**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Methodist Church Hall on Monday 19 February 2024 commencing at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe(Chair), David Wilby, Andrew Nebel, Phill Davis, Jon Whowell, Kevin Corby, Simon Houghton and Marc Blake

**In Attendance**: 1 member of the public

**Public Forum**

1 member of the public attended at 19.39 – The issue of parking on the corner of the Rutland Way and near Francis Court was raised. Cars and vans parking irresponsibly is making leaving the Francis Court car park dangerous. The following was agreed:-

Actions: Cllr D Rolfe will put a Fix My Street request to have the ambulance bay repainted
Cllr D Rolfe will write to the school to discuss the issue of parking on the corner
Cllr K Corby to write to The Longhurst Group and ask them to communicate with tradesmen the need to park responsibly.

**23/24-106** **Apologies** for Absence were received from Cllrs. Markwell-Cook, Ludlow and Yates. It was unanimously agreed to accept these apologies.

**23/24-107** **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary.
Cllr A Nebel appointed Healthwatch Rutland Board. Action Cllr. Nebel to update his DPI with Rutland County Council.

**23/24-108** **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meetings held on:

a) 15 January 2024 were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Corby and unanimous in favour. **RESOLVED.**

**23/24-109** **Matters Arising for information exchange**

a) **Emergency plan** live plan run through event – Cllr Wilby & Rolfe

Cllr. Wilby gave an update on the Emergency Plan and its purpose, the plan was updated on 19th February with information provided by the council. There are still some items outstanding and these will be updated in due course.
Trevor Pettinger is the person who date checks the equipment on a regular basis.
Action: Clerk to make contact to with TP.
All Cllrs. to provide their preferred contact details to addition to the plan.

**23/24-110** **Financial Matters**

**a) Working Group –** The Reserve Policy. – Cllr. Blake
It was agreed by a unanimous vote in favor to allocate 3 months of annual precept for reserves and to adopt the Reserve Policy as presented by Cllr M Blake with one change of wording. Replace the word Earmarked to designated. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Nebel and unanimous in favour. **RESOLVED.**

**b) Financial report to 30 January 2024**
It was agreed that the financial report be discussed in more detail at the next meeting when the full report has been produced as the Councillor's wanted visibility of the bigger picture.

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**Payments made**

| Ref | To Whom | £ |
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| 67 | S Gresty - clerk salary Nov + back pay | 1603.17 |
| 68 | RCC inv 9150543/9150545 streetlights | 4610.37 |
| 69 | Ryhall Village hall - 20 Nov | 20.00 |
| 70 | Eastern Garage Doors deposit | 990.00 |
| 71 | Chatterton Solicitors - meadows land reg | 1152.40 |
| 72 | D Toone - annual administrators gratuity | 850.00 |
| 73 | Nest Pensions - Clerk | 100.00 |
| 74 | S Gresty - Qtr 2 clerk expenses | 102.62 |
| 75 | R J Flowers inv 729 | 840.00 |
| 76 | Spiegl Press Ltd inv 41877 | 86.47 |
| 77 | Bytham Trees tree safety work | 720.00 |
| 78 | Unity Trust Bank charges | 18.00 |
| 79 | Plough Environmental inv 2920 | 420.00 |
| 80 | HMRC Qtr 3 Tax and NIC | 973.73 |
| 81 | S Gresty December salary | 1214.65 |
| 82 | Nest Pensions - Clerk | 57.50 |
| 83 | RVH rentail 18.12.23 | 20.00 |
| 84 | Eastern Garage Doors balance | 865.00 |
| 85 | Max Wealth Accountants inv 1292 | 61.20 |
| 86 | Ryhall Village hall - 15.1.24 | 20.00 |
| 87 | S Gresty Jan salary | 1220.52 |
| 88 | Nest Pensions - Clerk | 57.50 |
| 89 | S Gresty Qtr 3 Clerk expenses | 118.66 |
| 90 | A Nebel - mileage expenses for cllrs. | 35.10 |
| 91 | Caloo inv 006385 | 3597.60 |
| 92 | Wave water rates to 14.1.24 | 33.24 |
| 93 | Biffa inv 460M01644 | 390.00 |

It was agreed by a unanimous vote in favour to approve the above payments. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Blake. **RESOLVED**

**c) Income** - Noted

| Ref | Detail | £ |
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| 14 | National grid - wayleaves | 5.75 |
| 10 | Unity Trust bank interest | 467.36 |

**23/24-111 Planning.**

**a) New applications and notification since last meeting**

I. **2024/0057/FUL 1 Castle Rise –** proposed side extension and alternations to dwelling including underground garage**. No Objections**

**II. 2024/0111/FUL Home Farm,** Little Casterton Road – The installation of solar panels to an outbuilding, and ground mounted solar panels – **No Objections**

- It was noted that Refusal of planning application was received for Back Lane.

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- 11 dwellings on Belmesthorpe Lane going to planning committee for resolution on Tuesday 27th February

**b) Planning Committee.** It was noted that Cllr. Kevin Corby was elected chairman of this Committee.

**c) Terms of Reference** for the Planning Committee. Action: c/f to next meeting

**23/24-112 Village Issues**

a) Highways issues
Report potholes on the White Bridge again. Action: Cllr. Rolfe

b) Any other issues
- Open Reach digging in the wrong place, quite a lot of problems subjected to huge amount of unnecessary work and bad workmanship.
- Car on Turnpike Road still there although this has been reported on Fix My Street as abandoned.

c) D Day planning. – Cllr. Rolfe
- It was agreed that we would not proceed with the purchase of a Beacon of Light due to the costs involved. We would look at alternatives for the future.
- It was agreed not to purchase any of the smaller lanterns.
- It was agreed that we would explore what is happening in other communities and advertise these instead.

d) Annual Parish Meeting date confirmed as Tuesday 9th April at 7pm in the Village Hall - Noted

**23/24-113 Reports from Councilors** on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

1. Cllr. Corby & Yates – CPRE future energy security for the county and the east midland on 17 Jan – Kevin gave update on his meeting. Renewable energy. Documents available to view as a hard copy. Please contact Kevin if you have any questions.
2. LRALC meeting on 17th Jan leveling.
3. Cllr. Wilby RCC Flooding meeting on 18 Jan. "Storm Henk led to the worst flooding in Rutland for over a generation. Our officers have worked tirelessly to mount a response, within the existing policies of the Council, and we are continuing to provide help and support to people who've been affected. We are also lobbying national government to release extra funding for flood-hit areas.
"Tonight's Special Meeting has given Councillors and residents a chance to discuss the issue of flooding and I would like to thank all those who took the time to read questions and deputations.
"It's clear that severe weather incidents like Storm Henk and Storm Babet are becoming more common and having a bigger impact on communities. While the previous Council declared a Climate Crisis in 2021, this has not been matched with sufficient resources, until now. Our new Administration has made this a priority and

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set money aside in its first budget to achieve meaningful objectives in response to climate change.
"A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment was completed in October of last year and will help to inform a review of the Council's current Flood Risk Management Strategy. Our new strategy will be developed in consultation with residents and key stakeholders and will need to reflect the growing risk of flooding to homes and business premises in the County – not just the kind of surface water flooding we've seen in the past.
"We have also taken steps to commission a detailed investigation into the causes and circumstances of this month's flooding. This is a thorough process which can take significant time, as we know from other councils who've carried out the same kind of review. Once complete, it will provide firm recommendations for all those who have responsibility for managing and responding to local flooding."
Councillor Gale Waller, Leader of Rutland County Council

Do we need a flood risk assessment/ Ivy cottage now taking on the responsibility as Flood Warden.

4. Andrew Nebel – PCC meeting 13 Feb - Forward paper to councillors once amended.

**Agenda items for next meeting/to organise–**

- Community Speedwatch - Need to organize and get volunteers. We have one week in April. Sharing with Essendine
- Email addresses – Moving to .gov.uk - Simon is looking into this. Cllr D Rolfe is attending a conference call on 21st Feb to find out more details
- Tree/King Portrait – Cllr D Rolfe to apply
- Auto Speedwatch – Andrew Nebel to update document for Clerk to share. March agenda item please
- Vehicle Charging Point – March agenda item please
- Inspection of Allotment 24th February – agenda item please

**23/24-114 Correspondence was noted from the agenda.**

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| 03-Jan Simply Aquatic | contractor information |
| 03-Jan Leicestershire Gardens | contractor information |
| 04-Jan Public | cemetery issue |
| 05-Jan Alicia Kearns MP | flooding help required |
| 05-Jan Active Places | sports england questionnaire |
| 10-Jan Resident | pot holes enquiry |
| 10-Jan RCC Planning | 2023/1208/FUL decision |
| 10-Jan Communications | storm heck feedback meeting |
| 10-Jan RCC Planning | 2024/0046/CAT applications |
| 10-Jan Resident | pot holes enquiry |
| 11-Jan Biffa | invoice |
| 11-Jan Resident | cemetery enquiry |
| 21-Jan Resident | tree enquiry |
| 22-Jan Cllr. Nebel | expenses |
| 22-Jan Communications | budget consultation |

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| 24-Jan Caloo | invoice |
| 25-Jan Resident | pothole at Belmesthorpe |
| 26-Jan Caloo | installation certificates |
| 26-Jan RCC Planning | 2023/1347/CAT decision notice |
| 30-Jan RCC Planning | 2024/0111/Ful application |

**Dates of 2024 Scheduled RPC Meetings commencing at 19:00 in the village hall unless otherwise stated:** 18 March, 22 April (Methodist church hall), Annual Parish Meeting 9 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 16 December

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