Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 18 December 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Richard Ludlow (vice chair), David Wilby, Andrew Nebel, Phill Davis, Andy Yates, Kevin Corby & Simon Houghton

In Attendance: 32 Members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk.

Public Forum
Members of the public brought forward additional issues regarding:
Speeding on main A6121 with a lack of speed signage.
20 mph through the village. We await Rutland County Council Engineers to be assigned to do the work.
The state of the old butcher's shop in the centre of the village and what was happening with this. No updates were able to be provided by the parish council.
Meadow Lane housing proposal was covered within the presentation of the Local Plan below.
Footpath from Ryhall to Belmesthorpe.

AGENDA

23/24-91 **Apologies** for Absence were received from Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe, Jon Whowell, Marc Blake and Sarah Markwell-Cook. These apologies were unanimously accepted.

23/24-92 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. There were none.

23/24-93 **Minutes** of the Meetings held on:

a) 20 November 2023 Parish Council were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Yates remaining unanimous in favour. **RESOLVED.**

23/24-94 **Financial Matters** The second version of the draft **Budget and Precept** for 2024/25 was presented and discussed. The precept tax was explained and a proposal for an increase for 2024/25 of approximately 4 – 6% is being considered. Even at 6% increase reserves would still need to be drawn upon. Over the past few year's the precepts has been subsidised with parish council reserve funds. Members of the public were asked their opinion and the general consensus was smaller increments over the next 5 years were more acceptable than one large increase.

23/24-95 **Planning**

Application Reference	Address	Proposal	Planning Committee/Responses	Decision
2023/1208/FUL	7 Manor Close	Two storey side extension	In summary our concerns relate to 'overshadowing' and the impact this will have in relation to the neighbouring property. There are similar extensions within the Close, however they do not impact the neighbouring properties in the same way. Overall view, no objection, presumption in favour, subject to Planning Officers being satisfied that the concerns raised with regard to overshadow,	

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			closeness to neighbouring boundary, and foundations are within accepted planning regulations.	
2023/1137/FCA	Meadow View Belmesthorpe Lane PE9 4JF	T1 beech fell	No Objection, subject to Assessment by qualified professional, as tree within Conservation Area.	RCC Granted

23/24-96 **Local Plan** An information presentation on the Rutland County Local Plan presented by Cllr. Nebel took place. The presentation is available here.

Additional comments made by Cllr. Corby.
Planning presumption is always assumed as 'in favour of a development'. Unless there are objections to consider. He informed the meeting that at present RCC have a 7.5 year housing plan allocation having fallen below 5 years in the past.
Comments against, or in favour of, an application must be based on planning policy law so he advised looking at the planning guidance when compiling responses. If an application goes before the Planning Committee there are opportunities to speak and make representation.

Cllr. Wilby added that when formulating responses think about the bigger picture such as extra traffic, road junctions, drainage, sewage, medical facilities, schools, infrastructure, access, flooding, local knowledge is always beneficial to back up arguments.

Meeting closed @ 20:25

Dates of Meetings for 2023 commencing at 19:00 in the village hall unless otherwise stated.
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

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