Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council (RPC) Meeting held at The Methodist Church on 17 October 2022 @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Dave Amies(Chairman), David Wilby, Stella Smith, Nick Bellairs, Andrew Nebel & Richard Ludlow
In Attendance: Amy Crawford from HealthWatch Rutland, 1 members of the public and Sarah Gresty Parish Clerk

Public Forum. There were not items from the public

- The Parish Council congratulated the Methodist Church on refurbishment of the church hall.

Amy Crawford, Engagement Worker, gave an informative talk on HealthWatch Rutland. It is her role to raise profile of the service. The main elements covered were:
Hearing feedback. Collating feedback of health and social care services from service users to feedback experiences and formulate changes for the better. For example, if HealthWatch have a lot of feedback about dentistry, they widen the research and write a report and put some recommendations forward.
Enter and view visits. HealthWatch have the powers to observe in social care situations.
Advice and information. Help users navigate health and social care needs.
Health Watch Rutland is a local services part of HealthWatch England a National scheme.
Current Projects:

i) Wider Research into Dementia Care. Looking to speak with patients, families and carers to learn about their experiences to be able to develop the Rutland Dementia Strategy. More information call 01527 720381 E: info@healthwatchrutland.co.uk https://www.healthwatchrutland.co.uk/

ii) Health Watch Community Campions. Recruiting volunteers to be local area representatives. These Campions will feed back information as well as communicate information to the community.

Cllr. Smith brought up the issues with cross boarder issues of services.

AGENDA

2022/10/01 **Apologies for Absence were received from** Cllrs. Adrian Gombault, Sarah Markwell-Cook, Debbie Rolfe, & Phill Davis It was **Resolved** to accept these apologies unanimously.
Other Apologies Noted: Cllr. Rick Wilson.

2022/10/02 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary. None disclosed.

2022/10/03 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 July 2022 were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Bellairs, Cllr. Smith abstained as she was not present at this meeting, the remaining were unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.** Chairman signed the minutes.

A copy of the corrected Minutes of 20 June, previous resolved upon (Minute Ref: 2022/07/03) were signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the last Scheduled meeting on 19 September had been cancelled due to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

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2022/10/04 **Matters Arising** for information exchange. Appointment of Vice Chairman. No one present wished to put themselves forward for the position of Vice Chairman.

2022/10/05 **Co option.** One application had been received for the vacant seat from Andy Yates. RPC welcomed Andy Yates to the meeting. Andy gave an overview of his work and has lived in Ryhall since July 2021 but has lived locally for many years.
Proposal: To co-opt Andy Yates to the vacant seat.
Proposed: Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Ludlow and unanimous in favour.-**RESOLVED**.
Andy signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and was welcomed to RPC.

2022/10/06 **Finance**
(1) **Reports**
a) Financial Reports 1 Apr 22 – 30 Sept 2022 with bank reconciliation and supporting bank statements was presented by the Clerk. It was noted that the total balance was £67,231.30 of the four Barclays accounts held. The cashflow spend against budget was currently 46%.
It was noted that the Community Account No.2 had gone into dormancy. The Clerk was arranging with Barclays for this balance to the transferred to the current account and then the account to be closed.

(2)**Financial. Proposal:** to accept All listed Payments and those most recently presented by the clerk.
Proposed: Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Bellairs and unanimous in favour- **RESOLVED**
a) chq 102649 Ryhall village hall £40.00
b) chq 102650 Rutland Web inv 1750 £17.5
c) chq 102651 Environment SK inv 2406 £780.04
d)chq 102652 Environment SK inv 2450 £780.04
e) chq 102653 Plough Environmental inv 2742 £380
f) chq 12654 Biffa inv 1287 £390
g) chq 102655 S Gresty Clerk Aug salary £1069.64
h) dd Nest Pension 3 payments @ £43.75 May, Jul & Aug
i) chq 102656 Environment SK inv 2498 £780.042
j) chq 102657 Ryhall Village Hall £50
k) chq 102658 Plough Environmental £380
l) chq 102659 S Gresty Clerk salary
m) chq 102660 HMRC tax and NIC £193.55
n) chq 102661 Environment SK inv 2547 £780.04
o) chq 102662 PKF Littlejohn audit £240.00
p) dd Nest Pension £43.75
q) chq 102663 Max Wealth Accountants inv 130 £61.20
r) chq 102664 Environment SK inv 2558 £780.04
s) chq 102665 Plough Environmental inv 2775 £380.00

Additional Payments presented for payment:
Ryhall Village Hall £20 rental 29/9/22
S Gresty Oct salary £1069.64
RCC additional street lighting charge £363.23 *
Bytham Trees £420.00

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*Discussion took place on the costs of street lighting especially with the future Cost of Living rise due for the next financial year. Proposal to have lighting switched off at night between certain hours to save electricity were discussed. Or reducing the number of street lights. A feasibility study would be undertaken and a potential public consultation.
Action: Clerk to explore with RCC the possibility of reducing lighting costs, to request a copy of the Green Plan and to question how the costs are recharged by meter or by lamppost?

(3) **Income Noted.**
a) Cemetery Account income £104.79 RCC
b) Cemetery £85.00
c) Barclays bank interest £7.65

(4) **Bank Account. Options:**
a) To continue with Barclays and cheques. The account cannot accommodate the correct form of online banking in compliance with Standing Orders
b)To move bank accounts to Unity Bank this will incur a £18 per quarter bank charge.
Proposal: To switch from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank.
Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Smith and unanimous in favour.-**RESOLVED.**
Action: Clerk to action this switch once Barclays had repaid the dormant account.

(5) **Risk Assessment**
The Parish Council Risk Assessment had recently been reviewed and 2 additional items at points 43 and 46 had been added. **Proposal:** To accept these changes.
Proposed Cllr. Bellairs, Seconded Cllr. Ludlow. Cllr. Yates abstained, the remaining Cllrs. unanimous in favour.-**RESOLVED**
Action: Clerk to make revised Risk Assessment available on the website.
Risk Assessment to be reviewed Quarterly in future.

2022/10/07 **Planning**. New applications received since last meeting.
2022/0799/FUL The Old Forge, Foundry Road PE9 4JA
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2022/0808/FUL Land at Borderville Farm, change of use
2022/0896/MAO Outline planning Land to the SW of Belmesthorpe Lane, Ryhall
2022/0981/FUL Gwash Trout Farm
Additional application since agenda release: 2022/1145/FUL 2 coppice Road. Not yet responded to by the Planning Committee.

Other issues: Oak Manor Development. Cllr. Amies read the report of the Public Meeting attended by 33 members of the public on 29th September 2022. Report

Cllr Nebel pointed out the need to feedback to the RCC https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/council-news/rutland-county-council-invites-comments-on-interim-housing-position-statement/

Cllr. Nebel also raised the Monacrch proposed development on Quarry farm on the north of Stamford with a potential 650 houses proposed reducing the open space between Ryhall and Stamford. No further information on this developments was forthcoming at this time.

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2022/10/08 **Health Care presentation** – by Cllr. Andrew Nebel gave an interesting overview of the Leicestershire, Leicester & Ruland (LLR) Healthcare strategies. Integrated care systems are geographically based partnerships that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services with local authorities and other local partners to plan, co-ordinate and commission health and care services. Presentation.
Care must be closer to home. Rutland has good provision. Cllr. Nebel urged resident to get involved and have their say.

2022/10/09 **20 mph Scheme** the Clerk had sent Robyn Green Highways Officer a copy of the decision from the Parish Council to move forward with this Scheme and is awaiting updated figures of costs.

2022/10/10 **Tree Issues**

a) **Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Tree works.** RCC's Tree Officer's response for removal of willow tree (c/f from 2022/07/13) was circulated and agreed by Parish Councillors that their decision to remove the tree was justified as there was considerable rot present in the tree. It was advised that the tree's remove would not cause additional ground movement. It was noted that this tree had now been removed.

b) **Overgrown area behind Meadow Lane.** – Cllr. Sarah Markwell Cook had submitted a request from local resident regarding an area of land behind Meadow Lane, which is un registered. RPC cut the grass in this area however the hedge has become very overgrown and full of brambles. The local residents would like to have a work party to prune and tidy the hedge area.
Response: RPC were not the owners of this piece of land so have no authority to give permission.
Action: Cllr. Amies would check the land registry and come back with more information.

Areas of unregistered land in the village were discussed and whether RPC should register them. Action: Cllr. Amies to look into this in more detail and report back.

The Clerk had previously been asked to have the field maple tree in the village square checked. Bytham Trees had undertaken an inspection and advise that the tree was not diseased, however with the lack of water, the restriction of the roots being surrounded by tarmac and compaction this tree will never really thrive.

2022/10/11 **Bins.**
Proposal: To purchase replacement bins at a cost of £200 at St John's close corner and on New Road.
Proposed Cllr**.** Bellairs, Seconded Cllr. Smith and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**
Action: clerk to place order with RCC.
To research protentional reciting of the "dog bin" from St John's Close on to Foundry Road.

2022/10/12 Accounts for 2021/22 were received and noted from.

a) Ryhall Allotment Association.
b) Ryhall Meadow Playing Fields

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2022/10/13 Cemetery

a) Old Cemetery, Church Street.
Proposal: For the Parish to acquire the land at the top/west end by formally applying to the Land Registry to list this as owned by the Parish Council.
Proposed: Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Bellairs and unanimous in favour.-**RESOLVED.**
The bottom/east section of the cemetery is registered as an RCC asset.

b) Cemetery extension update. Cllr. Nebel and the Clerk had a site meeting and will be drawing up a time line of actions to be circulated.
The first issue is to circulate the public consultation which will be sent to resident before Christmas.

2022/9/14 **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives. Clerk read a short updated from Cllr. Rick Wilson, in his absence:

At present, we are awaiting a further submission of evidence on Quarry Farm following the responses to the initial submission. In some cases this will be revised data, in other it involves additional survey work. Once that is submitted, we will consult again with specific relevant consultees on the additional information.

Mallard Pass has now completed the stage II consultation, and the applicants are processing the large volumes of responses they have received in that regard before moving onto the next stage of the proposal. Depending on the content of the consultation responses, this may involve amendments to the scheme.

2022/9/15 **Correspondence** – list of correspondence was noted from the agenda. Additional Items noted:

a) Hill Accountants used for audit and salary purposes have changed their name to Max Wealth Accountants
b) Allotment's firework night. Insurance and risk assessment had been received for their forthcoming event
c) Warm Welcome Spaces. Noted and to receive further details after the next meeting of the group.
d) Alicia Kearns letter to Jacob Rees-Mogg was signed by all those Councillors present in support.

2022/9/16 **Open Forum.**

Cllr. Bellairs requested that the hedge at the allotments be reduced in height so it is easier to maintain. This is due to be cut by the Contractors. Action: Clerk to request height reduction.

2022/9/17 **To receive Items for Future Meetings**

- c/f Meadow Playing Fields. 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.
- Code of Conduct revision for Councilors'

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

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