

RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

on

Wednesday 11th July 2012

In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Mrs B White	Mr A Gombault
Mr R Rushby	Mr P Huddleston	Mrs S Smith	Mr S Fenn

Six members of the public were in attendance

APOLOGIES Ms R Miller, Mr G Lloyd, Mr N Bellairs, Mrs C Vernon, County Councillor

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the regulations, Councillors were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have and the nature of those interests in relation to the one item on the agenda. They completed the Declaration of Interest Book.

Mr Huddleston- Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road resident

Mrs Sismore- Ryhall PTA

Mr Parsons – Playing Fields

Mr R Rushby – NHW

Mrs B White – Spire Homes, Francis Court

Mr A Gombault – Belmesthorpe NHW

Mr S Fenn – Allotments, Ryhall Football Club

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mrs Sismore seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May were an accurate record of the meeting. All in favour

MATTERS ARISING

Redundant Phone kiosk

BT reported no objections to the removal of this payphone. BT is in the process of contacting the power company in order for the removal of power and cabling to be completed.

Bus Stops – St Ebbas Close and Bus Shelter Pack

Mr Rushby reported a requested bus stop at this location is not possible. A bus shelter cleaning pack has been supplied by RCC for the new bus shelter by Francis Court. Mr Rushby offered to take the pack and inspect the shelter on an ad hoc basis.

Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Mrs Lofthouse thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Committee for their support and funding. The celebrations were a resounding success despite the rain with a full day of events. A balance of £817 remains to contribute towards a commemorative fixture for the village. On canvassing residents, a flagpole, plaque and jubilee rose garden were popular. Ideally to be located next to the bench on the green by the Library, or if not possible an alternative would be on the Village Hall car park. The flagpole would operate as Essendine parish, people could pay to have a flag flown for an occasion and this would be administered by the Parish Council. Mr Nick Bellairs has offered to operate the flag scheme if it goes ahead. Clerk to check planning permission required, insurance, and if the Gardening Club would look after the rose garden.

Any remaining funds could be put towards the purchase of the new Christmas tree lights needed to replace the old ones on the tree in the Square. (Agenda item below)

Belmesthorpe Celebrations.

Mr Gombault reported on the success of the Belmesthorpe Jubilee events. These included a garden party, a souvenir programme, village photograph of 111 people and a flypast of four Spitfires, a Hurricane and Lancaster followed by a meal for 170 in Flint's Barn. He thanked the Parish Council for their contribution towards the portaloos and some stationary. A surplus has been generated for the refurbishment of the Millennium sign and the purchase of a Jubilee tree and ideas welcomed as to how to spend the remaining monies.

Planning Training

Rutland County Council will arrange a session for parish councillors and clerks in the county who have a particular involvement or interest in planning matters. This would be useful especially for members new to planning since the May 2011 elections and the session will focus on development control rather than the neighbourhood planning in the Localism Act.

A date for an evening in September, 6.30-8.30, at Catmose to be arranged. A training evening on the new Standards regime and Code of Conduct will need to be a separate event.

AGENDA ITEMS

Open Spaces – Coppice Road

The Submission of Application for the registration of Land as a town or Village Green was prepared by Mr Lloyd and the Clerk and submitted in May. It required further adjustments to the content and a statutory declaration by the applicant made before a justice of peace or practicing solicitor. This was completed on 10th July and submitted again to Rutland County Council.

Issues and Options Consultation

Work on preparing the Local Plan Site Allocations & Policies Preferred Options stage report is progressing. The work programme has been delayed from a Spring/early summer launch of the preferred option consultation document to a Sept/Oct launch. This is due to the need to work up a Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Turbine Development to link with the Preferred Option document. The SPD has been published for a 6 week period of public consultation. When the preferred option document is launched there will be a further 6 weeks community consultation before a final 'submission' stage plan is drawn up. Nearer the time RCC will be making contact to explain more details of how the Preferred Option consultation will be undertaken.

Rutland County Council have concluded the consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Wind Turbine Development – receiving over 100 responses to check before re-submitting it back to the Council for approval.

Mr Parsons noted that all areas in Ryhall that had been originally identified have been marked as green areas and the potential A6121 development have been suggested for removal from the document, but this would be voted on in the Autumn.

New Standards Regime - Adopt Code of Conduct

The new Code of Conduct adopted by Rutland County Council (RCC) at its meeting on 11 June 2012;

Ryhall Parish Council considered the model new code of conduct issued by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the new amendment pro forma for future changes to a member's registerable interests;

The Localism Act still requires councils to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. This includes adopting a code of conduct for members and co-opted members

The major change of substance brought about by the legislation relates to the registration and disclosure of interests. The concepts of personal and prejudicial interests have been replaced by the new term of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI).

DPIs differ from prejudicial interests in that they apply to the interests of both the member and those of his/her spouse or partner of which the member is aware.

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mr Gombault and agreed unanimously to adopt the NALC version of the Code of Conduct. Copies will be issued to all Councillors.

Register of interests – members completed the pro forma at the meeting and there is a maximum period of 28 days from the adoption.

Members are reminded of the need to advise the Monitoring Officer of any new or changed interests, especially DPIs which are disclosed at meetings because they are not already registered.

Conduct Committee The Parish Council was asked to consider if they wished to nominate a member to be considered as a parish council representative on the Conduct Committee of RCC (co-opted, non-voting). The intention is that one member be appointed from either Oakham or Uppingham Town Council and one from the other parishes. Any nominations should be submitted with supporting information as to knowledge, experience, skills, to the Monitoring Officer and should be received by 22 August as there is a meeting of the Parish Councils Working Group on 29 August. Mr Parsons is the vice chairman of the Conduct Committee.

Cemetery Issues – Ongoing Purchase of land

RCC were working to clarify the responsibilities of RCC for closed churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds throughout the County.

In terms of Ryhall the information held confirms:

Parish churchyard closed 1882 – and maintained by RCC

Cemetery – opposite the Church, on Church Lane – the old part owned by RPC, the extension owned by RCC [LT414203] – all maintained by RPC since 1989

Burial Ground – Belmesthorpe Lane – purchased by Leicestershire County Council and now owned by RCC [LT414216] – maintained by RPC as the burial authority. Ryhall parish council in the process of acquiring the extension land behind the current burial site

RCC have since confirmed by email the advice from Peterborough Legal regarding the Parish Council duties and responsibilities conferred by statute.

Rates payments – RCC believe that this comes under the same auspices as the duties to operate etc referred to above. RCC own the land but the duties are imposed on the Parish Council to operate/ maintain etc. This would include all costs of running the facility.

The Clerk confirmed that an appointment is due to be made with the solicitors to complete the legal paperwork with regard to the purchase of the land which would be owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

The Parish Council reviewed the Standing Orders and made revisions to 24, 25 and 33. It was proposed by Mrs Sismore, seconded by Mrs White and agreed unanimously to adopt the revised Standing Orders as of 11 July 2012.

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Regulations; it was proposed by Mr Gombault, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed unanimously to adopt the Financial Regulations as from 11 July 2012.

Grit Bin for Belmesthorpe;

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed that Mr Fenn would install the grit bin for the same price as previously. One abstention (SF)

E-on New Christmas lights for Tree in Square

Replacement LED lights for the Sycamore Tree in The Square.

The manufacturer recommends 4 x 25m long sets with rubber cables as these will last longer. E-On state the cost to supply and install 4 sets of LED lights complete with transformers, would be £527 + VAT

It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed to purchase the lights as above in tandem with a donation from the Jubilee Committee. One abstained (SF)

Eon- Street Lighting- cracked column outside the Blue Bell Public House at Belmesthorpe

To replace with new 5 metre steel column with new 36 watt PL (low energy) white light lantern controlled by all night photocell including removing and disposing of old column - £465.00 plus VAT. To transfer the low voltage underground service from the old to the new column - £248 plus VAT.

It was agreed that further investigation was required as this would be a costly expenditure and the Parish Council wished to seek a second opinion from a local resident and possibly another electricity supplier.

