Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 09 June 2025 at 19:00 in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public, Amanda Carter - Allotment Association and Sarah Gresty - Parish Clerk

Public Forum:

- A member of the public explained the rationale for their planning application and how they have worked with neighbours and RCC planning Officers to manage a difficult shaped site.
- Amanda Carter from the Allotment Committee explained why an extra toilet is needed and the hopes of the Allotment Committee to reach out more with community events.

Agenda

25/26-24 Cllrs. Rolfe and Ludlow signed their **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. Rolfe formally noted the resignation of Andrew Nebel and the Parish Council thanked him for all his hard work during his time on the Parish Council, especially more recently with the library campaign.

25/26-25 Apologies for Absence: None

25/26-26 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None received.

25/26-27 Minutes of:
a) 12 May 2025 Annual Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events, proposed acceptance Cllr. Markwell-Cook, Seconded Cllr. Houghton (abstained due to absence Cllr. Rolfe, Ludlow, Corby, Wilby & Whowell) remaining unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

25/26-28 Action Tracker – Items reviewed and updated.

- School initiative update – Cllr. Rolfe has chased the school and spoken with Mandy the Head of Governors. Mandy will follow up on the speeding and parking campaign. It was noted that the Meadows car park is available when the school have activities (if marshalled by the school) to help alleviate problems of parking in the village hall carpark.
There is still a need to educate parents to be more considerate when parking.
Cllr. Davis suggested that the school communicate better with the village hall when they have events, such as sports day.

- Village Green Status – Cllr. Rolfe wrote to RCC Land Registry Charges. We are still waiting the official confirmation of RCC's decision. The Clerk is speaking with solicitors to gather information on the process and costs of taking to judicial review.

- Spinney Lane Asset of Community Value application - Initial assessment review has been passed to Penny Sharpe RCC Director for Places and Portfolio Holder for consideration and final decision.

- Spinney Lane Garages – RCC Building Controls to risk assess the site. Awaiting outcome. Cllr. Corby will follow this up.

- Allotments - Land Registry Registration application has been submitted and Chattertons' invoices was presented for payment.

Current Year 2025/26

25/26-29 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

a) **Allotments**. Grant application for £250 towards a male onsite toilet was reviewed. Cllrs. Whowell and Rolfe spoke in favour of the allotments and commended the way the Committee is trying to involve the community. It is hoped that the school will have some raised beds on site.

Proposal: To donate £250 towards the cost of the new toilet. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Wilby. 8 votes in favour, 1 against, majority in favour - **RESOLVED.**

b) **Financial Report** for the period 01 May 2025 to 31 May 2025 with bank statements.

The Council **NOTED** that Income had been received totalling £3852.05 and an internal transfer made from the Saving account to the Current account of £5,000. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the expenditure for the month of May totally £8,898.34 shown on the financial report. The Financial Report and bank statement were checked by all Councillors prior to the meeting. Signed by Cllr. Rolfe and Cllr. Markwell-Cook.

25/26-30 Planning.

a) **2025/0576/FUL** The Paddock, Main Street, Belmesthorpe. Proposal Demolish existing bungalow and garage and replace with new house and integral garage
Response: No objections.

b) **2025/0529/FUL** 6 New Row, Mill Street Ryhall. Proposal internal and external alternations. Replacement lean-to rear extension to form usable room. Replacement front door.
Response: No Objections

Cllr. Markwell-Cook gave an update on the **Meadows Lane Action Group**. First meeting has been held and we have 22 members. We have set out a plan. We have informed Savills (the agents) of our existence. The field has not yet been sold. We intend to have a banner printed to draw attention to the group. A press release has been prepared. We will approach the Developers for a meeting. RCC have been informed. Water drainage tests have been taking place. A letter to formally object but with being open to discussion to Nick Thrower RCC Principal Planner is being compiled.
Cllr. Corby has asked that RPC Planning Committee be kept updated.

2025/0652/CAT Pinfold House Tree works. Will be discussed at a Planning meeting Wed 25th June at 6.30pm in the village hall.

25/26-31 Replacement Councillors Responsibilities:
a) Library - Lead Councillor will now be Cllr. Whowell. Cllr. Rolfe is the nominated contact for the Press.

b) RMPF Lease Agreement - will be led by Cllr. Ludlow

c) Cemetery - Cllr. Markwell-Cook will work alongside the clerk on Cemetery issues

- Cemetery Working Group Report was duly noted.

d) Spinney Garages - Cllr. Corby will take the lead on following up this issue.

25/26-32 Health needs/demographic overview of the area from Rutland public health LCC Strategic Lead.
It was hoped to find a volunteer outside the Parish Council to take the lead and become a Community Connector, as Councillors were at capacity. If a Councillor is available to attend the next meeting they will do so meanwhile.
Action: Village news article, information available at the village Fete
Cllr. Houghton to produce a poster
All Councillors to speak with anyone who might be interested

25/26-33 Neighbourhood plan (NHP)
i) Subscription to Parish Online service £120 + VAT per year.
Proposal: To **resolve** to subscribe to Parish Online Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Wilby and unanimous in favour.

ii) NHP leaflet and update was given by Cllr. Denman
Aspirations and Area to be registered has been submitted to RCC. Cllr. Denman is required to send a covering letter. Once this is done RCC have 13 weeks for determination and acceptance. Once registered the next stages can begin.

Proposal: To accept the leaflet for printing. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Wilby and unanimous in favour. **RESOLVED.**

25/26-34 Village Issues
Highways issues

- Belmesthorpe Road possible 30mph speed limit and pavement/mown path.

Grass contractor will mow a path away from the road where possible from Belmesthorpe to the white bridge.
Action: Clerk to write to Highways to push for a 30mph speed limit and to report a recent incident and voice concerns.
Village News article to encourage everyone to always report near misses and incidents. If we don't report no one knows! Statistics are very useful when fighting campaigns.

a) Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Benefit Scheme. Next meeting July 16th
Cllr. Corby is attending an online meeting tomorrow with affected Parish Councils. Cllrs. Corby and Wilby will continue to be the lead on this issue.

25/26-35 Library update.
Cllr. Rolfe reported that she was given the go ahead to share the survey results on Facebook. Our Surveyor has fed back some more detail for RCC.
RCC has asked for another Request to Scrutiny.
Ryhall Village Hall has had a meeting and does not want to be considered to host any library services.
Cllrs. Rolfe & Corby and Chalotte Davis (Library Action Group) have a meeting with RCC on 19 June

Action:

- Cllr. Houghton to put survey on website.
- A public Extra Ordinary meeting will be called on 25 June at 7pm to discuss the library. This is a parish council meeting. RCC attendees will be Christine Wise, Bernedette Caffrey, Janet Dowling and Lea Newton (new Head of Estates).

25/26-36 Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Village hall. Cllr. Houghton reported that quotes are being sourced to rectify the damp issues in the back hallway and top of stairs.

25/26-37 Correspondence was noted from the agenda.

25/26-38 To receive Items for Future Meetings

Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings 7 July, 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 8 Dec

The meeting Closed at 20:39

CHAIRPERSON: DATE: