Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Methodist Church Hall on Monday 22 April 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe(chair), Phill Davis, Andy Yates, Jon Whowell, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook, Simon Houghton and Marc Blake

In Attendance: 1 Members of the Public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk

Public Forum. The applicant for planning reference: 2024/0353/FUL wanted to update the meeting on the changes to the plan under Section 73 and to hear further feedback. **Response:** RPC noted the objections of neighbours and have already comments on the size and density of the proposed dwelling previously. This application will go to RCC Planning Committee for decision.

AGENDA

24/25-01 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs. David Wilby, Richard Ludlow and Andrew Nebel. These were unanimously accepted.

24/25-02 **Declarations** of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests. There were none.

24/25-03 **Minutes** of the Meetings held on:

a) 18 March 2024 Parish Council meeting was presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Houghton and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

b) 9 April 2024 Parish Meeting was presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Sarah Markwell-Cook, Seconded Kevin Corby who were both present at the meeting**.**

24/25-04 **Matters Arising for information exchange**

a) Meadows Land Sale – it was reported by the Agent that 2 offers had been received for the land in excess of the asking price.
The S31 footpath and S15 Village green declaration recently made and advertised at the meadows attempts to prevent new footpaths and village green being created from the date of the application. However, this cannot undo past use so is unlikely to prevent the village's village green application succeeding on its own. The village could oppose and claim a footpath around the field, this is a similar process to the village green application, just not so likely to succeed as no one route is used.

b) Ryhall Meadows Lease – There is a Trustee meeting of the Ryhall Meadows Playing Field Association this week.

24/25-05 **Financial Matters**

a) **Financial report 1 April 2023 to 31st March 2024** was presented with online bank statements by the Clerk. It was noted that incorrect dates were shown on the agenda for this meeting.

At this point in the meeting discussion item 24/25-07 was brough forward for discussion.

b) **Drawdown expenditure recommended by the Finance Working Group** for approximately £7800 expenditure for the Church Street Cemetery wall repairs and first phase preparation works to the New cemetery extension.

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Proposal: Pending confirmation by RCC that no planning permission is required before repairs take place, it was proposed to accept the quote of AMP Masonry £2950 for the repair work required to the walls in the old cemetery (opposite the church) for safety reasons. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Whowell and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

Proposal: To ring fence £4850 in the RPC accounts for the cemetery extension. Final expenditure would be resolved once Cllr. Nebel and the Clerk had brought to full committee a proposed 5 year plan. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Yates and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

c) Payments made

a/c ref	Description	£
1	LRALC inv 3974 membership subscription	653.06
2	RutlandWeb inv 2372 annual hosting	162.00
3	RJ Flower Contracting inv 757	840.00
4	Biffa inv 01682 - dog bins	390.00
5	ICO - GDP renewal	40.00
6	RCC inv 9153598 cemetery bins	390.00
7	Ryhall Village hall - 9.4.24	20.00
8	Smith of Derby inv 131912	302.40
9	RCC rates 24/25 cemetery	121.03

d)Income-Noted

a/c ref	Description	£
I1	RCC precept 24/25	37200.00
I2	Cemetery receipt 467	85.00
I3	cemetery receipt 468	300.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Whowell, to vote in favour to approve all the financial records above, Seconded Cllr. Yates and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED**

24/25-06 Planning. New applications and notification since last meeting

a) **2024/0353/FUL Proposal:** Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 2023/1007/FUL (Proposed 1 no. Dwelling on existing garden land adjacent to the property March House). 27 New Road Ryhall Rutland
Response: The RPC Planning Committee concludes that it neither object nor approves the variation. It notes the neighbouring objection. Concerns relating to size and density remain, however RPC will support RCC Planning Officer recommendation.

b) **2024/0006/APPEAL APP/A2470/D/24/3341635** For: Two storey side extension Site: 7 Manor Close Ryhall Rutland PE9 4JB Refused under space and light. No further comments. **Response:** no further comments will be made.

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c) **2024/0008/APPEAL APP/A2470/W/24/3338852** For: Construction of 1.No single dwelling. Site: Land At Bridge Street Ryhall Rutland. **Response:** Original Application - no objections, and very supportive of application no further comments will be made.

24/25-07 **Neighbourhood Plan.** A full discussion for the consideration of starting the process for a Neighbourhood Plan for Ryhall took place. Cllr. Rolfe reported that a resident had expressed interest in leading this process. There is possible funding available from the Government Department of Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) but no information for financial funding for 24/25 is yet available. This funding would allow purchase of expert advice.

It was agreed that if funding was required from Parish funds this would be brought to full committee for consideration.

Action: A meeting would be arranged with the Resident, the RPC Planning Committee by Cllr. Rolfe to explore further what this would mean for the village and what is required.

24/25-08 **Village Issues**

a) Highways issues
- White bridge temporary repairs are reappearing. It was reported that RCC will have new contractors starting soon for these repair works.
- Bollards on the A6121 roundabout needed cleaning. Action: report of fixmystreet.

b) Recent Communication with the **School and parking issues** – Cllr. Rolfe reported on a recent issue involving a resident and parents at school drop off and collection times, the police were called.

Cllr. Rolfe had subsequently met with Mr. Read the Head Teacher to explore if there was anything the RPC could do to help alleviate the problems, even though this was a school issue. The parents are not parking illegally however they are parking inconsiderately.

Cllr. Markwell-Cook felt that this had been worse recently due to various building work vehicles on Parkfield Road. This did not condone parents but was temporary loss of spaces for a period of time.

There is a need for the school to work with the police and parent to educate them to be more responsible.

It was also noted that St John's Close and the Square and Church Street were also very busy at drop off and collection times.

Cllr. Markwell-Cook suggested the reintroduction by the school to incentivise children in the village to walk to school.

Cllr. Davis suggested considering funding an additional bike shelter.

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c) **Library update** – Cllr. Rolfe will be attending a meeting on Thursday this week with RCC regarding library funding allocated by Arts Council for all four libraries in Rutland. Ryhall library will be receiving a makeover. Further plans for the library will be reported at the next meeting. It has been suggested that public engagement for promoting the library as a community asset. Cllr. Rolfe expressed thanks to Adrian Gombault for all the work he has put into the library profile raising.

d) **Allotment** update – Cllr. Whowell
1. There is concern about a couple of trees. Action Cllr. Whowell and clerk to meet on site.
2. There is a problem with a neighbour throwing garden refuge over their fence into the allotment.
3. Entrance from St Tibba way has had temporary fencing still up. Making the allotments entrance not so safe.

e) **Church Clock** additional repair work. Action: Clerk to send the repair quote for the clock received by RPC to the PCC for their action.

f) **Quarterly bench survey** – Cllr. Davis had undertaken the quarterly check with a few small items noted. Action: Clerk to arrange small works to be done.

24/25-09 **Councilor Reports** on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Cllr. Rolfe & Corby had attended an Auto Speed Watch meeting with 6 other parishes to see how they could get RCC, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Leicestershire Police to act on data from the Auto Speed Watch cameras. Before any purchase of these cameras would take place, a commitment for the data to be used would be required. There is a meeting on 14th May, for key people to engage and discuss.

24/25-10 **Correspondence was noted from the agenda.**

Additional Items were:
Resident complaining about grass cutting height
A report from Adrian Gombault of a NHW incident on 10 March was read out and noted.

Dates of 2024 Scheduled RPC Meetings commencing at 19:00 in the village hall unless otherwise stated: 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 16 September, 21 October(Methodist Church hall), 18 November, 16 December

Meeting closed at 20:48

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