As the column stands in a small garden which is closed off the public it was deemed likely that no one would be exposed to falling debris. It was suggested that the Blue Bell might be willing to reactivate its own outside lamp which is sited immediately adjacent to the present column and for that reason currently disconnected, if the Parish council would fund the cost of the extra power required.

Clerk to check with the owners and Mr Gombault to continue to liaise with the Blue Bell. Clerk to check cost of just removing the column. This item to be on the next agenda.

Update on photos for Rutland County College

Mr Rushby has scanned and produced 13 photographs for the Ryhall room at Rutland County College. Thanks to Mrs Toulson for supplying the originals of Ryhall in the past.

Turnpike Hedge

This item to be discussed at the next meeting – due to the nesting season hedges cannot be cut back until September.

OTHER MEETINGS

Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Village Hall Committee Meeting. Mr Huddleston reported that a recent inspection of the flat roof at the Village Hall had indicated it needs total replacement at a cost of £10,000. Funds have been held in reserve for such an emergency however, it was agreed to ascertain the possibility of assistance from the Parish Council with regard a one off donation. Clerk to check with the LAPLC as to the feasibility of this.

CORRESPONDENCE

Oakham Hopper Bus - Uppingham Town Council is looking into the feasibility of taking over various functions covered by Rutland County Council. One aspect being considered is local bus services Oakham Hopper Bus which exists almost entirely for the benefit of the residents of Oakham, receives a subsidy of around £66,000 p.a. from Rutland County Council. It is the opinion of Uppingham Town Council, that this subsidy should be met through the precept of Oakham Town Council. The opinion of the Parish Council was sought as all the residents of the parish are contributing through the council tax to the cost of this service. It was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Rushby and agreed unanimously to endorse the comments of Uppingham Town Council.

National Grid - proposals for new substation equipment on the existing electricity transmission line to the south west side of the East Coast Mainline railway, with the purpose of providing an electricity supply to Networks Rail's recently approved 'trackside feeder station' to the south of the Glen Industrial Estate, Essendine. They are aiming to submit a planning application to Rutland County Council in Autumn/Winter 2012. Representatives will be attending the Essendine Parish Council meeting to seek comments on proposals and to ensure that parish councillors and the local community are made aware of National Grid's role and plans. Mr Parsons will be attending to represent Ryhall Parish Council.

Circulated

Leics and Rutland Playing Fields Annual Report
 Rutland County College – request for photos
 Parish Forum Agenda 7th June
 Arts for Rutland AGM 11 June

RCC Directory 2012 & Guided Walks
 Leics Police Federation
 Digital Rutland June 2012

RCC Minutes of the Standards Committee

04.05.12 Draft Supplementary Planning Document Wind Turbine Development
 19.06.12 To Planning Committee – Invitation to attend the SKDC Development Control Committee 26 June 2012 re the Development of the Football Stadium, Ryhall Road, Stamford.

19.06.12 RCC Minutes of the Parish Forum of 7th June 2012
 From SKDC proposed modification on the Site Allocation and Policies Grantham Area Action Plan. Formal consultation from 15th June – 27 July 2012

Emailed to Councillors

Rural Community Council weekly E-bulletins
 11.06.12 Funding Fair information
 11.6.12 Voluntary Action Community Newsletter
 15.06.12 Latest update from the Longhurst Group
 14.05.12 Councillor Training in Rutland
 2.7.12 LRALC - Newsletter
 02.07.12 Rutland Local Plan - Developer Contribution to off site Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document - Rutland County Council have adopted the above mentioned Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 11 June 2012. A copy of the SPD and Adoption Statement are available for inspection on the Council's website www.rutland.gov.uk/affordablehousing-spd and at the Catmose offices and public libraries.

