Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council (RPC) Meeting held on
Monday 16 September 2024 at 19:00 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe (Chair), Richard Ludlow (Vice Chair), David Wilby, Andrew Nebel, Phil Davis, Andy Yates, Simon Houghton, Marc Blake, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook & Jon Whowell

In Attendance: Shani Storrie- Community Connect Four Counties PCN, 0 members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk

Public Forum:
Shani gave an overview of her new role being employed by Mindspace and Shine Lincolnshire paid for by the NHS. The role is to try and raise awareness of metal wellbeing in the community. She drew attention to various groups for New Parents, Autism, Mindspace activities, alao to the structure in place with Peer Support Workers and Social Prescribing Link Workers. She briefly outlined the HAY Lincolnshire online resource tool. Information was given to the parish council for their website and noticeboards and will be made available in the library.

Agenda

24/25-61 Apologies: None as all present.

24/25-62 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests: None. Cllr. Rolfe would be abstaining from agenda item 24/25-65d.

24/25-63 Minutes of:
a) 15 July 2024 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Blake, Seconded Cllr. Houghton, Cllrs. Ludlow, Wilby and Corby abstained due to being absent, remaining in favour-**RESOLVED.**

24/25-64 Actions
a) **Action Tracker** from previous meeting was reviewed and updated

Library – Cllr. Rolfe had recently met with the Rutland County Council (RCC) together with members of the Library Volunteer Team. Discussions took place on the internal layout and a request made for bi fold doors as partitions. This is being considering by RCC. Cllr. Rolfe said we have to accept the plans as they stand now, as further amendments cost extra and delay progress of the project. She felt that this was a very positive move for the future of the library. Access and key allocations is under review to make the area secure and robust for use. There is a slight delay to commencement of works due to Oakham and Uppingham libraries as their plans are being reviewed, however, the refrubishment is still on track to be finished by end of March 2025. Roof repairs are part of the process.
Cllr. Whowell expressed concerns that as our only civic asset he was worried about of potential loss of the library. The new space, he felt, might prove to be under used with other similar venues in the village. Would this upgrade enhance the experience for users? Cllr. Whowell requested if recorded user numbers for the library could be obtained from RCC.
It was hope that the new changes will increase footfall.
Cllr. Wilby added that the mood within RCC is positive to keep the libraries open. Grant money has to be spent in a certain way and pressure to keep the library and warm space open for the future is optimistic.

Cemeteries - **Old cemetery, Church Street.** Cllr. Nebel had gained permission from RCC to raise the crown of the conifer tree on the right hand side of the cemetery path, as 3 headstones were totally hidden, the branches have all been cleared away from site.
New extension, Belmesthorpe Lane. The Clerk had met with T & C Barker (Flint Family) to negotiate the fence line across the field area. TB agreed to fence and rabbit proof the cemetery land at cost price to the

Parish Council. He would also cut the grass in preparation for hedge and tree planting. It was **unanimously agreed** that as neighbours and farmers they are best placed to erect the fencing and therefore in this instance the Clerk would not seek other quotations.
Fencing is hoped to be installed late October to enable a mixed native hedge to be planted in November (plants for which have been awarded through an application to the Woodland Trust) with some specimen trees to be purchased pending the balance remaining from the agreed budget set aside of £4650.

b) **Dog bins update.** The Clerk had completed the task of removing and installing general waste bins in the parish for which the final invoices total is due to be paid of £912 + VAT to RCC. The total costs will be approximately £200 over the annual budget for this financial year, (if Biffa do not invoice for the April). The positive from this will be that in future no further costs will be incurred.
Action: a few temporary notices to dog owners drawing attention to the new bin locations would be put up.

Current Year 2024/25

24/25-65 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

a) **Financial Report** for the period to 30 August 2024 with bank statements was presented by the clerk.

b) **Payments** as follows:

A/c Ref	To Whom/Description	£
37	K Altham maintenance	100
38	Ryhall Village Hall	20
39	S Gresty – clerk salary	1226.39
40	Nest Pension	57.50
42	As Built Energy EPC -lease expense	250
43	Plough Environment inv 2995	470
44	RJ Flower Contact inv 810	840
41	Sarah Gresty clerk August salary	1226.39
45	Nes pension	57.5
46	K Altham – dog bin removal	250
47	Chatterton Solicitors interim payment	1394.4

To Note Internal Transfer from Savings account to Current account: 8/7/2024 - £5,000

Clerk presented invoices for authorisation:
Moors Accountants – External audit £210 + VAT
Unity Trust Bank charges to 3/9/24 £18
Parkinson Partnership LLP Clerk Training on Budgeting £35
Smith of Derby Clock annual maintenance £175 + VAT
RCC bin installations £912 + VAT
Plough Environmental Aug grass £470
RJ Flowers August grass £700 + VAT

The Clerk had received today notification of the RCC grass cutting rebate payment for 2024/25 of £8964.13

c) Income- To Note

I10	Cemetery Income	£170

Proposal: To **resolve** and **adopt** all the financial records above Cllr. Ludlow, Seconded Cllr. Nebel and unanimous in favour.

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Cllr. Nebel added thanks to Cllr. Blake for the work on the presentation of the new monthly financial reporting layout.

d) A request by Cllr. Rolfe for £500 was received for a new winter project (December-January) to help the community by providing a hot bowl of soup or a hot roll and a drink once or twice a week (this could be breakfast/brunch or a lunch), to anyone struggling to pay bills, especially with the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance.
A discussion took place, Cllr. Rolfe was meeting with church groups and volunteers to discuss the feasibility of this project. Other donations were being sourced. A small committee would be set up to run this project outside the Parish Council.

Proposal: To donate the sum of £500 under Section s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 towards the costs of ingredients for meals and other expenses from the 'contingency budgeted expenditure'. Proposed Cllr. Whowell, Seconded Cllr. Wilby, 1 vote against, Cllr. Rolfe abstained, remaining unanimously in favour- **RESOLVED.**

24/25-66 Planning Issues

a) No new planning applications and notification had been received since the last meeting.

b) Neighbourhood Plan (NHP). There have been 4 information gathering meetings on this subject. Ketton PC, RCC Chief planner for Local Plans have been very helpful. The NHP needs to be '**Resident lead'** with Parish Council support. A NHP is a legal document which holds weight with Planners. If a NHP was to be undertaken it could encompass many subjects such as: desired areas for planning permission and areas to be excluded, footpaths, access, local business', churches etc. It has to be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework, but it does give the Parish more control on how it will look in the future.
The only way this will proceed is with community engagement. A recent survey on affordable housing, sent to every house in the village, will help to guide the strength of feeling in the parish. Results from this survey will be available towards the end of October.

Cllr. Nebel informed the meeting that funding is available for some of this work. A detailed questionnaire would give an indication of residents' views as the next step.

Cllr. Wilby added that consideration must be given to the National Plan. With new Government's policies to increase and change the National Plan, work we do now might be overridden.

Member of the working group need agreement for support financially from the Parish Council if they are to embark upon a NHP and to form a separate committee.

Proposal: Cllr. Rolfe proposed that the Parish Council in principle endorse a separate committee to explore a NHP. Seconded Cllr. Nebel unanimously agreed.
Action: November meeting to receive results of the recent housing survey, further costs and recommendations.

c) RCC Local Plan. Regulation 18. RPC had submitted objections to this regulation which have been corelated with RCC and this week they are proceeding to Regulation 19.
With regards to Ryhall. The Meadow Lane area of land remains as a reserve site and not included in the Local Plan. However, with the new Government in place they are intending to raise housing requirement levels for Rutland to provide 264 new homes a year instead of 123 presently being included in the plan. RCC will continuing to work on the lower requirement but when the plan is in place there will be a review almost straight away and call for sites will be requested. If new or reserved sites are then incorporated in

the Local Plan the presumption will be in favour of development. Ultimately Woolfox and St George could fulfil these requirements, however in the interim the pressure will be to find new sites.

d) Mallard Pass Solar Farm. Cllr. Corby gave a brief update from RCC who are at present negotiating community betterment funding. It is being stressed that funding should be received for the length of the project annually and not a one off payment. Construction will not start for another 2 years.

24/25-68 Ryhall Allotment Association.

a) The Independent examined Accounts 30 June 23-29 June 2024 with a revised Treasurers report was received and noted.

b) The AGM meeting notes were received and noted. The new Chairman is Dave Pearson.
Cllr. Whowell wanted to thank the retiring Committee members for their hard work over the past few years.
The allotment Retreat (club house) is being repaired to make a more social area. They have cancelled the annual firework display due to resident pressure. They have maximum occupancy at the moment, however, they would like to promote the idea of any new interested residents to apply for the waiting list.

24/25-69 Village Issues – to receive updates or further information

a) Highways issues

- The clerk reported that ITCP-2023-09 submitted by Mr Gombault on behalf of Belmesthorpe residents for speed restrictions in the village had been unsuccessful.
- White Bridge. Clerk is pursuing reinstation of bollard as well as repairs to the surface and edging. Some signage on weight and width limitation to be requested.
- It was noted that recent road repairs at Parkfield Road were not notified to the Parish Council before work commenced and the repairs were poor. Also, all the road marking that have appeared in the square and Foundry Road are not know what the work entails with this. Action: County Cllrs. to follow this up.
- The Clerk to request a Highway Department on site walk around
- Some complaints had been heard regarding parking outside the Bluebell pub in Belmesthorpe.

b) Any Other Items. - None

24/25-70 Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Cllr. Corby had attended the CPRE meeting in Uppingham regarding the Local Plan. CPRE are commenting on the National Planning Frame work and we will be copied in.

24/25-71 Correspondence received from last meeting was noted from the Agenda.

24/25-72 To receive Items for Future Meetings

October meeting Grass Contract Review
Unregistered Areas of Land. Registration of Allotments
Cemetery Fees
Draft Lease RPC and Ryhall Meadows Playing Field Association.

Meeting closed at 20:42

Date of future meetings: 2024: 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.

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