Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on 20 November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe, Richard Ludlow, David Wilby, Phill Davis, Andy Yates, Jon Whowell, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook & Simon Houghton.

In Attendance: 0 Members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk.

Public Forum. No public present.

AGENDA

23/24-79 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs. Nebel and Blake. It was **Resolved** to accept these apologies unanimously.

23/24-80 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. There were none.

23/24-81 **Minutes of the Meetings** held on:

a) 23 October 2023 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr.Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Houghton Abstentions for absences Cllrs. Ludlow and Markwell-Cook, remaining unanimous in favour **RESOLVED.**

23/24-82 **Matters Arising** for information exchange.
20 mph Scheme - Notification from Rutland County Council that an engineer will be assigned when one is available.

23/24-83 **Finance**

(1) **Reports**

a) Financial Report 1 April 2023 - 13 November 2023 with original bank statements dated 30/10/23 was circulated prior to the meeting by the clerk.

(2)**Financial Payments** Paid

57	LRALC inv 19/3451 cllr training	50.00
58	Methodist church 3 x room rental	45.00
59	Clerk expenses Qtr 2	102.62
60	S Gresty Clerk Oct salary	1159.01
61	Nest Pensions - Clerk	51.43
62	A Nebel - mileage expenses for cllrs.	23.40
63	S Gresty - AED locator inv 5003 defib	83.95
64	ACR Computer inv 109022 Eset renewal	35.00
65	Plough Environmental inv 2909	420.00
66	R J Flower grass mowing inv 722	840.00

(3) **Income** to Note
a) RMPFA rent £10.00
b) Cemetery Set in Stone £170
Proposal: to accept all the financial records above as a true and accurate record of the financial situation and agree payments. Cllr. Ludlow, Seconded Cllr. Corby and unanimous in favour **RESOLVED.**

b) **Aviva Insurance claim £1250.** Claim has been received.

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Proposal: To upgrade to a metal door at the pavilion with an additional cost of £605 coming from reserves. Cllr. Davis, Seconded Cllr. Ludlow and unanimous in favour **RESOLVED.**

(4) **Local Government pay claim 2023/24.** The national unions and the national employers' body have reached agreement on local government pay. Spinal Column Points (SCP) 1 to 43 are increased by £1,925 (pro rata for part-time workers). The increase is worth 8.92% for parish councils. The increase is backdated to 1 April 2023. https://www.leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk/uploads/e01-23-local-government-services-pay-agreement-2023.pdf?v=1699346100 . This was noted that the clerk is paid on SCP 19.

(5) The **Budget and Precept draft** for 2024/25 was circulated prior to the meeting. A full discussion took place. Action: Finance Working Group to bring recommendations to the December meeting for consideration and resolution.

(6) **Reserves Policy** An updated draft reserve policy was circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. Action: to be c/f for consideration alongside the budget at December meeting.

23/24-84 Meadows Playing Field Association (MPFA)

i) Under 5's Play area - Monies have been ringfenced within the Parish Council accounts of £4,979 (including CIL monies). MPFA would like to purchase a Caloo see-saw at a cost of £2,998 + VAT.
Proposal: Parish Council agree to release held funds for the purchase of the Caloo see-saw. Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Houghton, Cllr. Whowell abstained, remaining unanimous in favour.
Action: Clerk to re check age appropriateness of the see saw model quoted

ii) Lease Agreement. Action: c/f to January meeting.

23/24-85 Planning. To receive new applications and notifications since last meeting.

Planning Reference and Address	Proposal	Parish Council response	Awaiting response
2023/1120/CAT Pinfold House Foundry Road PE9 4JA	T1 ; Juglans Regia (Walnut) RETAIN / crown raise to 3 meters , remove crossing branches , deadwood. T2 J. Regia FELL to ground (small / too close to other trees) T3 / T4 / T5 Betula pendula (Silver Birch) FELL to ground level , planted too close in a raised bed resulting in fastigiate growth & phototropic lean , overhead cables.	awaiting response from planning committee	Awaiting response
2023/1109/FUL 35 Parkfield Road	proposed first floor rear extension above existing single storey and addition of a first floor window to side elevation	awaiting response from planning committee	Awaiting response
2023/0762/FUL, The Bungalow, Meadow View, Belmesthorpe Lane PE9 4JF	Retrospective change to use of a single dwelling to two separate dwellings knowns as The Bungalow and Meadow View	application gone to Planning Committee 7 Nov no further comments from RPC	Awaiting response
2023/1098/CAT 9 New Road, Mill Street	removal of 3 trees 1 no laburnum 1 no nefele turkish 1 no. mountain ash	The Planning Committee have considered the above application, and can see no reason for refusal.	Awaiting response

