MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 pm
Due to Covid 19 this meeting was conducted by Zoom

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

01/21 APOLOGIES –
County Councillor Richard Coleman who was attending the Parish Forum

02/21 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

03/21 PUBLIC TIME – No members of the public joined the meeting via audio link to participate in public time. Mr P Davis joined the meeting with a view to his co-option application

04/20 MINUTES. Subject to the amendment of confirming the inclusion of the approval of the payments cycle (page 5) it was proposed by SS, seconded by ES and agreed that the draft of the Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 23 November 2020 were correct and approved. They were signed on the zoom screen by DA

05/21 Matters Arising
Wildlife area – Seeds will be sown in due course to promote diversity of species

Update on the street light relocation on Foundry Road – the Parish Council have asked RCC for details of where the proposed new column would be located. It was agreed to continue to explore reinstating the light in its original position with a shield

White Bridge Belmesthorpe – Repair works now completed, greatly improved visually .It was proposed by NB, seconded by AG and agreed to send formal thanks to Rutland County Council Highways Dept

A6121 Update on the resurface and roundabouts, and gate installations. There is a delay on the proposed works to the Tolethorpe bridge due to component issues .However it is anticipated that the works to resurface the A6121 and repaint the roundabouts will commence on 1st February.

AGENDA ITEMS

06/21 CO OPTION
Following the resignation of Mr Paul Huddleston, a casual vacancy was created. Mr Phillip Davis wished to be considered for co-option and had submitted a resume of his career. It was proposed by AN, seconded by DW that Mr Davis be co-opted on Ryhall Parish Council . At the vote, agreed unanimously. He duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office on the screen and will complete the Register of Interests, within 28 days to be submitted to Rutland County Council. Following signature, he was thereafter eligible to join the meeting . The Clerk will issue the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct.

07/21 COVID SITUATION
DW gave an overview of the current Covid 19 situation within the county of Rutland, including the vaccination roll out at Catmose which is proceeding smoothly and updated on the procedures policy at the Schools. Councillors' receive the weekly briefings from RCC to remain fully informed.

08/21 PARISH SURVEY
The meeting considered the results of the recent questionnaire and reviewed recommendations made by AG and DA. The Chairman thanked AG for his hard work and time in producing the survey outcomes. AG led the meeting through the four projects based on this report which had been circulated. The full report can be accessed on the website and an abridged version will be in the village news in February.
AG reported that both the white bridge and library had the strong support from those in the community who had responded. The statistics indicate that the respondents were content to fund both from a precept increase

White Bridge It was proposed by AG, seconded by NB to endorse the recommendation: *Obtain professional quotes and necessary permissions as soon as possible with the aim of implementation of the project at the earliest opportunity .To be financed from an increase to the precept and , if necessary , additional funds from current account surplus.* At the vote, all in favour
Noted that this project requires permission from the Environment Agency, and the use of a competent, suitably qualified and insured company, it is not possible to draw on the resources of volunteers. Highways would need to agree the specification for the painting system and there would be a requirement for road closure. The project would be likely to be undertaken in summer months.

DR joined the meeting at this juncture

Ryhall Library. It was proposed by AG, seconded by SS to endorse the recommendation *Redecorate the paintwork and varnish on the exterior of Ryhall Library at the earliest suitable opportunity, using professional decorators and subject to the permission of Rutland County Council. Funds to be provided by an appropriate increase in the parish precept, unless RCC offers to pay for the work.* At the vote, all in favour

Belmesthorpe Gateways AG reported a variety of responses some based on the perception that the Ryhall gateway (which was funded by RCC) was not that effective. Belmesthorpe residents perceive a problem with speeding with in the village and were in favour of gates to slow oncoming traffic.
It was proposed by AG, seconded by AN to endorse the recommendation
To further investigate the problem of vehicle speeding though Belmesthorpe village and consult with appropriate external agencies as to a suitable solution. Reserve funding previously designated for gateways but not yet used for whatever solution is finally agreed. As an adjustment ,whilst discussing solutions to speeding, it was further suggested by AN to re-launch the 20mph initiative across both villages At the vote, carried unanimously.

New Footpath –Belmesthorpe Lane
AG highlighted the statistics as to the level of support from the respondents. The survey indicated there was a desire for some form of footway on this well walked route. There was a further suggestion to investigate a footway from Belmesthorpe west towards the white bridge/ A6121.
The meeting discussed the options and issues of installation of a footway on this narrow Belmesthorpe Lane including consideration to wildlife and the fact it is in a rural setting.

DR offered to lead on the Speedwatch Initiative when it is possible to resume and JG suggested the formulation of a working group to monitor speeds to create data

It was proposed by AG, seconded by AN to endorse the revised recommendation. *Set up a project involving appropriate external agencies and advice to assess the viability, the best way and the cost of ensuring safe pedestrian passage along Belmesthorpe Lane between Belmesthorpe and Ryhall. Then, to hold a further public consultation as to whether to proceed with the project. Finance to be provided by CIL funds from any new developments along Belmesthorpe Lane, subject to their approval, and/or by external agencies* . At the vote, all in favour

09/21 FINANCE

In view of the Budget and Financial Report outlining the proposed future expenditure and sources of income allocated, the VAT generated from the first phase of the play park refurbishment is required back in the Reserves account. Reserves should be sufficient to cover 6 – 12 months .Thus, revoking a previous proposal in May to commit the VAT to the play park. It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to transfer £6,660 across to the Reserves to bring this account back up to acceptable level within this financial year.

Income received into current account – None
Income received into Burial account since last meeting
21/12/20 Waters £200 21.12.20 Bates £100

Balances as at 31st December 2020 as per bank statements

Community current Account 1		
(Includes ring fenced CIL money £1,790 & Extra VAT refund 6,660)		**33,846.50**
Less un presented cheques	A Gombault parish plan copies 20.00	
	A Gombault parish plan copies 99.99	
	Hill Accountants (admin) 61.20	
	Environment SK (hedges) 825.82	
Reserves		**14,139.15**
Burial Current		**2,368.29**
Community Account 2 for Under Five project		**4,978.53**

Payments made since last meeting from Burial account

	Nett	**VAT**	**Total**
03.11.20 Anglian Water tap	16.15	0	16.15
03.12.20 M Edwards Maintenance	575.00	115.00	690.00
Payments agreed and approved at the last meeting 23/11/20			
03.12.20 Environment SK (grass)	1,213.66	242.73	1,456.39
03.12.20 LRALC Delegate fee	40.00	0	40.00
03.12.20 Plough Environment Grass	350.00	0	350.00
03.12.20 Village News inserts	25.00	0	25.00
03.12.20 Environment SK Verge cuts	60.30	12.06	72.36
03.12.20 Coleman's photocopies	20.00	0	20.00
03.12.20 Mrs C Adams expenses	128.09	0	129.08
Payments made since the last meeting 23/11/20			
03.12.20 HM Revenue Tax for DA & CA	505.23	0	505.23
03.12.20 Mrs C Adams Salary Nov	862.03	0	862.03
18.12.20 Hill Accountants	51.00	10.20	61.20
18.12.20 Environment SK (Hedgescutting)	688.18	137.64	825.82
18.12.20 Mrs C Adams Salary Dec	861.83	0	861.83
18.12.20 H M Revenue (tax for Dec)	247.44	0	247.44

Payments in current payment cycle to agree:

Rutland C Council Lighting recharge	1,448.64	0	1,448.64
Rutland C Council Lighting Belmesthorpe	109.47	0	109.47
Biffa Dog Waste bins (Oct – Dec)	325.00	65.00	390.00
Barker Signs for Under 5 sign	48.00	9.60	57.60
J Gresty - Land registry search	9.00	0	9.00
B J Print *	58.00	0	58.00

(Former Chairman Paul Huddlestob designed and commissioned the printing of Covid 19 advisory leaflets intending them to be distributed to all residents at the height of the emergency for guidance about the support for the community . However, before it was possible to collect them the UK went into the first lockdown. It was proposed by ES, seconded by NB and agreed to honour the payment of these leaflets given the circumstances.)

