with speeding into the village and it was felt locally that traffic through Belmesthorpe would likely increase substantially in the future with the proposed housing in north Stamford and growth in traffic on the A6121 from Bourne.
AG presented a paper to the meeting outlining a proposal for the parish council to consider the purchase and installation of two white gates for the East and West entrance to the village and he had researched a supplier. The Belmesthorpe NHW would match fund £600. It was agreed to seek the advice of RCC Highways (who own the verges) to ascertain the feasibility of the sites before a further discussion. It was agreed to include this proposal along with other village improvements within a consultation document to residents as part of the new Four Year Plan 2020 – 2024.

Footpath initiative along Belmesthorpe Lane From Ryhall Foundry Road to Shepherds Walk on the left hand side. It was agreed to include this proposal in the Four Year Plan consultation to garner the level of support. Noted that there is support from the farmer with land adjacent to a proposed pathway and this would be an opportunity to improve the drainage

The SID on Rutland Way – awaiting installation by RCC

White Bridge Update – Await outcome of the request to RCC to clarify weight and width restrictions. The damage to the pillars remains under review for repair in the next financial year. Future aesthetic improvements to the white bridge will be considered in the Four Year Plan.

Parking on Green Spaces still identified as a problem, especially on Coppice Road green. The PC efforts to appeal to residents to support us in maintaining our green spaces for recreation and open space has regretfully not been adhered to.
RCC advice is that although is not an offence to park a motor vehicle, with the exemption of a HGV, on a grass verge or pavement unless it is causing an obstruction or there is a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in place prohibiting it, if there is an obstruction of the road or pavement this is the responsibility of the police to investigate and enforce. A Traffic Regulation Order will be indicated by either signs or road markings to show parking is prohibited. The council's parking enforcement team are responsible for enforcing breaches of Traffic Regulation Orders by the issue of Penalty Charge Notices
RCC Highways officer has offered to assess the areas of concern for further guidance.

Roundabouts on the A6121 – following a request by the Parish Council, RCC have issued an order for the two roundabouts to be painted white within the next two months to improve visibility and roundabout etiquette.

11/20 SPEED WATCH INITIATIVE
Ryhall Parish Council and Essendine Parish Council have seen selected by RCC for a joint community speed watch scheme between 2nd and 15th May. This will be led by Cllr D Rolfe and Cllr S Markwell Cook who will work with RCC to identify locations (3 per parish) and organise the training for volunteers. To date 16 volunteers have come forward.
Ryhall CE Academy have asked to be included in this work within the village. DR to check with RCC about the feasibility of this request. The School asked if the Parish Council would support a poster competition by funding the printing/publication of two winning entries (one in R/Yr1/Yr2 and one in KS2-Yrs3-6).As this would be beneficial to run concurrently with the scheme dates in May it was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed in principle to support with a maximum sum of £50 for this initiative.

12/20 FOUR YEAR PLAN 2020 – 2024
A draft of ideas for the next four year plan has been circulated to all Councilors for comment and improvements. The parish council will consider a consultation with the community regarding four major improvement initiatives

13/20 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS
(1) Play Area Installation & Grand Opening on Saturday 28 March – 2.30pm on RMPF
DA outlined the current progress of the installation which will culminate in the Grand Opening to which everyone is warmly welcomed.
The relevant insurance for the use of the new equipment will be effective as from 24th February 2020 to reflect the inclusion of the new playground and fitness area. It was proposed by NB, seconded by SMC that the parish council purchase the official safely guidance signage supplied by the contractor at £114 plus VAT. To be located on a post in a prominent position
Ryhall CE Academy has offered to undertake a litter pick on the RMPF prior to the Open Ceremony
Posters have been arranged and the clerk will produce a flyer for distribution at the event appealing for support for the RMPF committee.

(2) Play Area Phase Two – Under Five area
The play park committee have embarked on the next round of fundraising. To date the committee thanks Waitrose Community Funding for £230, a resident for a personal donation of £20 ,the Ryhall Arts and Crafts Club for a donation of £50 and Active Rutland for a grant of £500 towards the Under 5 area.

Three revised quotes will be obtained. The equipment will be a parent and toddler swing, an all inclusive roundabout to replace the old tractor, a play tower with slide and a new four seater see saw.

(3) Insurance for 2020/21. It was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed to the revised quotation from our Insurer of an additional premium of £469.73 including (IPT) which will increase the future annual premium to £1,999.24 including ITP.

(4) Tree inspection & hedge laying. JG will undertake a report of the trees on the playing fields, including which might need replacing in the longer term. He is meeting with the Trust for Conservation Volunteers to assess the middle hedge for hedge laying in the Autumn.

(5) Parking Policy. As part of the ongoing refurbishment it was agreed that a draft policy should be circulated to the parish council and RMPF committee to specify to users the details of the playing fields revised parking policy. Comments were noted about recent driving on the grassed areas and churning of the surfaces but the policy would be enforced primarily for the safety of children using the new play area. The final policy would be considered and ratified at the May meeting. Meanwhile the Acting Chairman has contacted all parties and users to seek their active support in the appeal for not driving or parking on the grass.

(6) RMPF and Church combined Village Summer Fete on 11 July 2020

14/20 TREE IN SQUARE
There has been an observation that the tree has been in decline for several years and has had little or no extension growth in a season. There are coral spots, a sign of facultated disease and there is little or no chance of long term survival.

An option to try and help the tree in the short term,is to remove the concrete from inside the stone work and to dig holes within the square and cover with grids to allow a gaseous exchange to take place and more water to filter through to the roots. A longer term solution needs to be explored and should another tree be required then how it is fed and aired needs consideration. As this is a central tree in the conservation area it was agreed to contact the Tree Officer at RCC who are responsible for the tree.

15/20 VE DAY – Friday May 8th
On behalf of the VE Committee, DR outlined the plans for the VE Day celebrations to be hosted in the Square. It will be a village community event and all Funds raised will go towards the Rutland Poppy Appeal. DR has arranged the insurance and will submit the Event Notification documentation to RCC. To date the VE committee have raised £420 in donations to support the event. Under the Local Government Act 1972 the parish council is permitted to fund the provision of entertainment.
It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed to fund the children's entertainment (magician) @ maximum budget of £150. AG abstained.

16/20 OLD CEMETERY

(1) Refund from RCC of £325 (50%) for maintenance works undertaken last September. The status of the cemetery will be on the next agenda.

(2) The War Graves Commission would like to erect a sign at the old cemetery to state that there are four war graves there. The Parochial Church Council has approved this and seek the endorsement of RCC and the parish council. The WGC will bear all costs and the sign will fit neatly into the little square on the gate post. It was proposed by PH, seconded by AG and agreed unanimously. It was agreed to press the WGC to make repairs to one particular War Grave.

17/20 DOG FOULING INITIATIVE

RCC have provided cans of pink chalk used to identify area of dog fouling ,which once reported to RCC will be cleared by them. Dog fouling is still a major issue within the village and on the Playing Fields, affecting residents and users of the pitches. The parish council support 10 dog bins in the parish and the Ryhall CE Academy have led an eco-initiative – DR to meet again with the school.
In an attempt to restore pride in the community, it was agreed to try this pink chalk scheme with the assistance of volunteers.

18/20 OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council Representatives.
SMC attended a Stilton Parish Council to share information on the play park initiative
SS will attend the next Parish Forum on behalf of Ryhall Parish Council
DR will attend the second Rutland County Council Road Safety Summit in Oakham on Friday 27th March 2020 which is to launch the new Road Safety Guide
The Village Hall will host a fundraising quiz on Sat 28th May

19/20 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

18 .09.19 Draft Minutes
O3.02.20 RCC Budget Consultation
03.02.20 RCC Highways and Transport Working Group
03.02.20 & -2.03.20 Webcare report
03.02.20 & 02.03.20 Rutland North Beat report
10.02.29 Parish Council Liaison Group Update
10.02.20 LRALC Round robin
13.02.20 Village News
13.02.20 RCC Road Safety Summit
25.02.20 CPRE public meeting for Rutland

Correspondence to note

Annual Report of the Rutland CAB circulated
Ryhall Arts & Craft Club – donation of £50 towards the Play park
From Home Instead – Friendship Lunch Launches in Oakham 23 March – details on notice boards

From Resident regarding the Coronavirus situation regarding preparation and help for the elderly those who have to be isolated and the neighbourly respect this requires. DW had (prior to this meeting) referred to the RCC website for all the latest information as this is regularly updated. It was agreed to discuss some reference on the Resilience page of the parish council website.

From Resident who has outlined a pre planning detailed application to build a dwelling and wished to seek the advice of the planning committee ahead of submitting a formal planning application to RCC . The committee read and reviewed the request but it was agreed that it was not under their remit to offer planning guidance as the PC role is to comment and make observations on the actual

submitted application. The planning committee concluded that the resident should submit the completed formal planning application to RCC, thereafter PC would be consulted but as in all cases the policy decision rests with RCC as the planning authority

20/20 FINANCE

Thanks expressed to Mr J Saunders independently checking the accounts for errors and omissions in December 2019

Income received into Parish Account

From Rutland County Council for grounds maintenance for old cemetery	325.00

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
28.01.20 Mrs C Adams Salary January			857.95
28.01.20 HM Revenue for tax CA			252.80
28.01.20 Rutweb for additional content			45.00
02.03.20 Mrs C Adams salary for Feb			857.95
02.03.20 HM Revenue for tax for Feb			252.80

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	**TOTAL**
Came and Co for additional insurance to June			116.79
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			17.00
S Linnell Noticeboard repair			120.00
Funding for VE Day			150.00
Transfer to Community Accounts as agreed January 13 2020			150.00
To AG Adcock for repair to light outside school			45.00
Mr N Bellairs reissue of cheque for defibrillator			166.80
Feland Leisure –signage for play park	114.00	22.80	136.80
Rutland County Council Street Lighting recharge for Ryhall			1,450.99
Rutland County Council Street Lighting recharge for Belmesthorpe			109.47
Mrs C Adams Expensed to March 2020 including 50% of Computer annual maintenance			166.57
BJ Print for posters for the opening event			34.00

Payment of the above accounts as detailed were proposed by ES, seconded by NB and agreed

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting Anglian Water	11.93
Income received into Burial Account – Smith added inscription	64.00
Payments to agree from the Burial Account	0

Accounts	**As at 09.03.20**	**Estimate Balance 31.03.20**
Current Account	12,201.08	5,854
High Interest	14,128.10	14,128.10
Burial Current	113.78	113.78 **
Play Park Community Account for Phase One	39,888.53	39,888.53
Play Park Community Account for Phase Two	4,250	4,750

**** Note :** Burial account currently £113.78 – expected expenditure for 2020/21 is 1,370 with no predicted income this has to be paid from the precepted funds for next financial year.

Income received into the CIL Play area community fund £230 from Waitrose Community Fund and £20 personal donation, Ryhall Arts & Crafts £50.00 donation

21/20 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission

Material change of use of part of existing building from agriculture to B2 use (vehicle repairs) with associated works. Land at Borderville Farm, Stamford Road **2019/1317/FUL**

Outline Planning Permission & Retrospective Applications - None

Refusal of Planning Permission – None

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed Use or Development 2019/1306/CLP Single storey rear extension 34 Parkfield Road, Ryhall PE9 4ER Validated 22 November 2019 .

Application for Tree works : works to trees subject to a TPO and / or Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area
T1 – Ilex Aquifolium (holly) Fell T2 Ilex Aquifolium Fell T3 Fraxinus Excelsior (Ash) Fell T4 Fraxinus Excelsisior (Ash) Fell T5 Acer Pseudoplantanus Fell . The Vicarage, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4ER **2020/1095/CAT**

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development
Approval of details required by condition planning permission

Appeal
APP/A204Q/D/19/3242659 dated 2019/0018 1, Beech Drive, Ryhall PE9 4EW Extension and alteration to dwelling.

Planning applications observations:

Proposed single storey rear extension incorporating new pitched roof to existing single rear extension. 1, vale Cottages, Church Street, Ryhall PR9 4HW **2020/0042/FUL**

Land at Bridge Street, Ryhall Construction of two No 4 bedroomed dwellings. **2020/0048/FUL.**

Proposed conservatory – Shields Cottage, Main Street Belmesthorpe **PE9 4JQ 2019/1268/FUL**

Fell 1 x Cherry due to overcrowding from other trees. The Birches, Foundry Road Ryhall PE9 4JA**. 2020/0125/CAT**

Proposed conversion of existing garage to habitable use. Side extension to form games room. Extension to kitchen. First floor side extension to form bedroom with ensuite bathroom. Proposed new driveway **2 Meadow Lane Ryhall PE9 4EP 2020/0200/FUL**

22/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Vicarage Lane – ownership of wall and lane
Highways Walk to be arranged
Street Lighting – to consult with RCC about switching off lights for energy conservation
Closed Cemetery status

23/20 NEXT MEETINGS - The next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 18TH MAY at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Ryhall