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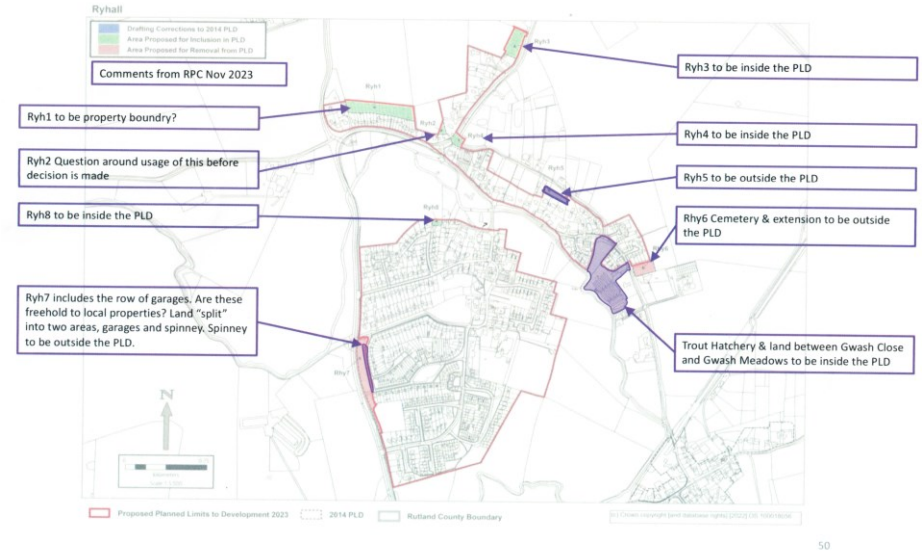
2023/1032/FUL	proposed extension and alterations to dwelling	The Planning Committee have reviewed the above application, and confirm No Objection.	no objections

a) **Planning Committee Terms of Reference.** A revised Committee Terms of Reference was circulated prior to the meeting.
The Planning committee had recently met to formalise procedures. The next meeting a chairman of the committee will be voted for. The Clerk on receipt of every planning application is to automatically ask for an extension to reply to correspond with the next parish council meeting. Planning items will always be an agenda item to enable public comment. A one-drive shared file document will be created to formulate opinions. Cllr. Houghton would replace the Chairman on the committee. The committee consists of Cllrs. Nebel, Yates, Corby and Houghton with the chair and vice chair being floating members.
Action: To c/f adoption of Terms of Reference to January meeting.

23/24-86 **Local Plan.** Cllr. Yates circulated the Ryhall map showing the policy areas in the draft Local Plan. This will be discussed in open session at the next parish council meeting on 18 December. A leaflet drop to all villages informing in the village news (if not too late and not too expensive) would be done. Hard copies of the Local Plan are available in the library.



23/24-87 **Village Issues**

i) Highway Issues. To receive any updates or new issues.
1. Lamppost flash on main road – has been reported on Fix My Street
2. Lea View entrance pot hole - has been reported on Fix My Street.

ii) To receive any other village issues
1. A request for a drop kerb at Manor Close had been submitted on fix my street
Action: Cllr. Markwell-Cook to also report this to Rutland Access Group
2. The Clerk has been in correspondence with RCC Highways who are aware of the drainage issue on Foundry Road and with the assistance of their main contractor have previously investigated the matter. It was found that the current system is operational but quickly becomes overwhelmed in times of

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heavy rain and that the current outfall into the River Gwash is not optimally located. As a result of these investigations a solution has been designed to increase the current capacity of the system and to relocate the outfall. These works are scheduled to take place in 2023/24. Action: clerk will continue to chase.

Cllr. Whowell informed the Parish Council of a hate crime against the new owners of the village shop. The Parish Council were shocked to hear this and did not condone such behavior from anyone in the parish.

Cllr. Davis had been asked from parents at the school if anything could be done regarding the flooded and muddy area by the playground entrance.
Action: The Chair and Cllr. Corby would meet and take a look again at this area.

23/24-88 **Reports from Councillors on meetings** they have attended as parish council representatives.

- Cllr. Houghton reported that from Friday the village hall would have Wifi.
- The Parish Council Website has been updated with pictures and information regarding the pubs and village shop
- Cllr. Wilby thanked everyone involved with the Poppy Appeal

23/24-89 **Correspondence** was noted from the agenda.

Additional items of correspondence read by the clerk.

1. Alicia Kearns MP closure of Mallard Pass Solar Farm examination process and the continued petitions. This was noted.
2. A resident wishing the consideration of an electric car charging point in the village. Action: Clerk to investigate from other parishes who have these to gain more information.
3. A resident asking for double yellow lines installed at the corner of the village square into Church Street. Action: Clerk to contact RCC's Parking Enforcement Officer.
4. A resident Foundry Road footpath. After view photos it was agreed that this was within the boundary of the private property.
5. Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Watch request for funding. Action: The request of £75 would be incorporated in the proposed budget for December for consideration.
6. Belmesthorpe Community Speed Watch.
   Resolution: It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that Belmesthorpe should apply for the Community Speed Watch scheme in 2024.

23/24-90 **To receive Items for Future Meetings**

Carried Forward Items:

- Update of Village Plan
- Coronation tree. Cllr. Rolfe
- Communications, Facebook and Neighborhood Watch- Cllrs. Rolfe & Houghton. To merge the Neighbourhood Watch page into a new private group and rename. Action: c/f to January meeting.

Dates of Meetings for 2023 commencing at 19:00 2023: 18 December **2024:** 15 January, 19 February (Methodist Church Hall), 18 March, 22 April (Methodist church hall) 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December

Meeting Closed at 20:43

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