MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 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) Mrs S Smith (SS) Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mr P Davis (PD) Mr D Wilby (DW)

01/21 APOLOGIES– accepted from County Councillor Richard Coleman, Sarah Markwell-Cook

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 – One member of the public joined the meeting via zoom link to participate in public time, declared an interest in planning reference 2021/0251/MAF for change of use to a function venue, camping site and car parking at Gwash Valley Farm, Ryhall. The resident outlined the objections to this application and the impact to his residence of the proposed development. The planning committee, on behalf of the Parish Council, has submitted a response to Rutland County Council, had not objected providing there were no objections from immediate neighbours and had included the caveat of being mindful to the possibility of noise pollution for the residents of Ryhall and trust that would be addressed.

04/21 MINUTES. It was proposed by AG, seconded by DR and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 22nd March 2021 were correct. NB abstained. The Chairman signed the Minutes on the zoom screen.

05/21 Matters Arising
Street light relocation on Foundry Road
The Parish Council had pressed for the light fitting to be located on the telegraph pole in keeping with others in the conservation area of the village. Rutland County Council (RCC) stated that this was historic and not a process they would move forward with. RCC offered to install a new aluminium pole and offered an alternative of black or dark green in colour. It was agreed at the vote to accept the offer of a new lighting column (5 in favour, 2 against, one abstained SS) Regarding the colour 4 in a favour of aluminium in line with other columns, 3 abstained (ES, NB, JG,) 1 with no preference. Carried.

06/21 COVID UPDATE
Lateral flow testing kits are available free for collection at the Ryhall Library on a Thursdays. Details on Noticeboards and website. DW reported on the local uptake on vaccinations within Rutland. LRALC have issued advice on the return to face to face meeting as the legislation regarding virtual meetings expires on 7th May unless this is overturned. As the Ryhall Village Hall is not open until 21st June the Clerk has provisionally booked Essendine Village Hall for the May Annual Council Meeting. This will be conducted under Covid guidelines, socially distanced and with face masks. Councilllors are asked to advise the Clerk of their willingness to attend a face to face meeting which – will require four Councillors and the Chairman to be quorate.

07/21 PARISH SURVEY – Parishioner's Comments
DR had compiled an extensive list of all the comments from parishioners from the November Parish Survey . Of the 133 responses, 86 had made a comment. The full comments list was circulated to all Councillors. AG presented a paper summerizing the miscellaneous comments which fell into three bands, Financial, Road Safety and

Aesthetic. He noted that the financial comments had been taken into account at the time of the precept decision in January. The road safety and aesthetic comments were reviewed and noted

Restricted Parking- Double yellow lines were suggested at the school library bend, village square and Bridge street area to prevent obstructive parking. It was noted that previously RCC highways had discounted yellow lines in a rural area and it was not enforceable. DR stated that the school are commencing a speeding initiative and 'parking safely' could possibly be incorporated with the children, incentivised to promote the message. It was agreed DR to contact the school with this proposal.
Traffic calming - Vehicle speeding perceived to be a problem on the A6212, on Rutland Way, village centre and Mill Street. These areas and possible solutions had been discussed at a recent site with RCC Highways. DR reported on the resurrection of the Community Speed Watch later in the year. It was agreed to target all areas highlighted.

Ryhall Library –The RCC property department will be conducting a review of all their properties including Ryhall Library in the early summer. This may result in RCC funding or part funding the works to refurbish the exterior. It was noted that the Library was regarded as a valued asset in the survey. Agreed to continue to await their next update.
White Bridge – one site visit and one quotation awaiting. Two further quotes need to be obtained to progress.

08/21 HIGHWAYS ISSUES
The non operational speed indicator devices on the A6121 entrances to the village are defective and have been reported to RCC. A full assessment of all Rutland's non operational signs will take place over the coming months.

Site Meeting with Highways officer - S Field 6/4/2. Noted that parishes can offer suggestions as to which local areas require future action for example the next round of surface dressing, relaying certain pathways or highlighting potential areas affected by speeding for traffic calming measures. The mechanism for reporting is via an Integrated Transport Capital Programme application (ITCP).Schemes suggested are assessed and graded for priority. It was proposed by DR, seconded by SS and agreed unanimously to submit an ITCP relating to road surface dressing along Rutland Way through the village and up to New Road with associated traffic calming in the form of a SID with the inclusion of the 20mph zone. PD offered to lead on this
Belmesthorpe Highways Update
Traffic Calming within the village of Belmesthorpe.AG had submitted a comprehensive report on the outcomes of the meeting with S Field.
The recommendations were to request road markings and rumble strips from RCC, revisit gateways with further consultation with RCC and consider installing SID's at the east and west entrances to the village as alternative to gateways; SID's are the most effective but with a higher capital outlay
Road to White Bridge – A6212
Erosion of the verges. Noted that it is the official highways initiative to infill with loose material . The plan is to pull verge forward overfilling it when all of road is ready for this action. The section from the white bridge to the AS6212 junction will take priority to protect the new road surface.
Cobwebbing of the road surface noted and will require eventual patching

Footpath Belmesthorpe to the A62121 – unlikely to be given priority status and new wider frequent mowing of the grass verge affords adequate pedestrian passage . No further action from the Parish Counicl other than monitor.

Belmesthorpe Lane – safer pedestrian passage. All options re-examined including the problem of installations with the trees , the high bank and badger setts to consider. Conclusion from RCC would be that such a footpath would urbanise the valued green space between the two villages and a white line corridor would not be not suitable as this causes confusion to pedestrian and vehicle priority
Recommendation was to abandon idea of footpath but submit an ITCP to RCC to request road markings, rumble strips, 30mph repeater signs. Depending on the RCC data to consider installations of SID's at the north and south of the lane or possibly mid way

Other issues
Noted that the 30mph sign by the bench by the river has been removed. Request new sign.
River bank verge on Foundry Road – RCC state that they do not own this area of verge. DR and DA to assess works required to restore the verge erosion.
Emails to RCC regarding potholes, A6212 resurface sent 09.03.21 and pavements sent 31.03.21 no response.
Drainage issues – following a site visit by RCC action/ a solution will be taken on the drainage/ surface flooding at east and west of Belmesthorpe and Foundry Road by Manor Close.
Duck Signage- RCC state that to reduce sign clutter they cannot authorise this sign on adopted highways. They can only approve if there is a severe safety issue. To date, three ducks have been killed by vehicles. As there are duck casualties every year and in view of the safety of cars potentially swerving to avoid the ducks it was agreed to press again for the signage.

09/21 INSURANCE
Seeking quotation for 2021/22 – Clerk to responds to additional questions about the playing fields status – to agree at the May meeting.

10/21 FINANCE
AG presented a comprehensive update on the Income and Expenditure final figures for the year end. A full Financial report including Final Accounts will be presented at the May meeting.

Balances as at 31 March 2021
Community Account 1 - 13,249.77 less one unpresented cheque for £30 (British Legion poppies)
Community Account 2 - 4,978.53 (funds held for the play park)
Burial Account - 2,300.53
High Interest Reserve account - 24,739.56

Income received into current account –Rutland County Council Precept 34,494
Income received into Burial account since last meeting
20.04.21 M Waters 80.00
20.04.21 R Naylor 80.00

Payments made since last meeting from Burial account

09.04.21 Rutland County Council – Rates	104.79
19.04.21 Mr K Altham – Front fence maintenance / repairs	220.00

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
09.04.21 Rutland Web – annual fee for hosting			162.00
09.04.21 One Sports Pitches – first cut			130.00
09.04.21 Hill Accountants – administration	51.00	10.20	61.20
09.04.21 Rutland CAB – donation			50.00

09.04.21 Plough Environment	350.00
09.04.21 LRALC Annual Membership	417.80
20.04.21 C Adams Salary March	853.83
20.04.21 H M Revenue – March tax	254.75
20.04.21 Information Commissioner – GDPR	40.00

Payments in current payment cycle	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
26.04.21 Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Association Membership			30.00

It was proposed by DW, seconded by ES and agreed to the expenditure as detailed above

11/21 LAND REGISTRY

DA reported on the progress to register the Playing Fields to update at the next meeting

12/21 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS

The Meadows Playing Fields Association Constitution and updated working relationship between the Association (a registered charity) and the Parish Council had been presented ahead of the meeting to the Council. JG explained the redraft – the majority of the usage now is general recreation and the children's play area and this is reflected in the revisions. The complex relationship between the parish council's responsibilities and that of the three trustees was discussed in depth. Clarity is needed to define who funds which areas given that the charity has a limited income and the parish council own the land. It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a nominated Trustee (previously Paul Huddleston) and the number of Trustees should be increased. One option would be a formal mechanism for the funding set by a budget each year which the Parish Council agrees to fund or an alternative would be for the Parish Council to become the sole Trustees and the current arrangement be disbanded.

DW highlighted the sports use of the playing fields, the previous fund raising and exemplary accounting of the Association under his tenure ship

It was agreed that a further revision was required to set out a formal route for the Parish Council input and to operate within a clear structure that both the Charity Commission and the Insurance company would find acceptable. JG to present further revision at the May meeting.

DR & ES left the meeting at this juncture

<u>Other playing fields issues:</u>

Dog Fouling - has become a recurring theme and a distressing problem for the footballers and users of the fields. It was agreed to seek the assistance of the primary school to see if the children would be keen to design some posters for a campaign for spring / summer. JG to progress this initiative

Complaints about litter – increased footfall and footballers resuming has led to increased litter and bins overflowing. It was proposed by SS, seconded by DW and agreed to purchase an additional freestanding bin to locate in the play area nearer the tennis side. Cost is £252.99 plus VAT and installation. Once installed Clerk to add this bin to the RCC emptying inventory.

Parking on the Fields – further comments/complaints received. The Playing Fields Association is aware and will be investigating the further implementation of the parking directive.

Footpath to the Pavilion – undergoing repair

ROSPA Play Equipment Inspection – due in May/ early June

ES returned to the meeting

13/21 NEW CEMETERY
Three quotes have been obtained for the removal of the soil pile in the right hand side corner, this will increase the acreage for the burial plots. It was proposed by DW, seconded by SS and agreed to Quote 3 -£150
Cemetery Tap – this currently has a leak which needs immediate attention following complaints and will be repaired as soon as possible.
Valuation Office Agency require new statistics and acreage for a revision of the rateable value.

14/21 BENCH MAINTENANCE
It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to the maintenance schedule for the 10 village benches (£750) which had been ringfenced in the budget for 21/22.

15/21 DOG BINS
Proposal to move the current bin by New Road or purchase a new one to serve the popular dog walk along the river to Tolethorpe which is suffering from high level dog fouling. It was proposed by ES, seconded by NB and agreed to purchase a new one. 56 litre bins £124.99 plus VAT and post/ fixings and installation.

16/21 TREES
Agreed to defer decision on the Willow Tree outside school gate crown raise works until a future meeting.
To note: the Parish Council have requested to be on the RCC list for the water bowser for the Parkfield young trees, request submitted to RCC for replacement tree for dead one on Parkfield green; A6121 Avenue of trees proposal along main road- agreed to pass to RCC Highways in the first instance as this is under their remit.

17/21 OTHER MEETINGS - Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. SS report on the virtual 'Biodiversity and it's Loss' conference on 23/3/21. The link will be distributed to Councillors.
AG attended the Parish Forum on 19/04/21 - full notes will be distributed to Councillors
Parish Councils are asked to send a representative to the virtual Climate Summit organised by RCC on 12th May. PD offered to represent Ryhall at this summit. Looking ahead it would be good to formulate a Climate Change Action Group within the parish. Agreed to advertise / appeal for volunteers with a specific interest in climate change and environmental issues in the Village News.
Access to External Funding – funding opportunities highlighted by the LRALC were noted and can be explored in the future. Update on the Local Plan following the developments on St George's barracks (SGB) as the Local Plan will now have to be re-written. DW offered to report further at the next parish council meeting.

SS left the meeting at this juncture.

18/21 CORRESPONDENCE
Circulated: by email
01.04.21 Future Rutland Conversation
01.04.21 Webcare report
01.04.21 Service to celebrate County
07.04.21 RCC Weekly roundup
07.04.21 Update on play unit
08.04.21 RCC Recycling resumes

08.04.21 Annual Parish Minutes – draft
09.04.21 Conifers at Mill Street info
12.04.21 LRALC round robin
12.04.21 Rutland North Beat
12.04.21 Tributes for HRH Prince Philip
12.04.21 Village News draft
14.04.21 RCC Weekly roundup – details of covid testing kits available in the Library
14.04.21 RCC Transport Newsletter
19.04.21 LRALC – update on virtual meetings
19.04.21 NHS Five update
19.04.21 Macmillan Cancer Support – appeal for donation

Other Correspondence

The Future Rutland Conversation April 1st – June 1st
Healthwatch Rutland – AN had circulated a draft relating to Healthwatch Rutland Engagement in consultation .AN offered to facilitate a meeting to harvest views to feed into the consultation. All in favour.
To note - cherry tree crown reduced on the allotments
Cycle path reply to Sustainable Stamford

19/21 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission – & Listed Building Consent - None granted

Outline Planning Permission & Retrospective Applications - None

Refusal of Planning Permission & Listed Building Consent – None reported

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- None

Planning applications observations:
App Ref: 2021/0245/FUL
Address: 2 Parkfield Road, Ryhall PE9 4ER
Proposal : Two story side extension . Single storey extension to principle elevation and exterior alterations.

App Ref: 2021/0251/MAF
Address: Gwash Valley Farm, Great Casterton Road, Ryhall
Proposal ; Change of use of redundant farm barn to function venue with associated car parking and camping site.

App Ref : 2021/0128 FUL
Address : Ryhall Hall, Church Street Ryhall PE9 4HR
Proposal: Alterations and extension of outbuilding to form annexe and detached car port for Ryhall Hall.

App Ref: 2021/0265/FUL
Address: Green farm Lane, Newstead Road, Belmesthorpe
Proposal: 1 No dwelling to replace previously approved mobile home

APPEAL
Ref A2470/w/21/3266583 appeal start date dated 6th April 2021
Appeal for construction of 1 single No dwelling – Land at Bridge Street, Ryhall

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

20 OPEN FORUM

21 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

22 NEXT MEETINGS –
The Parish Council next meeting is scheduled to be the Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7pm at Essendine Village Hall.