**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00 pm**
**Due to Covid 19 this meeting was conducted by Zoom**

**PRESENT** , Mr D Amies ( DA) Mr J Gresty ( JG) Mrs E Sismore (ES) Mr D Wilby ( DW) Mr A Gombault (AG) Mr A Nebel ( AN)

**01/20 APOLOGIES –** Mrs S Markwell-Cook ( SMC) , Mrs S Smith )SS) , Mrs D Rolfe ( DR)

**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** – None

**03/20 PUBLIC TIME –** No members of the public joined the meeting via audio link to participate in public time.

**04/20 MINUTES**. It was proposed by DW, seconded by AG and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 7th September 2020 were approved and signed on the zoom screen by DA

**05/20 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS**

**Parking**
Two directives had been circulated for consideration following complaints with conflicting opinions received from residents
Whilst wishing to compromise with all users of the playing fields, it was agreed that health and safety of children and users for the area near the play park was the absolute priority. It was also important to consider the residents along Parkfield Road who were impacted by inconsiderate parking when the gravelled area appeared not be sensibly used.
DW noted that a Parking Guidance Directive previously drafted to deal with school pick up road parking issues had been agreed by the School and had recently been forwarded to the school for onward transmission to parents and carers. It was proposed from the Chair and agreed that a parking Directive be issued to all users of playing fields stressing the need for respect for residents, care and considered parking on the designated gravelled parking area .Clerk to produce a Directive to circulate to the full parish council and then onwards to all users
ES noted that the 'No parking on the grass signage' was clear enough but was contradictory to the current usage.
DW stated that a container now in place on the gravelled area. Following the need for Gala tent storage in the garage this container is now the storage for the One Touch Footballers and negates their need to take a vehicle down to the pavilion. AN suggested that the Bowls Club members could self regulate themselves and drive slowly with an escort when there was a genuine need to drive on the grass to the Bowls Club.
In the interests of health and safety, which all agreed was the priority, it was proposed by ES, seconded by DA that the parish council investigate the purchase of fence and field gate to delineate the play area zone .This would separate the areas clearly, for the exceptional occasions that the Bowls Club did have to have vehicular access and allow for access for the occasional farm vehicle as per the permissive right of way.
Carried – one abstention AG, one against DW. Clerk to gather quotes for the final decision at the next meeting. ( AN had declared an interest as a member of the Bowls Club)

**Funding for Fencing –** as above

**Covid 19 reminder posters for Playing Fields**
With the ongoing pandemic it was agreed that the temporary signage originally produced by the Clerk needed to be more permanent – it was agreed to emulate the poster seen at other play areas

**Update on Play Area Phase Two** – discuss and agree the recent revised quotations for the junior multi play. It was proposed by AN, seconded by JG and agreed to accept Quote 2 for the under Five play area multi play item, this will be funded by the grant from National Grid via the RMPF Committee funds. In the light of the previous discussion about safety, it was agreed that the remaining monies will be used towards the construction of a small fence to delineate the area. DW confirmed that any shortfall would be made up by the RMPF.

**06/20 LIBRARY** –
The external deterioration of the Library building had been noted by the parish council. Despite attempts to co-ordinate a site meeting with Rutland County Council who own the building ,this had regretfully not taken place. DW advised that other County Council libraries were also in the same position and he had raised Ryhall's library situation in Cabinet. Councillors discussed the possibility of a volunteer led group to refurbish but it was concluded that this would be too large a project with health and safety issues to address and would be best completed by a professional company.
It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Property Services to express disappointment about the lack of communication and ask for a steer as to the way ahead. The refurbishment of the Library next year was now a question included in the Parish Council short survey on the Four Year Plan due out with the Village News distribution in November.

**07/20 CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**
Three quotes have been obtained for the removal of the soil/ rubble pile at the bottom left hand corner of the old cemetery. It was proposed by AN, seconded by DA and agreed to proceed with the quote for £575 plus VAT. This would be funded from the Burial account as a one off improvement in response to complaints received. The caveat would be to commence when ground conditions were suitably dry to avoid damage to the grass/ path as the narrow centre path is the only access.

**08/20 LOCAL PLAN -** Local Plan endorsement of the parish council planning committee comments – this had been circulated to all 29/09/20

D**raft response to the Local Plan from Ryhall Parish Council Planning Sub-committee** The Ryhall Parish Council Planning Sub-committee endorse the two proposed development sites in Ryhall, H1.15 River Gwash Trout Farm and H1.16 Land to the South West of Belmesthorpe Lane, but feel that the affordable homes ratio should be greater on both site as we are mindful of the great need for additional affordable housing. The Planning sub-committee would also like on record that we feel the indicative capacity of housing on both these sites is unrealistic as this higher density of housing would not be in sympathy with adjacent developments or the adjoining conservation area.

