Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Methodist Church Hall on Monday 20 February 2023 @ 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Dave Amies, David Wilby, Andrew Nebel, Phill Davis, Richard Ludlow and Andy Yates.
In Attendance: Cllr Rick Wilson , 3 members of the public and Sarah Gresty Parish Clerk

Public Forum. No comments.

AGENDA

2023/02/01 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr. Adrian Gombault, Stella Smith, Debbie Rolfe & Nick Bellairs. It was **Resolved** to accept these apologies.

2023/02/02 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. None received.

2023/02/03 **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 16 January 2023 were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Nebel and unanimous in favour. **RESOLVED**

2023/02/04 **Matters Arising** for information exchange

- Re-siting of dog bin from St Johns. Cllr. Bellairs and the Clerk had met on site and the clerk has written to Rutland District Council (RCC) to gain permission for resitting the bin in an alternative location on the highway. Response awaited.
- 20mph Scheme. The Clerk had contact Robyn Green from RCC on this issue. RCC will now produce a plan. Once completed a 3 week consultation period will follow. It was noted that legal fees would be £1,000 and present cost of scheme was £2494.48 but this may be subject to increase in new contract rates.

2023/02/05 **Local Plan. Response to call for sites.** Cllr. Andrew Nebel had produced a draft response circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr. Amies thanked Andrew for the work done on this document. The response was based on a past survey plus further developments that have taken place since. It was thought that Ryhall and Belmesthorpe should not be too passive in pushing back further development. Also noted that if the Stamford North development goes ahead Stamford will then be viewed from Ryhall, further narrowing the belt that defines the village. Action: All Councillors to comment on the draft document by Thursday and submission Friday.

It was also agreed that the Chairman and Planning Committee submit a strongly worded letter regarding

- development of land on Belmesthorpe Lane and the need to keep a definition and not compromise the space between Ryhall and Belmesthorpe.
- The protection of river side access and green space for community amenity use.
- Disappointment that RCC Planners did not invite RPC when they attended a recent site meeting. Action: Letter to RCC

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2023/02/06 **Finance**

(1) **Reports**

a) The Clerk had circulated the financial Report 1 Apr 22 – 31 Jan 2023 with original bank statements.

(2)**Financial Payments**

a) Nest Pension dd £51.43
b) chq 102686 S Gresty clerk Salary Jan £1141.21
d) chq 102687 Ryhall Village hall room hire £30
e) Biffa inv 01394 to 31.12.22 £390
f) chq 102688 S Gresty oct-dec clerk expenses £234.85
g) chq 102689 Bytham Tree allotment hedge £360.00

(3) Income

a) National grid wayleave £5.75

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts listed above as a true, approved and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr. Ludlow, Seconded Cllr. Davis and unanimous in favour.

2023/02/07 **Planning**. New applications and notifications since last meeting.

2023/0076/FUL Land South of Back Lane, Ryhall. The history of this area is that any development has been opposed as it would set a precedent for more development.
Action: Planning Committee will object to this application and c.c. Cllr. Rick Wilson

2023/0098/FUL Beecroft Main Street, Belmesthorpe PE9 4JQ. Response sent to RCC

2023/0097/FUL 13 St John's Close, PE9 4HS. Response sent to RCC

2023/02/08 **Village Issues**

i) Street Lighting update – Cllr. Andy Yates presented an analysis of costings and usage. The present lights are LED and only 7 years old, they have a guarantee of 10 years and an approx. life span of 20 years. As they fail they would be replaced with more modern fittings.

To save energy all lights could be turned off at 12:00am and back on at 6:00am if the light level is below the photo cell set point. Main road fittings however would remain on.

Currently the lights Are dimmed after 9:00pm

Saving approx. 56% of current lighting use. Depending on electricity price this would give a simple payback of between 2 and 4 years. It would also save around 2.5t/annum of carbon in Ryhall alone.

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Unfortunately, with the current fitting in place and that fact that we are billed a fixed rate from RCC, it is impossible to meter any financial changes.

Cllr. Yates recommended that this should be viewed Countywide to have real benefits.

Action: Cllr. Wilby to set a meeting with RCC and Cllr. Yates to discuss this further.

i) Kings Coronation Event 6-8 May 2023 £500 has been set aside in the budget for 2023/24 for a celebration.

Action: Cllr. Nebel would speak to the publicans to see if they were doing any events over this weekend. Cllr. Rolfe to be consulted. Thoughts to be collated by the Clerk Deadline 6 March.

2023/02/09 **Risk Assessment Quarterly review.** Review undertaken and signed by chairman
Action: Clerk to research a Reserve policy statement to link with Risk Assessment.

2023/02/10 **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives.

Cllr. Wilby. RCC are still juggling budgets and services.
Catmose Sports Centre-A review of the decision to close the centre had transpired. A further procurement process will take place and provided suitable bid, based on the nil-cost to the Council basis, RCC is hoping for a service provider to keep the Catmose Sports Centre open.
Planning. Local Plan is being worked upon. The call for sites has gone out. Pressure has been eased after hitting number of housing requirements.
Council Tax Overall increase on council tax capped at 5%

Cllr. Rick Wilson.
Mallard Pass. Attended an Action group meeting at Essendine. Reminder everyone to register by 2nd March as an interested party. All comments submitted before have gone to the developer this is your only chance to be heard by the decision makers who are the Planning Inspectorate.

The **Clerk** had attended a LRALC Community Engagement meeting, unfortunately did not get any real ground breaking answers however she will work on some ideas to hopefully improve communication between the Parish Council and residents.

2023/02/11 **Correspondence** – was noted from the agenda

Elections information is starting to come through. Cllrs must decide whether to stand for election again. Nomination papers for retiring councillors seeking re-election and any new candidate will be made available on 1 March.

2023/02/12 **Open Forum**

- Cllr. Nebel. Would like at the next parish council meeting to bring a proposal for RPC to donate a sum of £500 towards the funding of a statue of the late Queen

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Elizabeth which will be sited outside the library in Oakham. Money is being raised by the Lord Lt. of Rutland Sarah Furness.

Cllr. Davis would like to see the large Christmas tree at the egg shack removed and also questioned the appearance of the white container.

Cllr. Davis reported that he had taken part in a village organised litter pick last weekend and remarked on the amount of litter collected and the community spirit in which it was organised.

Cllr. Yates would like the speed indicator sign on the A6121 reported as faulty. Action: clerk to report this.

A member of the public from Mallard Pass Action group urged everyone to register, as well as friends and family. This is the only chance we have to show our intention and impact on the planners and how strongly we feel. Funds for the campaign are still needed.

Meeting closed at 20:41

2023/02/13 To receive Items for Future Meetings

- Unregistered pieces of land - Cllr Amies to give an update.
- Cemetery noticeboard
- 20mph scheme
- Meadow playing fields Co operation agreement
- Belmesthorpe Road Safety

Dates of Meetings for 2023 commencing at 19:00 20 March-Village Hall, 17 Apr-Village Hall, 15 May-Village Hall,
Thursday 25 May (Annual Parish Meeting)-Village Hall,
26 Jun-Methodist Church Hall, 17 July-Village Hall, 18 Sept-Village Hall, 23 Oct-Methodist Church Hall, 20 Nov-Village Hall.

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