The Clerk will be purchasing a new computer from her own funds but seeks the agreement of funding of the transfer of parish council data if applicable – it was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed in principle – full costs to be agreed at the February meeting.

The payment of all the accounts detailed above was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed

10/21 ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that the parish council were prepared to consider allocating some funding in the 2021/22 budget towards the allotment proposed water retrieval system but had not received a written request ahead of this meeting

Note that permission is currently being sought from RCC for the felling of two trees as agreed at the November meeting.

11/21 GRASSCUTTING & HEDGECUTTING SEASON 2021

It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS to continue with the status quo for the two contractors used for (1)cutting of the parish/open space grass & hedgecutting and (2) the cemetery/churchyard grass. This was based on their quotes submitted and the good standard of work this year. AN suggested a reduction in the frequency of cuts and leaving areas uncut to allow for wildflower habitat to flourish. JG proposed drawing up a plan over the next season to consider these suggestions, agreed.

It was further agreed, based on the submitted quotes , to commission a third contractor to undertake the grass cutting on the playing fields pitch and play area for the forthcoming season 2021. At the vote, unanimous

12/21 BUDGET - to consider and approve the budget for 2021/22

A comprehensive draft Budget and Financial Report has been prepared by the Clerk and AG and circulated to all councilors in advance of the meeting. Explanations of the variances and projected spend had been outlined. Thanks expressed to AG who had expended many hours to produce the final draft of the working papers and AN for his independent assessment. It was proposed by AG, seconded by AN and agreed to accept the budget . All agreed at the vote, SS and DR abstained (due to downloading issues relating to this one document)

13/21 PRECEPT DECISION

A Precept options paper had been circulated in advance. Against the background of not increasing the precept funding for seven years until 2019,and balancing of the budget to a small surplus next year, AG proposed an increase in the precept to fund the two projects sanctioned by the survey . It was proposed by AG to increase the precept at the same percentage as last year an increase of 6.2% (2,000) . This would equate to a £3.70 per annum per household for a Band D property. A counter proposal by AN to increase the

precept by £3,000 was not seconded. The first proposal was seconded by DW and at the vote, all in favour. Therefore the Parish Council will request a precept of £34,494 for 2021/22.

14/21 CEMETERY
AN offered to lead on the cemetery extension project and was thanked by the Chairman. It was proposed by AG, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously that AN be nominated as Lead Councillor. Consultation with residents will be the first step and this will be considered at the February meeting.

Quotes will be sought for repairs to the new cemetery front fence to be agreed at the February Meeting

15/21RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS
JG had offered to undertake the role of the Chairman. It was proposed by DW, seconded by SMC that JG be nominated chairman. DR and SMC will also join the committee. The parish council Chairman thanked JG. The Committee hope to meet virtually to discuss various ongoing issues, including (1) the decision about the request from the Bowls Club for a share of the RMPF Government grant and (2) the recommendation to the Parish Council at the February meeting about future Quarterly Inspections, which the Parish Council will fund
Meanwhile the RMPF will fund the next inspection using the current contractor.
The hedge cutting has been undertaken along the boundary which revealed two further trees requiring removal. In his capacity as Tree Warden, JG had inspected both and on his advice confirmed that the smaller tree could be cut back .A quote for the larger tree will be sought for a future decision.

16/21 COUNCILLOR ROLES REVIEW
Consider the creation of, and Appointments to, new Councillor Roles
Planning Committee ; DA, SS, NB and ES. ES will remain as Lead. JG will leave the planning committee to concentrate on his new role as RMPF Chair
Finance; AG offered to lead and AN offered to join to form a sub committee
Highways & Footpaths; DR offered to lead with the assistance of SMC. AG will continue to lead on the Belmesthorpe gateway proposed project under the Four Year Plan remit

17/21 RUTLAND PARISH COUNCILS CENSUS 2021
To note that there will be an awareness campaign led by the Office for National Statistics working in partnership with Rutland County Council to reach as many communities regarding the first digital Census in March 2021.

18/21 OTHER MEETINGS - Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. None.

