**RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Ryhall Parish Council (RPC) Meeting held at Ryhall Village Hall on 17 January 2022 at 19:00**

**Present:** Cllrs. Dave Amies, David Wilby, Stella Smith, Nick Bellairs, Sarah Markwell-Cook, Andrew Nebel and Phill Davis.
**In Attendance**: Sarah Gresty (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

**Agenda**

**2022/1/01** **Apologies** were received from Cllrs. Adrian Gombault, Debbie Rolfe and Emma Sismore.

**2022/1/02** **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. There were none.

**2022/1/03** **Minutes** of the Meetings
Parish Council meeting minutes 15 December 2021 were received as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Nebel, seconded Cllr. Amies, Cllr. Smith abstained as she was not present, majority in favour **– RESOLVED.**

**2022/1/04** **Matters Arising** for information exchange. Actions from the previous minutes were confirmed as complete or were included on the agenda for this meeting
**Completed Actions not on this agenda were:**

1. Caroline Adams additional hours paid
2. Planning 2021/1390/LBA response sent
3. Noticeboard refurbishment quotes – c/f
4. Invoices – paid
5. Purchase of USB and box – clerk to action
6. RPC data storage – Cllr. PD to work with clerk
7. Mallard Pass Solar Farm response sent

**2022/1/05** **Planning** – New applications received since last meeting:
2022/0026/FUL proposed new site access into a small area of woodland that has no alternative access, land off Careby Road, Rutland.

**2022/1/06** **Finance**

(1) Reports

a) The Financial Report 1 Apr – 31 Dec 2021 was received from the Clerk which included the bank reconciliation report. **Proposal:** to accept this report as a true and accurate copy of the financial position of RPC. Proposed Cllr. Amies, seconded Cllr. SM-C and unanimous in favour **- RESOLVED** Action: Clerk to post copy of report on the website.

(2) Financial Payments

a) Hills Accounts inv 203659 salary admin £61.20
b) C Adams clerk owed hours £112.09
c) Ryhall Village Hall hire for 17.1.22 £20.00 all payments were noted and approved

(3) Budget & Precept for 2022/23

a) Ryhall Allotments Association (RAA) **grant request** for a contribution of £440 towards replacement of gates. Cllr. Bellairs reported that this was the last large asset item that RAA needed help with. Going forward RAA would be self-funding. **Proposal :** To accept this grant application and pay RAA £440. Proposed by Cllr. Bellairs, seconded by Cllr. Smith majority in favour – **RESOLVED.**

b) **Budget for 2022/23 and Precept Request.** Cllr. Gombault had submitted a report and proposal for the precept for 2022/23. The Councillors thanked Cllr. Gombault and the Clerk for the new format presentation.

**Proposal:** To request a precept of £ 34,494 with no increase. Proposed by Cllr. Gombault, Seconded Cllr. Amies and unanimous in favour – **RESOLVED.** Action: Clerk to submit request to Rutland County Council (RCC) for a Precept of £34,494.

**2022/01/07** **Co-option of Councillor.** Co-option of a new Councillors to fill the vacant seat can now take place.

**2022/1/08** **Mallard Pass Solar Farm –** Mallard Pass Solar Farm update. Indicative consultation timeline:

- Nov 21 - Spring 22 – Ongoing environmental studies and engagement with local community and stakeholders on refinement of proposals.
- Jan 22 – scoping request to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate
- Feb 22 – Consultation on the Draft statement of Community Consultation with Local Planning Authorities
- Spring 22 – Publication of the statement of Community Consultation, preliminary environmental information report and start of Stage 2 community consultation.

A member of the public was invited to give an updated on the current situation. RCC had recently had a meeting of Rutland Climate Action group at which the solar farm was a major item for discussion. This week there will be a meeting at Essendine at which a representative from each neighbouring Council was invited to attend to discuss necessary actions to minimise/eliminate this application. This meeting arose from a prior meeting held in Essendine with Alicia Kearns MP on 7 January at which a list of issues to pursue was drawn up.
Action: Cllr. Wilby would attend on RPC's behalf and feedback information.

**2022/1/09** **School Travel Ambassador Initiative & 20 mph scheme.** Cllr. Davis had no update. Action c/f to next meeting.

**2022/1/10** **Highways Issues**

a) Parish Council challenge regarding standards of pavement &
b) Quality of the resurfacing on Rutland Way.

Cllr. Davis reported that Rutland Way has had an additional surface on top to rectify the problems and this had improved the situation, although it is already starting to show signs of disrepair. The raised iron works had been addressed and now safer for cyclists.

Action: Cllr. Davis would feedback constructive comments to RCC Highway on the longer-term sustainability of the works done, for consideration, when using contractors in the future.

Cllr Nebel had reported on Fix-my-Street the gully opposite Church Street where the tarmac is raised diverting water instead of allowing it to drain.

c) Benches **Proposal:** To purchase from Glasdon the Lowther seat @ £668.54 each. Proposed Cllr. Nebel, seconded Cllr. Wilby and unanimous in favour – **RESOLVED**
Action: Clerk to place order for 2 benches.

d) White Bridge update. RCC hope to start work in March, subject to Environment Agency approval to painting of post and railings.

**2022/1/11** **Events :** Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr. Gombault had submitted a report on ideas to commemorate this event which were discussed.

1. To replace the tree in the square with a village sign mounted on a stone plinth
2. A memorial garden with seating

Other ideas muted were:

3. A Street Party (closure of Bridge Street and The Square) and fête at the Hall.
4. If the tree in the square needed replacing, that a new tree be planted with a history of past trees and a decorative village plaque and improved drainage water for the new tree.

**Action:** Cllr. Nebel to research ideas and practicalities for discussion at the next meeting.

**2022/1/12** **St Johns Church/Village Clock Maintenance** – Cllr. Andrew Nebel had no further update to report. Action: c/f to next meeting.

**2022/1/13** **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives. There were none.

**2022/1/14** **Correspondence** – noted from the agenda

**2022/1/15** **Date of Next Meeting.** 7 February 2022

**2022/1/16** **Open Forum.** There were no members of the public in attendance at this point of the meeting.

1. Old photocopier to be removed from asset register and disposed of. Clerk to use her own printer and charge RPC per copy on her expenses. Unanimously agreed.
2. Cllr. Smith has spoken with a resident at Francis Court who would like to rebuild a point of contact for residents and to rebuild their community identity in the Parish. Action: Cllr. Wilby agreed to meet with those concerned to see what can be done going forward.
3. Phone box on New Road was in a poor state and needs cleaning. Action: Cllr. Nebel to research phone box potential.
4. Cllr. Smith asked if anyone had heard of any resident experiencing flooding problems in their homes? No-one had. The only flooding had been land flooding.

5. Cllr. Nebel expressed congratulations to the Church for the new pathways. These will bed in and become more wheelchair accessible in time.
6. Cllr. Nebel enquired if there was potential for RPC to contribute to the street light running costs for the light on the side of the church to remain on overnight.
   Action: Clerk to investigate this issue discussed in previous minutes.
   Cllr. Nebel to contact PCC to gauge their views.
   Action: c/f to next meeting.
7. Cllr. Bellairs would like to pursue street lights being turned off after midnight.

**2022/1/17 To receive Items for Future Meetings**

**i)** **Parish Communications:** Reconsideration of smartphone app for communicating with residents - Cllr. Gombault

**ii)** **Meadows Playing Fields**
Constitution as trustee status & future RMPF chairman/lead
New quotes for the reduction of willow directly behind St Johns property fences
To receive any update on drainage issues

**iii)** **Cemetery Maintenance**
Future works to Old Cemetery
Topple testing undertaken in Old Cemetery– to receive report and discuss/resolve actions

**iv)** **Highways:**
To note renewed the Flagpole Licence
To receive update on conifer trees
Waste/ dog bin on A6121 start of footpath to Tolethorpe

**v)** Purchase of box and USB

**vi)** Noticeboard quotations

meeting closed in 20:38

**<u>Dates of Meetings for 2022 to be held in the Village Hall (unless otherwise specified) commencing at 19:00</u>**

7 February at the Bowls Club
21 March – Annual Parish Meeting and ordinary Meeting
April Meeting date and venue to be confirmed
16 May 16 – Annual Council Meeting
20 Jun, 25 Jul, 19 Sept, 21 Nov.

CHAIRMAN: _____ DATE: _____