Minutes of a Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15 July 2024 at 19:00 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe (Chair), Andrew Nebel, Phil Davis, Andy Yates, Simon Houghton, Marc Blake, Sarah Markwell-Cook & Jon Whowell.

In Attendance: 3 member of the public & Sarah Gresty – Parish Clerk

Public Forum:
2 members of the public had come to observe having moved back to the village recently. However they did express concerns regarding speeding on Foundry Road. **Decision:** Clerk to submit at Highways concern to RCC.
1 member of the public who attended part way through the meeting wanted to speak about the Mallard Pass decision.

Agenda

24/25-47 Apologies: were received from Cllrs. Ludlow, Wilby and Corby. These apologies were unanimously accepted.

24/25-48 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests: There were none.

24/25-49 Minutes: of :

a) 17 June 2024 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Houghton, Seconded Cllr. Yates (Cllr. Blake, Markwell-Cook, Whowell and Nebel abstained due to absence) the remaining unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

24/25-50 Review of Action Log from meetings.

Update on items

- **20mph scheme** RCC still have no available of engineers to commence this project as they are suffering from resourcing issues.
- **RMPF Lease** Comments made by the RMPF charity have been returned to Chattertons (the solicitors) to re draft. RPC must receive the draft and make sure they are happy with its terms along side a Cooperation Agreement between the two parties. Action: To receive draft lease at the next meeting and to appoint a working group to feed back to Full Council any recommendation for consideration at the October meeting.
- **Library Refurbishment** Cllr. Rolfe had recently met with RCC's investments in libraries team. The funding for the 4 county libraries is £1,009,000. Revamps is hoped to be done before Christmas. RCC have sent work out to tender, (35 days), 21 days will be taken to evaluate and award work. Ryhall refurbishment will be approx. 6-8 weeks. We can now look at going out to public consultation to see what extra services the community would like to see. Cllr. Rolfe will be liaising with the present library co-ordinators.
- **Parkfield Road** pavement edge (unsafe levels) Work is in progress to recertify this and cones have been installed for safety at the pavement edge.

Current Year 2024/25

24/25-51 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

a) A new look **Financial Report** for the period 01 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 with bank statements was presented.

b) **Payments** as follows:

A/c Ref	To Whom/Description	£
25	HMRC Qt1 Tax & NIC	487.68
26	S Gresty Clerks June salary	1226.39
27	RJ Flowers part invoice 0706	540.00
28	CAB Rutland donation	100.00
29	RJ Flower invoice 0787	840.00
30	A Nebel cllr expenses	10.80
31	unity trust bank - charges	18.00
32	Nest Pension	57.50
33	RJ Flowers invoices 795 & 791	1044
34	MaxWealth inv 1669 paye	61.20
35	AMP Masonry inv 05	2412.5
36	Plough Environmental invs. 2982 & 2967	1155

To Note Internal Transfer from Savings account to Current account:
£5,000 - 19th June 2024
£5,000 – 8th June 2024

c) Income- To Note

I6	A Woodhouse Cemetery receipt 471	300.00
I7	A Woodhouse Cemetery receipt 470	85.00
I8	Co op cemetery R.L	85.00
	Unity Trust Bank interest	531.28

Proposal: To **resolve** and **adopt** all the financial records above and to agree the new look reporting statement. Proposed by Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Houghton and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED**

d) **Financial Regulations**

Proposal: To **resolve** and **adopt** the Financial Regulation review as presented. Cllr. Blake, Seconded Cllr. Nebel, abstention by Cllr. Davis who was happy with the recommendation, remaining unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

24/25-52 **Planning.** No new application or notification had been received since the last meeting. It was noted that 2023/0991/FUL River Gwash Trout Farm application had been approved at RCC Planning Committee level.

Neighbourhood Plan. An initial meeting had taken place going through rules and regulations required and funding availability. A full report will be submitted at the September Parish Council meeting.

24/25-53 **Dog Waste Bins.** After Biffa had withdrawn their service contract various options were considered for this replacement service. Meanwhile the bins have been taken out of service.

Options:

i. New Contract with an outside company quote received £7 per bin per week.
ii. A Local Contractor will charge £50 a week to empty all the bins and dispose of the waste in RCC bins for regular collection. £5 per bin per week

CHAIRWOMAN: DATE:

iii. To purchase RCC general waste bins in place of the dog waste bins and RCC will collect the waste with no charge. Purchase of each bin is approx. £153 + VAT.

Proposal: To remove all special purpose dog waste bins and replace with as many RCC general waste bins as we feel appropriate, seeking to remain within budget but recognising that a transition may be required this year with an addition spend to purchase bins funded from reserves. Proposed Cllr. Nebel, Seconded Cllr. Houghton and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**
Action: A proposed location map of bins to be circulated and agreed by email from Councillors before purchase is made.

24/25-54 **Unregistered Areas of Land.** To consider process of registration of land within the parish. C/f to next meeting.

24/25-55 **Meadows Land for Sale.**
Village Green Status Clerk is collating photographic evidence for RCC Land Charges Department
A discussion took place on what the Parish Council should do next as the land has come back on to the market for sale. Comments made:
Cllr Davis - the land is over priced.
Cllr. Whowell asked what would the parish do with the land?
Cllr. Houghton possibility for maintenance was to continue renting to farmer for grazing.
Cllr. Yates - Is it about more what we don't want happening to the land rather than what we actually want it for? Do we need a reason? Many residents have strong feelings about this land as the open meeting in March showed in the large turnout of concerned people.
Cllr. Blake saw no reason not to approach Richardson's the agents to gauge their response and if they are still looking for the asking price then this is out of the question.
Cllr. Nebel. Options for funding are the precept, long term loans, crowd funding, national lottery via the Playing fields charity.

Proposal: Chair to approach Richardson's the agents with an interest in the community who might wish to acquire the land asking what is their receptiveness to receiving offers from these sources. Action: Cllr. Rolfe.

24/25-55 **Village Issues – to receive updates or further information**
a) Highways issues
Cllr. Whowell. Belmesthorpe roundabout on A6121 from Stamford to the village the grass on verge is very high restricting visibility.
Cllr. Nebel also reported the hedge overgrowing the road on the Tolethorpe Road.
Action: Clerk to report on Fix my street
Foundry road speeding. Member of public added that there is an issue of speeding along this lane. Action: Clerk to Submit Highways concern to RCC
It was noted that a new Speed Indicator sign has now been replaced on the A6121.

b) Any Other Items.
Safety issues. Cllr. Whowell - Children on scooters crossing roads without looking or signalling. A reminder to parents for road safety reminders to their children.
Cllr. Rolfe had witnessed groups of children mis behaving and also there had been graffiti on the play equipment.
There has also been some anti social behaviour on the meadows recently, the gate lock has gone missing.

CHAIRWOMAN: DATE:

Cllr. Davis also had observed that there is a drink drive issue. It was noted that this is a police issue.
Action: Cllr. Markwell-Cook suggested asking Headmaster to put something in the year end newsletter regarding road safety.
Cllr. Rolfe to put a message out on neighbourhood watch facebook reminding parents and children about road safety.

24/25-56 **Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.**
Cllr. Rolfe had met with Claire Trewartha CEO of the PCC for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland regarding the auto speed watch. A meeting has been arranged on 22nd July with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Claire is getting support for a letter of recommendation for the cameras in order that RCC and the Police will recognise them and their data. Once RCC have recognised they will give advice and help on how to install them. We are also working with the Safety Partnership Scheme (who do the speed camera checks).

Cllr. Houghton had attended the village hall committee meeting, the village hall has received their 5star hygiene certification.

24/25-57 **Correspondence** was noted from the agenda.

- Thank you letter from Rutland CAB was acknowledge
- **Mallard Pass Decision** was raised by a member of the public. The decision was received after the issue of this meeting agenda. RPC have been is discussion with Alicia Kearns MP and await further details from the Mallard Pass Action Group. Cllr Nebel suggest that the parish should maximise any benefits that are offered to the community.

24/25-60 **To receive Items for Future Meetings**
Grass Cutting Review contract for 2025

Meeting Closed at 20:36

Date of future meetings: 2024: 16 Sept, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec
2025: 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 12th May, 9th June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November & 8th December.

CHAIRWOMAN: DATE: