Minutes of the Ryhall Parish Council (RPC) Meeting held at Ryhall Village Hall on Monday 20 June 2022 which commenced at 19:00

Present: Cllrs. Dave Amies, David Wilby, Stella Smith, Nick Bellairs, Andrew Nebel, Debbie Rolfe, Phill Davis & Richard Ludlow.

In Attendance: Sarah Gresty Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public.
Public Forum

AGENDA

2022/6/01 **Apologies** for Absence were received from: Cllrs Sarah Markwell-Cook
It was Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr. Sarah Markwell-Cook unanimously.

Other apologies County Cllr. Rick Wilson.

2022/6/02 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary. None reported.

2022/6/03 **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 16 May 2022 were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Davis, Cllr Bellairs abstained as he was not present at this meeting, the remaining unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**

2022/6/04 To receive any **Matters Arising** for information exchange

a) Items from previous meeting c/f

i. Appointment of Vice Chairman. Action: c/f to next meeting.

ii. Tree Warden. Angela Glover, the Climate Change Representative had agreed to become the Ryhall Tree Warden. This would involve regular visual checks on the parish trees.

iii. Allotment Representative. Cllr Nick Bellairs was proposed to continue to be the RPC representative on the Allotment Committee. Proposed Cllr. Smith, Seconded Cllr. Nebel and unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED**.

2022/6/05 **RCC Community-lead Good Neighbours** Schemes. Information Presentation by Paul Dunn, RCC Transport Inspector.
Paul Dunn said that Ryhall was well supported with a bus service but gave the outline of a new scheme for Community lead transport. If RPC felt that this was something the village would benefit from, there would be help and support available to set up a scheme. There are some schemes already successfully running in the area such as Voluntary Action Rutland (VAR) and schemes in Whissendine and Ketton.
A volunteer administrator and a team of volunteer drivers would be required. The drivers could claim 45p per mile for travel. Many questions were asked with regards to how the scheme would run. Action: Paul Dunn to provide more information on set-up requirements and RPC to canvas need in the parish.

2022/6/06 **Finance**
(1) Reports
a) Financial Reports 1 Apr 22 – 31 May 2022 was presented to the meeting and agreed to be an accurate record of the financial position. Proposed acceptance by signing report and bank statements Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Rolfe and unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**

b) Bank account. Action: Cllr. Bellairs was to action with Barclays Bank the addition of the Clerk to the bank account and for moving to online banking.

(2)Financial
a) chq 102631-Ryhall Village Hall £20
b) chq 102632-EnvironmentSK inv. 2246 £196.83
c) chq 102633-S Gresty clerk May salary £996.02
d) chq 102634-BHIB Insurance inv. 651381 £1480.27
e) chq 102635-Hills Accountants invs. 201898/204148 £361.20
f) chq 102636-EnvironmentSK inv. 2292 £780.04
g) chq 102637-Plough Environmental inv. 2730 £620.00
h) chq 102638-Mallard Pass Action Group £250.00

Burial Account
i) chq 100343 Shaw & Son ledger £132.00
j) chq 100344RCC Rates £338.00
All payments above were noted.

2022/6/07 **Planning**.
2022/0409/FUL 19A Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe
2021/0265/DIS Green Farm Lane, Newstead Road-Decision Notice
2022/0351/DIS The Glen Waterside - Decision Notice
2022/0575/FUL Waterside PE9 4EY
2021/0468/DIS Willow House, Great Casterton Road - Decision Notice
2022/0553/NMA The Glen Waterside - Decision Notice
All planning application were noted and all had been responded to by the Planning Committee

2022/6/08 To receive **Highways Issues**
Cllr. Davis was currently monitoring the works on the recent road resurfacing in the local area and would feedback to RCC Highways.

2022/6/09 **Mallard Pass Solar Farm** Sue Holloway (SH) gave the meeting an update. Now 4 weeks into the 10 week consultation period. This was a key time and the only statutory consultation that counts.
The Action Group team are raising awareness with placards and banners and receiving good feedback on email. They had also delivered 4000 leaflets to surrounding villages and some to Stamford.
The first of the village consultations take place shortly and SH urged everyone to attend one and ask questions.
The Action Group has organized six addition question and answer sessions to be held in local village halls after the MPSF public consultations, leaving 3 weeks of concerted effort to encourage everyone to reply.
Replies: SH urged people not to send in comments using the MPSF feedback forms but to use email and copy in County Councilors David Wilby and Rick Wilson, leader of RCC Cllr. Lucy Stephenson, Alicia Kearns MP and the Action Group. Details available on the Action Group website.
Asked that RPC support the session in Ryhall to add credibility and to also write directly to each resident urging them to respond.