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From RCC Street Lighting Grant 1/7/12		2,039.00
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Payments made since last meeting

Eon Removal of Xmas Lights	60.00	12.00	72.00
Mr G Lloyd Travel expenses			34.40
Veolia Grass cutting RMPF	46.78	9.36	56.14
Rutland CAB Donation			50.00
RMPF Storage for Fun Squad April and May			45.00
Mrs C Adams June Salary			408.37

E-On Quarterly Street Lighting	281.76	56.35	338.11
LRALC Delegate Fee			35.00
Veolia ES UK Grasscutting 3 cuts @	23.39	14.03	84.20
Ryhall United Football Club (agreed precept)			435.00
E-on Street Light repair	23.47	4.69	28.16
Mrs C Adams Expenses			138.32

Payments to consider & approve:

It was proposed by Mr Huddleston, seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to pay the following:

Expenditure:	Net	VAT	Total
Mrs C Adams July salary			408.37
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire			15.00
Belmesthorpe Nieghbourhood Watch (A Gombault)			200.00
Lamin & White Salary administration	30.00	6.00	36.00
E-ON Lighting	465.26	93.05	558.31
Anglian Water Allotment Tap			45.30
Veolia Grasscutting	36.20	7.24	43.44
Mrs C Adams Expenses			44.10

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting-

Veolia Grass cutting	24.50	4.90	29.40
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Payments to make from Burial Account-

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Anglian Water			2.10

Income received into Burial Account – None

OTHER FINANCE ISSUES

Completed: RCC Street Lighting and Cemetery costs Annual Return

Able to claim a contribution towards the routine running costs only @ £3,282

Not including but noted : Two upgrades @ 1050.00

Replacement of BT pole and light (essential works) 660.00

Cemetery Costs – routine maintenance and burial costs only – no major repairs or improvements Expenditure 1,282; Income 2,565

SUBMITTED – Annual VAT claim for 2,690.39

Audited Annual Return sent to Clement Keys in Birmingham

Notification of appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and five future years. Grant Thornton UK LLP have been appointed as the auditor from 1st September 2012

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

**Outline Planning Permission - None
Listed Building Consent-Alterations –**

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area

**Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required
(Agricultural and Forestry development)**

Refusal of Full Planning Permission

Erection of detached two storey dwellinghouse and associated works. Land adjacent to Crown Cottage, Crown Street, Ryhall PE9 4HQ

Appeal Decisions- None

Withdrawal of planning application - None

Planning applications considered: Extension and alteration to dwelling house and erection of double garage with covered link

Heath Cottage, The Drift, Stamford, Lincs PE9 4EF

APP/2012/0321/NT

Dated 11-06-1 No objections

Rutland Local Plan - Developer Contribution to Off site Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

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PUBLIC TIME

Waste bin by the seat outside Library. Mr Fenn had offered to install a bin, Clerk to check if planning permission required from RCC and once installed that it was added to the schedule for emptying.

Painting the seat – on next agenda

Ryhall Road Football Stadium. Noted that an upgrade to the footpath would be included in the development plans.

OTHER BUSINESS

Back Lane- potholes created by works to new build need infilling. Clerk to action Hedge encroaching over footway – Foundry Road and in Belmesthorpe Lane. Clerk to action

Bus parked in bay by Burial Ground Belmesthorpe Lane, restricting access to visitors to the cemetery. Clerk to action.

Pothole – Newstead Lane Clerk to inform Lincolnshire County Council

Jubilee Silent Movie – another showing on 28th July 7.30pm in the Village Hall with complimentary light refreshments.

Village Hall Photo Competition – villagers invited to submit photographs past and present for the postcard and calendar competition 2012.

Grass cutting and various issues in the parish – noted the various issues arising; Clerk to action.

Drainage and other issues in the Cemetery. As a gesture of goodwill, RCC did carry out some topping up of several graves. Following an inspection RCC are unable to say whether or not the sinking was caused by any drainage issue. RCC state that any further works/investigations would need to be carried out by the Parish Council.

Items for future meeting agenda

Risk Assessment

Street Light – by the Blue Bell Public House, Belmesthorpe

Quote for light fencing for clay pile in Cemetery

Planning Committee Update and membership

Painting seat by Library

NEXT MEETING-

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 12th 2012 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Ryhall.

Wednesday 21st November 2012

Wednesday 23rd January 2013