The Planning sub-committee decline to comment on any other proposed sites in the Local Plan as we have full confidence that each and every Parish Council will be able to respond with greater accuracy and understanding of their own local needs than we can.

Regarding the proposed large scale development planned for St George's Barracks, the Planning sub-committee feel that it is the right decision to develop this site in order to fulfil the county's further housing needs.

AG expressed his intention to vote against endorsement citing the 2018 survey which had sought views on both the proposed Gwash development and the site adjacent to Meadow Lane .He noted that the impact of traffic on Belmesthorpe Lane had been a concern for 90% of the respondents of the survey. He also noted that respondents has stated that green space between the two villages was important and that three quarters of residents who replied said they walked round a minimum of once a week

From the September 2017 parish plan survey, 50% of Belmesthorpe respondents and 29% of Ryhall respondents were against development in this area. ES (Lead on the planning committee), stated that the proposed two developments included in the 2020 Consultation of the Local Plan were within the curtilage of the village and as these were the only inclusions the Parish Council should be mindful of the need to support some level of development in our parish. Within the statement the planning committee have stressed the desire for affordable housing. Should the development go ahead in the future then the parish council could press for a footway to assist walkers of this route –AN expressed his opinion about the substance of a footway that it should be in keeping with the rural aspect. A question about the level of support for such a footway will be included in the Questionnaire. At the vote to submit the above statement to the Local Plan , three in favour, one abstention (AN) one against ( AG)

**09/20 WEBSITE**
It was proposed by ES, seconded by DW and agreed to the quote from our website provider of £300 for the work required to allow for Website accessibility to be compliant with WCAG 2.1. AA ( Website Content Accessible Guidelines). Initial work has already been completed with the Website Accessibility Statement uploaded onto the website 23/09/20

**10/20 FUNDING**
Poppies for Remembrance – it was proposed by ES, seconded by AN and agreed to the cost of £30 for the funding of ten extra large poppies (if they can be sourced) These will be added to the current poppies for the lampposts for Remembrance . They will replace damaged and old poppies and improve the display.

Four Year Plan 2020 -2024 Questionnaire for distribution in the Village News .
The parish council wish to consult residents for their views on four possible projects identified in the parish plan draft and ascertain the level of support in general and financially .The Four Year Plan draft and the draft questionnaire/ flyer had been circulated in advance 12/10/20 for Councillors agreement and there were no further amendments.
The Four Year Plan will be available to view on the website. Three options for producing the flyer had been circulated. It was proposed by AG, seconded by ES and agreed to select the quote for the larger font , the A4 size at a cost of £99.99 plus VAT and for distribution in the November Village News (£25 for inserts)
DA thanked AG for his work on drafting the questionnaire and sourcing the printing costs.

**11/20 FREQUENCY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**
With the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic it is likely that Parish Council meetings will have to continue remotely certainly until May 2021 . It was proposed by DW, seconded by JG and agreed to purchase an annual zoom package with a 25% discount.
It was proposed by the Chair that meetings be held monthly by zoom and for a maximum of one and half hours. This would assist with dealing more effectively with the volume of agenda items on a more regular basis. It was agreed that it was important not to clash with the Rutland County Council Monday meetings to ensure our County Councillors could attend. Clerk to circulate an email to all to ascertain preference for day and time.

All in agreement that monthly meeting would ease the workload .This would commence in January 2021

**12. OPEN FORUM**

Following the previous discussions the Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields, DW tendered his resignation as Interim Chairman of RMPF with immediate effect. This is a post he has held for six years. DA thanked him for his tremendous hard work over the years – the parish council were greatly appreciative of his leadership of the committee. His decision to step down leaves a vital role to be filled as the playing fields are an integral part of the village and it is essential that a new Chairman be appointed. This voluntary position does not necessarily need to be allocated to a Councillor .It was agreed to seek to fill the role with a publicity appeal in the hope that a resident would be willing to step up and help.
DA as Chairman agreed that he would oversee the day to day running until November 23rd ( next PC meeting ) but due to his workload he would not be able to take over as Chairman of RMPF.

The next ordinary meeting is scheduled to be held on **Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7.00pm** This will be a virtual meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions.