DRAFT : Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ryhall Village Hall on Wednesday 15 December 2021 commencing at 19:00

Present: Cllrs. Dave Amies(DA), Emma Sismore(ES), Nick Bellairs(NB), Andrew Nebel(AN) and Phill Davies(PD). Sarah Gresty – Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Agenda

2021/12/01 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs. Stella Smith, Adrian Gombault, Debbie Rolfe and David Wilby.

2021/12/02 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. None were received.

2021/12/03 **Minutes** of the Meeting held on:

a) Parish Council meeting 15 November 2021 Cllr. AN proposed and seconded by Cllr. PD to be a true and accurate record of events and signed by DA – vote unanimous – **RESOLVED.**

b) Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting 7 December 2021 proposed by Cllr. ES and seconded by Cllr. AN (abstained Cllr. AN as not present at this meeting) a true and accurate record of events and signed by DA – vote unanimous – **RESOLVED.**

2021/11/04 To receive any **Matters Arising** for information exchange

Action Points from last meeting were updated:

i) Clock restoration. Grants would be pursued in spring 2022. Cllr. AN had been unable to contact Stephen Fenn with regards to the regular maintenance of the clock and would pursue this. Action: Cllr AN to pursue

ii) Resurface of roads and pavement. It was reported that work on resurfacing the gullies along Rutland Way had been done recently by Rutland County Council (RCC) Action Cllr. PD to look at this and write a further letter to RCC with his findings.

iii) Caroline Adams addition hours had now been received. Cllr. NB proposed the payment of the additional 10 hours owed to Caroline, seconded by Cllr ES – vote unanimous – **RESOLVED.** Action: Clerk to arrange payment

2021/12/05 **Planning.**

2021/1390/LBA Proposal Re-slating rear roof pitch in Collyweston slate. Addition of single conservation roof light to non-habitable roof space, 2 New Row, Mill Street, PE9 4HG. Action: Planning Committee to view and respond before 30 December 2021

2021/12/06 **Finance**

(1) Reports

a) The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments and Reconciliation Financial statement dated 30 November 2021. This report will be uploaded to the website under Financial 'Reports for Meetings'. Proposed acceptance of report Cllr. DA, seconded Cllr PD – vote unanimous – **RESOLVED.**

b) Cashflow report dated 30 November 2021 was noted.

(2) Financial Payments **RESOLVED**

a) Website accessibility costs £60-£90 - already resolved

b) Renovation costs of 3 x noticeboards £300. Action: Clerk to pursue further quotes.

c) Clerk December salary – resolved annually

d) HMRC December Tax and NIC payment - already resolved in budget

e) 2 x payments to the Village Hall for meeting hire @ £17 each. Proposed Cllr. ES, seconded Cllr. NB – vote unanimous. Action: Clerk to arrange cheques to the signed and Village Hall paid.

f) Purchase of USB for file backup and a plastic storage box for archive files stored by clerk approx. cost £25-£30. Proposed Cllr. AN, Seconded NB - vote unanimous.

Action: Clerk to purchase and claim expense.
Cllr. PD would research other forms of storage capacity systems costs to be included in the budget for 2022/23.

g) **To consider request from village organisations for the 2022/23 financial year**

i) Ryhall Allotments had submitted cost for gate replacement of £440 (accompanied by up-to-date accounts). Action: Budget consideration for 2022/23 for inclusion in the precept.

(3) Draft Budget for 2022/23 was presented by the clerk with options for the precept request. Action: Clerk to work with Cllr. AG to produce a final version for resolution at the January 2022 meeting.

2021/12/07 **Parish Communications:**
Reconsideration of smartphone app for communicating with residents. It was agreed that as Cllr. AG was unable to attend this meeting that this item would be carried forward to a future meeting. Action: c/f to future meeting

2021/12 /08 **Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields**
Required works following Tree Inspection
Constitution as Trustee status & future RMPF chairman/Lead
Future works to middle hedge
New quotes for the reduction of willow directly behind St Johns property fences
To receive any update on drainage issues
It was noted receipt of additional public liability insurance cover for pony licence.
As no Parish Council member of the RMPF Committee was present at this meeting these items would be carried forward to a future meeting as the Constitution Status needs to be addressed.

2021/12/09 **Mallard Pass Solar Farm.** Cllr. DA reported on a high turnout of people at the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting called on 7 December. All the comments from residents were recorded and the Parish Council had assembled these into a reply to Mallard Pass for submission this evening. It was unanimously agreed that the consensus of opinion was against the Solar Farm.
It has been reported that a number of Parish Councils, not directly involved, have submitted objections.

a) Member of the public asked if the response would be made public. Also added that many people were unable to attend the meeting on 7 December for various reasons and felt there was a lot of negative feelings against the solar farm and it has not been thought through in the UK if solar is the best way to become carbon neutral.

b) A member of the public said they felt the consultation was timed deliberately before Christmas and during a rise in Covid-19 cases, proposals are vague and designed to grab as much land as possible. No benefit to local community whilst destroying a lot of habitats for a long time, if not for ever. Feel we are being exploited. Felt people are finding it difficult to understand the concept of the size of this project. Again, mentioned the Mallard Pass Action group and the need for collaboration.

Ryhall Parish Council Response can only reflect view received which has been predominantly negative. Cllr. AN endorsed submitting an opposition to the Solar Farm to register concerns from residents and this initial stage – vote unanimous.
Action: Cllr DA to refine/adjust draft letter and for Clerk to submit Mallard Pass Solar Farm this evening and to make reply available on the website.

2021/12/10 **School Travel Ambassador Initiative & 20 mph scheme**. Cllr. PD circulated results of the survey.
72.8% of replies were in favour of 20mph zone
174 responses were received in the two week period. (19 paper/155 online)
It was noted that RCC had submitted the area included in the survey. 80% of replies said the area was a good size or too small. Consensus was for area to be extended up New Road and along Rutland Way to Parkfield Road.
The results will be made available to the Travel Ambassadors this gives them a positive experience of local politics.
67.8% said yes to the Parish Council using unspent funds for this campaign.
Cllr. DA thanked Cllr PD for all his work regarding this campaign.

Cllr. AN proposed action to proceed the project, going back to RCC to increase the area and reduce the street signage required, seconded Cllr. ES and vote unanimous - **RESOLVED**
Actions: Cllr. DP to action and circulate response.

2021/12/11 **Highways Issues**

a) To update on response to the Parish Council challenge regarding standards of pavement dressings – Cllr PD
b) To receive Cllr assessment on the quality of the resurfacing on Rutland Way – Cllr PD. These 2 items were covered in 21/12/04ii above.
c) Bench specifications, installation costs and Licenses'. The clerk was requested to pursue additional quotes and designs. Action: to be resolved at January meeting.

2021/11/12 **Cemetery Maintenance**
Future works to Old Cemetery. Cllr AN is pursuing the issue of ownership with RCC.
Topple testing undertaken in Old Cemetery– report not yet received.

2021/11/13 **Reports from Councillors** on meetings attended as parish council representatives.

a) **Report by Chairman on the visit by the High Sheriff.** Cllr. DA reported that the High Sheriff will be visiting Ryhall on 21 December, meeting at the village shop at 9.30am. A programme will be circulated prior to the visit but it will include a visit to the church, talk regarding the re-wilding project, the white bridge, Ryhall Hall and Belmesthorpe.

b) Paris Forum 6 Dec 2021. A report submitted by Cllr. AG was noted and unanimously accepted.

2021/12/14 **Correspondence** was noted from the agenda. The RCC village services and facilities survey was discussed and partially completed. Action: Clerk to complete and send.

2021/12/15 **Open Forum**

c) A member of the public stressed communication is the key thing in villages and felt this needed addressing in Ryhall.

2021/12/16 To receive and note **future agenda items** from Councillors
Cllr. AN gave an update of health matters and a recent meeting the Alicia Kearns MP. The Great Mental health consultation can be found at https://greatmentalhealthllr.nhs.uk and he urged everyone to complete and have their say.

Items to carry forward
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event & The Queen's Green Canopy
Highways: White Bridge – to discuss alternative RCC proposal and costs and consider contribution if applicable
To note renewed the Flagpole License

To receive update on conifer trees
Waste/ dog bin on A6121 start of footpath to Tolethorpe
Co-option of new Councilor

Dates of Meetings for 2022

Monday January 17th 2022 at the Village Hall 7pm (Precept confirmation)
February date and venue to be confirmed
Monday March 21st 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7pm
April Meeting date and venue to be confirmed
Monday May 16th 2022 – Annual Council Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.pm

Meeting Closed at 20:56