After the events another leaflet will the distributed with the petition from Alicia Kearns.
Cllr. Nebel asked if Victoria Prentis, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) had been contacted with the argument of the balance between solar and agricultural land use. SH responded that lots of things are coming through in strategy to recognise food is as important as energy and recent survey work on grading of land has come out favorable with the land classification being of a higher than expected quality.
Cllr. Wilby urged everyone to find good testing questions to ask at the consultations, especially with regards to effect, safety, disposal, how much is the scheme costing to run, is it a cost effective solution taking into account road alterations etc. Nothing is being given back to the community.
SH reported that MPSF had taken battery storage out "at this time." This terminology has been questioned and is not clear, leaving the door open for battery storage to be included at a later date.

2022/6/10 Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields

Jo Gresty, Chairman of Meadows Playing Field Management Association, outlined the proposed revision of the charity's constitution and update of the Charity's relationship with Ryhall Parish Council.

- Playing Fields are nearly 50 years old and have been run by the Association for the majority of this time. The Association is a registered charity.
- Having taken legal advice from LRALC, the charity proposed the updating of the legal paperwork to take account of the playing fields' pattern of use.
- There were two principle options –
  Either the charity closes and RPC takes direct control of the playing fields or the Charity updates its constitution and enters into a fresh, clearer relationship with RPC
- The Charity's current lease of the playing fields is an outdated document which potentially leaves the PC vulnerable. For clarity and to assist in applying for grant funding, a new long lease of 21 years or more would be preferable to a licence to "occupy" which by legal definition does not give the licensee security of tenure
- The Association's charitable status also ensures the ability to claim mandatory rates relief on the pavilion, car park and other facilities.
- A lease has to be legally drawn up by a Solicitor approx. cost approx £1k

Questions to be resolved upon:

1. Does RPC want the charity to continue to run?
2. Does RPC want to enter a formal arrangement with funding by way of a co-operation agreement?
3. Does RPC want to enter into a better lease to protect themselves and the Association?

A general discussion took place between Councilors.

Resolution Proposal by Cllr. Bellairs

Option B. The Charity trustees to update the charity's and enter into a clear, sustainable and legally unambiguous agreement with RPC for the future funding and management of the playing fields.
Seconded Cllr Nebel, Cllr Davis abstained, remaining unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**

Resolution Proposal by Cllr. Bellairs
To appoint a solicitor to draw up a Lease the costs of which would be the responsibility of RPC as land owner.
Seconded Cllr. Rolfe and unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**
Action: Jo Gresty to draw up a head of terms for the Lease and to work with Cllr. Nebel on the co-operation Agreement to produce final documentation for RPC's approval.
The Trustees will then update the charity's constitution.

2022/6/11 **RCC Corporate Strategy 2022-27 and 5 Year Housing supply** – Cllr. Nebel wanted to alert the Parish council to The assessment of Rutland' housing supply as of 31 March 2022 has been completed and shows that the supply is 4.1 years. Details can be found here: www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building-control/planning/the-local- plan/housing-supply.
While this is an improvement on the position of 30 September 2021, the County Council is still unable to demonstrate a robust five-year supply of housing as required in national policy.
Consequently, decisions on planning applications involving the provision of housing will be tilted in favour of sustainable development, in accordance with Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). **This means that planning permission should be granted unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole.**

2022/4/12 **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives.
Cllr. Nebel had met with the Newley appointed Police Inspector Lindsey Booth regarding concerns that police are neglecting the village and there has been several incidences recently. A Crime Prevention workshop and Drop in on 27 June 6.30 – 8.30 at the village hall has been arranged.

2022/4/13 **Correspondence** – a list of correspondence received was noted from the agenda.
Addition item was from Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sara Furness and the Vicar of Oakham invitation to a Rutland Military, Veteran, Volunteer and Emergency Service on Sunday 10th July. Cllr. Nebel would attend.

2022/4/14 **Open Forum**
Linda (from Mallard Pass Action Group) enquired if a banner could be put up on the grass by the library. She also gave some more leaflets

2022/4/15 **To receive Items for Future Meetings**

- Parish Communications: Reconsideration of smartphone app for communicating with residents-Cllr. Adrian Gombault
- School Travel Ambassador Initiative & 20 mph scheme.
- Cllr. Andrew Nebel - Health Care presentation

Dates of Meetings for 2022 commencing at 19:00 held in Ryhall Village Hall unless otherwise stated 25 Jul, 19 Sept, Oct TBC, 21 Nov.
2023: 16 Jan, 20 Feb, 20 Mar, 17 Apr (Annual Parish), 15 May, 26 Jun, 17 July

Meeting closed at 8.50