DRAFT: Minutes of the Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 17 July 2023 which commenced at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe(Chair), Richard Ludlow(Vice Chair), David Wilby, Andrew Nebel, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook and Simon Houghton

In Attendance: 4 Members of the public and Sarah Gresty (Parish Clerk)

Public Forum.
A member of the public expressed concern at the lack of information provided by RCC Planning Department regarding the changes to a recent planning application on Back Lane, Ryhall. She had spoken to Joe Mitson, the RCC Planning officer, who had said that changes and amendments to applications were not publicly advertised; only neighbours and those who had previously submitted comments had received notification letters. The member of the Public had asked for an extension to the decision so that the public could have time to submit comments on the subsequent amended application. She asked County Cllr Kevin Corby to challenge this lack of information at county level.
County Cllr Corby explained that RPC had already expressed strong opposition to the development of Back Lane. RCC Planning can call contentious applications to full Planning Committee. As RCC has no Local Plan, this had opened the flood gates for developers to submit applications for non-planned areas of development.
County Cllr. Wilby reiterated that RPC had put in strong objections to development in this area.
The frustrations about the process from the public were noted.

AGENDA

23/24-38 **Apologies** for Absence were received from Cllrs. Phill Davis, Marc Blake and Andy Yates. It was **Resolved** to accept these apologies unanimously.

23/24-39 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary. None received.

23/24-40 **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meetings held on:

a) 26 June 2023 were presented as a true and accurate record of events Proposed acceptance Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook, Cllr. Nebel abstained as he was not present, the remaining unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**

23/24-41 **Matters Arising** for information exchange from previous minutes

- **Cemetery cross repair.** 3 quotations were presented by the Clerk.
  Proposal: To accept the cheapest quotation by J Cross of £525 + VAT and for an addition cost of up to a maximum of £100 to remove the plinth from E Boyle's headstone that had been laid flat. Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook and unanimous in favour - **RESOLVED.**

  Old Cemetery. Cllr Nebel proposed to organise a work party day at the beginning of September to clear ivy from the walls of the cemetery and a general tidy of the site. There may be a small cost for disposing of the vegetation. Once walls are cleared, an assessment of their condition can be made and management for the regrowth of the ivy decided. This was agreed unanimously.
  The Clerk notified the meeting that owners of St John's Cottage had requested to erect scaffolding to enable the replacement of windows. Dates and details of this would be confirmed nearer the time. The owners would also be removing the ivy from their cottage wall and maintaining the pyracanthas on their property.
- **Coronation tree.** Cllr. Rolfe had been researching a tree, bench and planting costs at the Rutland Way green area (outside the bungalows). Permissions from RCC Highways & Planning were still be gained. A budget of £2k for all items was anticipated but this

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could be phased over 2 years. Action: Cllr. Rolfe to finalise plan and cost for next meeting and to consider a budget for the project.

- **Councillor Planning training.** Cllr. Wilby had spoken to RCC Planning department who were very positive and hoped to be able to arrange training.

23/24-42 **Finance**

(1) **Reports**

a) Financial Report 1 April 2023- 30 June 2023 with original bank statements were received from the clerk.

(2)**Financial Payments**

a) Nest Pension April £51.43
b) Nest Pension May £51.43
c) Bank Charges £7.32
d) S Gresty clerk June salary £1159.21
e) HMRC Qtr 1 Tax and NIC £403.56
f) Nest Pension June £51.43
g) LRALC inv 19/3279 Chair training £50
h) Max Wealth inv 861 salary admin £61.20
i) RJ Flower inv 655 grass June £1896
j) Clerk Expenses Apr-Jun £303.86

Further invoices presented:

k) Village Hall hire £20
l) LRALC councillor training £50

(3) Income

a) HMRC VAT reclaim £2327.90
b) Bank interest £61.64
c) Bank interest £6.14
d) Bank interest £21.84

Resolution: To accept all the financial records above as a true and accurate record of the financial situation and agreed payments. Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Nebel and unanimous in favour **RESOLVED.**

(4) Quotations. The clerk had been unsuccessful in obtaining any further quotations.
i) RCC Tree Inspection
Proposal: To accept the quotation for a full tree inspection by RCC at a cost of £864.76 Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Ludlow and unanimous in favour **RESOLVED**
Action: Clerk to commission inspection and ask Stuart Kidd to advise on the Meadow Lane Trees at the time of his inspection.

23/24-43 **Working Group review**. A list of current responsibilities had been circulated prior to the meeting. Additions to this were:

- PCC contact Sandra McCune and Simon Fenn still looks after clock.
- Library. Action: Clerk to ascertain if Adrian Gombault wished to remain the representation for the parish council, Cllr. Whowell was willing to act if required.
- Facebook and information sharing. Cllr. Rolfe and Cllr. Houghton to look at linking the current Neighbourhood Watch FB page with the parish council. To research terms and condition of a page and how it would be monitored and administered.
- Footpath Warden

Action: List to be posted on the website when complete

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23/24-44 **Allotments**.

i) Update on AGM – Cllr. Whowell was unable to attend

ii) Allotment plot rental increase.
Action: Clerk to request from the Allotment Committee sight of the accounts and assurances that this increase was realistic to enable the Allotments to be sustainable and continue to be self-funding.
c/f to next meeting for resolution.

23/24-45 **Planning**. To receive new applications and notifications since last meeting.
2023/0594/FUL Old Forge – variation of conditions
2023/0660/FUL 11 St Johns Close
The planning committee would be responding to these applications by the deadline dates.

23/24-46 **Village Issues**

i) Street Lighting update – No further update

ii) Bench Review. Cllr Davis had reported to the Clerk that a review had taken place and found no actions required.

iii) Grass RCC 2024 maintenance contract. It was confirmed by the clerk that RCC had confirmed the 2024 contract for internal grass cutting. RPC will be receiving:
Ryhall £8073.43
Belmesthorpe £614.41
Action: once a full area map had been drawn up by the clerk a review of all areas for grass cutting during a walk around the village would be evaluated and confirmed for 2024.

iv) Highway Issues.
a) Mill St repair. This had been completed.
b) The Clerk updated the meeting on the 20mph scheme. RCC had issued the notices so more information from them would be forthcoming in early August.
c) Cllr Nebel had recently spoken with workmen surveying the roads in the village with a view to bringing full fibre into the village. They were identifying where conduits were blocked and work required to enable them to pull the fibre through. In addition to these marks on the road there were areas that RCC Highways had marked for repair and some areas that need repair not marked. A member of public informed the meeting the problems at present were that cables were aluminium so connections are poor. When fibre is installed connection will be much improved. Cllr Rolfe reported that she had tried to meet with RCC Highways to walk the village to assess areas this had been refused.

23/24-47 **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives. Cllr Nebel is a member of the Rutland Primary Care Network to help raise the problems we suffer from being on the boundary of 3 health care providers. He is also on Rutland Health Watch and Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland [LLR] Patient and Public Involvement Assurance Group to enable comments on consultations.

Cllr Nebel reported on a recent visit by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, calling in at the church, hearing about the restoration work and visiting the Green Dragon. The visit helped raised the profile of the village.

The Clerk had attended (virtually) 3 days of Planning Inspectorate hearings for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm (MPSF). Mallard Pass Action Group did an amazing job putting forward concerns regarding the project. The Planning Inspectors (PINs) allowed a 2 way discussion

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from both opposition and the applicant to emphasise and question matters already submitted in written representations.
Main issues of concern discussed:
Highways and traffic coming through Great Casterton and subsequently Belmesthorpe.
Site selection and the needs
MPSF pay little attention to the health and wellbeing aspect of the development (but I felt showed themselves in a poor light because of this).
Lincolnshire County Council raised strong objections to the effect of the development on archaeology. The Inspector appeared to concur with the council and asked Mallard Pass to revisit its proposals in this respect.
A lot of technical data was questioned
Study areas and visual affects across the whole site were discussed in depth and PINs would also be looking at additional view points
Water and flood risk
Noise during construction and of the plant itself
Mitigation and management was proposed by MPSF at the bare minimum of their requirements
Public rights of way and permissive paths
PINs will issue further questions following all the issue specific hearing and will be having onsite visits in August. Recordings of the hearings are available on the PINs website.

ISH1 recordings:https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010127/documents?stage-4=Issue+Specific+Hearing+1+%28ISH1%29&date-from-day=&date-from-month=&date-from-year=&date-to-day=&date-to-month=&date-to-year=&searchTerm=&itemsPerPage=25

ISH2 recordings: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010127/documents?stage-4=Issue+Specific+Hearing+2+%28ISH2%29&date-from-day=&date-from-month=&date-from-year=&date-to-day=&date-to-month=&date-to-year=&searchTerm=&itemsPerPage=25

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23/24-48 **Correspondence** – noted from the agenda.

23/24-49 **To receive Items for Future Meetings**
c/f update of Village Plan
Facebook
Telephone Box on New Road

The meeting closed at 20:43

Dates of Meetings for 2023 commencing at 19:00
18 Sept - Village Hall, 23 Oct - Methodist Church Hall, 20 Nov - Village Hall.

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