19/21 CORRESPONDENCE
Circulated: by email
24.11.20 From LRALC Virtual Climate Emergency Action Day
24.11.20 From RCC - A6121 resurfacing
26.11.20 Parish Forum Presentations
26.11.20 Press release about Rutland Healthcare virtual meeting
26.11.20 Tesco Bags of Help/ Rutland
26.11.20 RCC Parking Strategy – response compiled by DA circulated to the Parish council, submitted to RCC on 8 January 2021
27.11.20 Resilient Rutland 2020 Newsletter
27.11.20 RCC Roundup from CEO
30.11.20 Draft Minutes

01.12.20 Uffington Road Closure
01.12.20 & 04.01.21 Rutweb Report
02.12.20 Neighbourhood Link from Police
07.12.20 To Planning Committee EMCLH Research into community led housing
07.12.20 Letter from Dr S Furness The Lord –Lieutenant of Rutland – Dying Matters in Rutland – launch of new website , brochure and video
07.12.20 LPFA Newsletter
07.12.20 Update from RCC Roundup
7.12.20 North Beat Report
14 .12.20 Governance – Cllr W Walters Portfolio holder for Health Commissioning , Public Health, Adult Safeguarding and social care and community safety offered to attend PC meetings to give brief presentation It was proposed by AN, seconded by SS and agreed to invite. DW, DR,ES & JG abstained
14.12.20 Rural CC Impact
15.12.20 River Welland Water transfer project
21.12.20 RCC Weekly round up
21.12.20 Stamford Canals Restoration project
04.01.21 RCC Project on future recreation and leisure – Noted that Libraries are not included in the audit of leisure facilities

20 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission

2020/0922/FUL Single storey extension (rear) 28 Coppice Road, Ryhall PE9 4HY

Listed Building Consent granted

Melbourn House, Foundry Road, Ryhall PE9 4JA
Refurbishment of existing house, small internal alteration at ground floor, building rear extension and covered outdoor area for hot tub, minor alteration to the first floor. Replacing windows for original style windows with slim double glazed profile. Removal of two trees and erecting garden shed 10'x6' creating tandem space for two cars and replacing / erecting part of internal timber fence and new timber gate

Outline Planning Permission & Retrospective Applications - None

Refusal of Planning Permission & Listed Building Consent - None

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed Use or Development - None

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Development within the curtilage of a dwelling house) or (Agricultural and Forestry Development) - None

Planning applications observations:

All plans can be accessed on the RCC website.

2020/1420 FUL and 2020 1421/LBA Replace the windows within three of the roof dormers , front and rear elevations The Cedars, New Road, PE9 4HL

2020/1419 FUL

Proposed side extension and alterations to dwelling including underground garage
1, Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe PE9 4JL.

2020/0983/FUL
Demolition of existing conservatory. Single storey extension to front side and rear of dwelling , rear extension to include steel stairway to flat roof balcony with glass balustrade. 19A Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe.

2020/0752/LBA
Addition of new stone mullion window on front elevation. Barn Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe. PE9 4JQ

2020/ 1160/FUL Two storey side and single storey side and rear and side extension to include new attached garage following demolition of existing garage. Fourways House, Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE9 4HD

Application for Tree works : works to trees subject to a TPO and / or Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

2020/0956/CAT
Beech T1 reduce crown by 3m . Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall

2020/1083/CAT
3 No Cypress (G2) Remove to ground level. The Cedars, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HH

2020/0997/CAT
T1, T3, 2 No hornbeam, remove T4 1 no silver birch, reduce crown by 4m
Old Manor Farm, Foundry Road, Ryhall PE9 4JA

21 OPEN FORUM
Flooding Issues noted on Foundry Road and Belmesthorpe west crossroads. Both have been reported to RCC. Clerk to inform parish council of progress. Noted that County Councillor R Coleman is also aware and seeking redress
Flooding on the lane to Great Casterton/ Turnpike Road corner .Clerk to report to RCC
With weather warnings and potential further flooding in January residents are advised to report blocked drains or flooded areas to RCC via the Fix My Street portal.

22 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

23 NEXT MEETINGS –
Meetings will take place monthly in 2021.
The Parish Council next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm
This will also be a virtual meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions