MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MARCH 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 A Gombault (AG) Mr A Nebel (AN) Mrs S Markwell-Cook (SMC) Mrs S Smith (SS) Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mr P Davis (PD)

01/21 APOLOGIES- accepted from County Councillors David Wilby and Richard Coleman sent apologies due to attendance at Catmose, Oakham ; Mr N Belliars

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.

04/21 MINUTES. Subject to an amendment (below) it was proposed by DR, seconded by SS and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 15th February 2020 were correct. The amendment was to note the attendance of Mr P Davis as a Member Councillor. The Chairman signed the Minutes on the zoom screen.

05/21 Matters Arising
Street light relocation on Foundry Road
RCC state that it is not possible to put light on the telegraph pole as they do not own them. However, it was noted by the PC that the clear majority of street lights in the centre of the village and conservation area were attached to a telegraph pole and questioned this further.
RCC state they are willing to fund a standard aluminuim lighting column on the grassed area by the White Bridge.
Noted that under s72 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 there is a statutory duty for special attention shall be paid to the *desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and or appearance of the area*. In effect, this means that all new development should preserve or enhance the character and or appearance of the conservation area.
The Parish council argue that RCC should not be installing a modern utilitarian style lighting column which would inevitably detract from the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, contrary to the Act and National Planning Policy Framework.
It was agreed to seek the costs from RCC for a heritage lighting column. Five in favour. 2 abstained (SS; AG)

Belmesthorpe White Bridge PC request for additional signage relating to narrow bridge
RCC state that 'The existing priority system should be sufficient to alert motorists of the issue of the narrow bridge.
Large vehicles including tractors and trailers are entitled to use that road and cross the bridge for access. The placing of additional signage is very unlikely to have much impact. The width of the carriageway over the bridge is sufficiently wide enough to permit vehicles across, other than those identified as abnormal loads which should be using the strategic network (A6121).
RCC ask, if possible, that if anyone were to witness anyone striking the bridge that they

take vehicle details and ideally photographs of the incident so that RCC are able to recover any costs for damage. RCC will re-consider putting a width restriction on the road.

Wildflower area planted with bluebell and cowslip plugs and seeded with a variety of wildflowers including yellow rattle, red campion, ox eye daisy, a donated flower bomb. Signage in place to inform residents who have offered favorable comment

06/21 COVID SITUATION
A year to the day of the First National Lockdown on 23/3/20 the Chairman requested one minutes reflection which was duly respected by all Councillors. Weekly statistics are still received from Rutland County Council. The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their dedication to the Parish Council during this difficult year.

07/21 PARISH SURVEY progress report
Library refurbishment. AG continues to liaise with Rutland County Council property department to organize a site visit as it is their property. The Parish Council is keen to progress with this project.

White Bridge- jet wash and re-paint
PD outlined the process, stipulated by Rutland County Council
The Environment Agency will not permit the power jet washing without mitigating measures put in place to manage the waste that will be generated. The EA are likely to insist that the fencing is encapsulated to prevent contamination of the river. This would likely need to be done using scaffolding and sheeting. The PC is likely to require as Bespoke Permit.

The PC will need a suitably accredited and insured contractor to work on the highway. RCC can assist with providing suggested contractors from whom they obtained quotes in the past.
The PC will need to employ a traffic management company for the closure and diversion.

Councillors undertook further discussions about the viability of the costs involved, the aesthetic value of the white bridge which is greatly valued as an iconic feature of the village and likely future deterioration over the years if no action were taken

It was proposed by DR, seconded by AN and agreed to seek the costs/process of the permits in the first instance and the quotes for the works. Noted that the Gwash is a salmonid watercourse so works must take place from 14th March – 1st October only

08/21 HIGHWAYS
Update on Traffic survey
DR to seek clarification as to when Ryhall and Belmesthorpe might be able to conduct the Speedwatch Campaign this year.Four areas of concern would be targeted, (Rutland Way, Belmesthorpe Lane to Ryhall, Belmesthopre to the A6121 and Essendine Hill/ Turnpike Road. AN suggested the PC request a 30mph sign painted in the road along Turnpike to remind that this area is still within the 30mph limit.
In the interim it was agreed to conduct a footfall and traffic flow survey along Belmesthorpe lane in the summer months

(1) Resurface issues on the A6121. A report of the overall poor quality of the resurfacing work has been submitted by the PC to RCC on 9/3/21. A follow up site inspection is due by RCC who will then respond to Parish Council comments.

(2) Following a highways walk by DR and PD, all the recent Potholes were reported on 9/3/21 – including the ongoing one reported on St Johns Close.

(3) Pavements resurface – following discussion as to the poor quality and viability / longevity of this project it was agreed to write to RCC expressing concerns and seeking redress
Other Highways issues include previously reported road surface on lower New Road, the edging along the lanes with the huge gaps between the roadway and the verges, some filled by spare asphalt and the excess asphalt dropped in rural laybys.

Blocked Drain and Fix My Street response. AG highlighted the Fix MY Street system whereby two sets of blocked drains in Belmesthorpe have not been addressed, resulting in rain water continuing to flow over the roadway in wet times. The Foundry Road flood/ blocked drain remains under review.

Signage (1) Duck signage for Foundry Road. Two quotes had been obtained ahead of any decision about signage. Signs would be to warn oncoming drivers about the ducks' location as a safety issue. Councillors debated the merits/ drawbacks of signage and possible locations. It was agreed to seek the consent of RCC Highways department under the Communities and Local Government Legislation for outdoor advertising and signs

(2) Dog fouling Castle Rise noted. It was agreed to place a temporary low sign to request the co-operation of dog walkers to take home their dog bags or use the dog bin by the entrance to the Meadows

(3) Parking on Coppice Road green – this had been highlighted as a concern but appeared to have resolved. Agreed to keep a watching brief.

09/21 CEMETERY
Repairs to the new cemetery front fence. It was proposed by AG, seconded by SS and agreed to Quote A @ £200 with the proviso that the posts are concreted in. It was further agreed to fund (@20) a repair to the gate post which is splitting which would benefit from two bolts to prevent further separating.

10/21 FINANCE
It was proposed by DA, seconded by AG and agreed the transfer of £4,000 to the High Interest account.

Income received into current account – None
Income received into Burial account since last meeting
23.02.21 Mee 80.00
23.02.21 Showell 80.00

Balances as at 26 February 2021 as per bank statements

Community current Account 1 (Includes CIL money £1,790)	21,895.99
High Interest	**20,739.15**
Burial Current	**2,140.53**
Community Account 2 for Under Five project	**4,978.53**

Payments made since last meeting from Burial account None

	Nett	**VAT**	**Total**
Payments agreed at the last meeting 15/02/21 and paid			
Rutweb for website accessibility			300.00

LRALC Delegate fees x 3			120.00
C Adams Expenses (November to 3rd Feb 2021)			157.95
Royal British Legion – 10 lamp post poppies			30.00
Bytham Trees RMPF boundary hedge	500.00	100.00	600.00
ACR Computers Data transfer	58.33	11.67	70.00
Bytham Trees Allotment & RMPF trees	500.00	100.00	600.00

Less unpresented cheques balance as at 22.03.21 18,738.47

Payments in current payment cycle	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Rutweb Amends and additions			80.00
Mrs C Adams March Salary			862.03
HM Revenue & Customs			247.24
Mrs C Adams Expenses 3/2/21 to year end			82.25

The payment of the above expenditure as detailed above was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed.

From Burial Account **None**

Noted that from 1st April 2021 for the next financial year the cost of the emptying of the black bin fortnightly remains at £312 plus VAT. RCC to raise an invoice for 2021/22.

11/21ALLOTMENTS

St Tibba Inner hedge cutting

The Parish Council is responsible for external hedge cutting on the allotments
To cut the top and front of St Tibba hedge costs £93.86 . To cut the inside is £97.60. The allotment association have agreed they will match fund half. It was therefore proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed to fund 50% therefore an additional £48.80 each in July 2021

Quotes for works to the cherry tree on site

It was proposed by ES, seconded by AG and agreed to quote B for crown reducing the one cherry tree in the centre of the allotment site. At the vote, unanimous.

Update on the Constitution and Tenancy Agreements

The Chairman reported on the recent zoom meeting with three lead members of the new committee, attended by DA, NB and the Clerk. A revised and updated Constitution has been drawn up. The Allotment Association Self Management document was unchanged . The Tenancy Agreement agreements between the Parish Council and the tenant are reviewed each year before issued, primarily regarding rent increases. Some changes had been agreed with the Association for the 2021/22 issue. No rent increase this year. Subject to confirmation of all agreed changes to 2021 documentation, it was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed to endorse. The Committee will be hosting an AGM in July when Covid restrictions allow. This is to enable all 37 allotment tenancy holders to attend and vote. One item on the forthcoming agenda will be the review of harvesting of water and transfer of water around the allotments / use of hose pipes. Noted that some tenants had concerns about changes and had highlighted these to the parish council. As this has been an ongoing communication, the parish council will submit a caveat for consideration to the committee ahead of the AGM but decisions about the running and maintenance of the site are under the remit of the committee and allotment holders. Going forward all communications in the first instance are to be directed to the Association.

12/21 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS –
The pathway to the pavilion requires some upgrade. The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes ahead of the next meeting for consideration by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Playing Fields Management Association

13/21 LAND REGISTRY
The Chairman will assess and report findings regarding the areas that the Parish Council hold the title deeds to.

14/21 OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.
AG reported on the Parish Forum – 15th March
Climate Change and Biodiversity

- Climate Action Group formed with aim of making Rutland Carbon-neutral by 2050 led by Cllr Lucy Stephenson
- Aim is to identify all the individual climate groups which are operating across the county and establish a network to promote activities and ideas and share best practice
- Letter to be sent to all Parishes and other appropriate organisations to create a database and heat map
- Climate Summit (virtual) planned for 12th May: agreed to decide at the next meeting the PC representation.
- Climate change and biodiversity and poverty in the County will be the two main priorities for his period of office of David Ward (High Sheriff Designate)
- He plans to visit every village in the County in his year of office to discover what villages are doing to deal with climate change and promote biodiversity
- Awards for the three most impressive villages
- Agreed Parish Council to consider appointing a Lead on Climate Change & Biodiversity
- Free Conference (virtual) on 'Biodiversity and its Loss' on 23rd March , to address conflict between biodiversity and development
- SS to attend this conference to represent Ryhall Parish Council

- Biodiversity: verge management. Five verges in Langham designated to be wildlife corridors and havens . Ryhall Parish Council to consider if we reserve some of our verges for biodiversity, whilst noting that wildflower verges require active management
- Langham Community Park refurbishment: highlighted the use of professional group (4Grants) on no grants, no fees basis (10% commission of monies obtained)

The Future Rutland Conversation from 1st April – 1st June – Launch by Oliver Hemsley
Recognising the impact of the pandemic on changing people's priorities for life and what they need from where they live
The challenges faced by the Council and finding solutions together and wish to understand what the people of Rutland want from their lives
Feedback will shape Vision for Rutland to inform future Council and service provider's strategies and policies
Seeking two nominees to join organising committee. Also requests all Parish Councillors to be ambassadors for this scheme

- Village Presentations at Parish Forum: it is desired to have a presentation from different Parish Councils on active projects and/or problems as a regular feature at Forum meetings. Ryhall PC to consider the option to participate
- Next Parish Forum meeting: **Monday 19th April**

15/21 CORRESPONDENCE

The Emergency Resilience update will be available on the website. The revised copy has been forwarded on request to Leics County Council

No Cold Calling – Noted that the Police were requested by the Parish Council to increase visual patrols within the village especially Parkfield Road area

Rutland CAB – requested a donation towards their ongoing service. It was proposed by AG, seconded by ES and agreed to donate £50.00

Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium – Plan for Rutland - AN offered to lead on this and will report progress on the consultation and issues to the Councillors

From Age UK – Request to ascertain if Ryhall would be interested in a trial - hosting a mobile bus for agencies and charities in Rutland to bring information and services into villages to reach more people,

Once restrictions allowed,it would be set up with suitable distancing and covid safety measures in place with the Vista Mobile eye checking service vehicle, possibly a loneliness project providing free coffee from a van, and then other agencies visiting on different weeks. It was proposed by AG, seconded by DR and agreed to support this initiative subject to agreement from the Village Hall to use their central car park.

Circulated: by email

17.03.21 Consultation on draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven
17.02.21 Highways information – Cllr Stephenson
17.02.21 Rural Community Council – Wellbeing sessions
22.92.21 & 08.03.21 ,15.0.21 RCC Weekly Roundup
22.02.21 Rutland Radio presentation
24.02.21 RCC Forum Notes and links
25.02.21 RCC Governance
19.02,21 25.02.21 & 08.03.21 LRALC round robin
25.02.21 Draft of the Village News
08.03.21 SKDC Consultation Notification – Stamford NHP
O8.03.21 B Church re NHS Day on 5th July – discussion deferred to next meeting
16.03.21 From RBLI – VE Day items to purchase
16.03.21 RCC Oliver Hemsley – The Future Rutland Conversation

Invitation to Cllr Walters to attend a meeting to discuss primary and secondary healthcare in Rutland and Stamford was agreed

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16/21 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission

App Ref: 2020/1419 FUL
Address: 1, Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe PE9 4JL
Proposal: Proposed side extension and alterations to dwelling including underground garage.

App Ref: 2020/1231/FUL
Address; Homestead, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR
Proposal: First floor extension to west elevation and single storey extension to east elevation of building.

Listed Building Consent granted - None

Outline Planning Permission & Retrospective Applications - None

Refusal of Planning Permission & Listed Building Consent
App Ref: 2020/1008/FUL
Address: land between Essendine and Ryhall , Essendine Road Ryhall
Proposal: Change of use of existing agricultural field to dog exercise paddock

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

Notice of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing work or works to a Tree in a conservation area,
App Ref: 2021/0058/CAT
Address: Hollyhock Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR
Proposal: 1 no cedar tree, Fell 1 No Semi mature ash tree, Fell 2 No small holly **trees**

App Ref: 2021/0038/PTA
Address : Allotment Gardens, St Tibba Way, Ryhall
Proposal: Fell 1 No Elm Tree (tree safety reference 06KQ) and fell 1 No Ash Tree (tree safety report 07WC) which are both in terminal decline and at risk of falling on the highway. Works recommended by the RCC Forestry Officer

Planning applications observations:
App Ref: 2021/0203/LBA
Address: St John's Church, Ryhall
Proposal: Replacement of roof covering lead roof being replaced with terne coat steel. Planning committee confirmed their intention to support fully the proposal. In addition to the fact that the finish of the tern coated steel would not be attractive to thieves it would not be visible from ground level and looked the same finish as lead.

App Ref: 2021/0199/FUL
Address: Dovecote House, Mill Street, Ryhall PE9 4HF
Proposal: Conversion of existing roof space. Conversion of part of existing outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation. Proposal additional car parking space

App Ref: 2021/0025 /FUL
Address: 2 Meadow Lane, Ryhall PE9 4EP
Proposal: Proposed side extension to form utility and study and first floor side and rear extensions to form bedroom 1, 4, 5

App Ref: 2020/1420 FUL and 2020 1421/LBA
Address: The Cedars, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL
Proposal: Replace the windows within three of the roof dormers, front and rear elevations
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DECISIONS
App Ref: 2020/0983/FUL
Address: 19A Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe

Proposal : 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. Decision approved on RCC website – 18.01.21

App Ref: 2020/0752/LBA
A**ddress**:. Barn Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe. PE9 4JQ
Proposal : Addition of new stone mullion window on front elevation
Decision approved on RCC website 23.10.21

App Ref 2020/ 1160/FUL
Address: Fourways House, Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE9 4HD
Proposal : Two storey side and single storey side and rear and side extension to include new attached garage following demolition of existing garage. Decision approved 14.01.21

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

App Ref: 2021/0253/CAT
Address: South View, Mill Street Ryhall PE9 4HF
Proposal: Reduce 1 No Black poplar by 50%

App Ref: 2021/0285/CAT
Address: South View, Mill Street, Ryhall
Proposal: Fell Ash Tree (T19)

App Ref : 2020/0956/CAT
Address : Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall
Proposal : Beech T1 reduce crown by 3m . Decision approved 13.10.20

2020/1083/CAT
3 No Cypress (G2) Remove to ground level.
The Cedars, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HH
Decision approved 03.11.20

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

17/21 OPEN FORUM
Picket Fencing Under Fives play area- Query about the intended finish of the fence and gate. Noted that this will be inspected by ROSPA at the Annual Inspection in May /June

18/21 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Willow Tree outside the school – quotes for work to be undertaken in 2021
Resume of villager's comments from the Parish Questionnaire

19/21 NEXT MEETINGS –
To avoid a clash of dates with Rutland County Cabinet meetings and the Parish Forums on a Monday it was agreed to trail a Wednesday evening in May whilst meetings are still virtual. Once returned to a venue ,agreed to seek an alternative if the Village Hall were not available on Wednesday
However, the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday April 26th 2021 at 7.00pm This will also be a virtual meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions