Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 06 October 2025 at 19:00 in the Methodist Church 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: 0 members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk

Public Forum:

Cllr. Rolfe informed the meeting that Cllr. Marc Blake had stepped down from the Parish Council. However, he has offered his continued financial advice. The Parish Council thanked him for all he has done whilst being a councillor.

Agenda

25/26-66
Apologies for Absence: None received.

25/26-67
Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None declared.

25/26-68
Minutes of:
a) 01 September 2025 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Ludlow, Seconded Cllr. Houghton, Cllrs. Rolfe and Markwell-Cook abstained due to absence, remaining voted unanimously in favour-**RESOLVED.**

25/26-69 Action Tracker
- **Additional Zig Zag lines at the school entrance**. This item will now be closed as an action.
- **Belmesthorpe pavement width** has been checked by Rutland County Council (RCC) Highways and is correct. This item is now closed as an action.
- **Spinney Lane wooded area.** Having had advice from RCC Tree Officer it was agreed not to pursue enhancement and recreation of this site further. This item is now closed as an action.
- **Spinney Road Garages.** As this is now in the hands of RCC, the Parish Council has closed this item as an action.
- Repainting of **ambulance bay** at Francis Court. This will not be repainted by RCC. This item is now closed as an action.
- **Fete Committee banking**. Unfortunately, the Parish Council is not permitted to hold funds for a third party. This item is now closed as an action.

Current Year 2025/26
25/26-70 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

a) **Financial Report** for August 2025 with bank statements was presented by the clerk.
The Council **NOTED**: No Income has been received in August. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the expenditure for the month of August totalling £7112.12 as shown on the agenda. The Financial Report and bank statements for August were checked by all Councillors prior to the meeting. Signed and proposed by Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded and signed by Cllr. Corby unanimous vote in favour.

b) **Proposal:** Additional bank signature for Unity Trust Bank proposed to be Cllrs. Markwell-Cook and Whowell. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Wilby and unanimously agreed.
Action Clerk to complete bank mandate.

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c) **Proposal:** To donate the sum of £100 towards printing costs of the Village News parish magazine under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED**
It was noted that the parish magazine would continue to be available in printed form on alternate months and online on non- printed months until April 2026.

d) 2026/27 Allotment Committee Grant Application – the application was **NOTED** and would be considered when preparing the parish council 26/27 budgets.

i) **Proposal:** An advance payment of £250 from the 2026/27 Grant Application for a ladies' toilet cubicle. **Votes:** 5 against, 2 for and Cllr. Markwell-Cook abstained as she is an allotment holder. This proposal was **NOT APPROVED.**

25/26-71 move to a "gov.uk" domain and email administration.
Proposal: To migrate the parish council internet domain to gov.uk for the cost of £12 per year for the domain name and acceptance of the quotation from Core Creation of £210 for the migration and set up costs. Proposed Cllr. Davis, Seconded Cllr. Rolfe. Cllr. Houghton abstained from the vote as he is the administrator of the domain and website with Core Creation. The remaining councillors unanimous voted in favour.

It was noted that Cllr. Houghton should have disclosed this at item: 25/26-67
Action: C/f to next meeting a special dispensation for Cllr. Houghton regarding all website and similar work.

25/26-72 Planning. To receive new applications and notification since last meeting and to discuss any related topics.

- **2025/1066/FUL -** 29 St John's Close.

Response Noted No Objections subject to any overshadowing being within the defined tolerance.

- **2025/1164/PTA** - 8 Beech Drive Ryhall Rutland PE9 4EW Fell 1 No. Beech Tree.

Response: Very little information provided. Tree Officer will advise.

- **2025/1142/FUL** - Rear Extension, 58 Coppice Road, Ryhall

Response: No objection

- **2025/1236/FUL** - Rear Extension, 3 New Road, Ryhall

Response: No objection

Decision Notice-2022/1413/MAO - Land S of Meadow Lane, Ryhall. It was noted that there are 21 reserve matters on this site which have to be clarified within 2 years. The Meadow Lane Action Group will be seeking advice and challenging the matters concerned.

25/26-73 Mallard Pass Community Benefit Scheme Cllr. Corby had attended a meeting at Essendine village hall where 5 affected parishes (out of 8) were in attendance and discussed expected annual income of the solar farm. A full Report was circulated.

Cllr. Rolfe read the following statement:
Essendine and Uffington being the 2 most affected. Cllr. Burfield (Essendine PC) requested that the Parish Councillors consider that the following proposal be made to request a sum of £4076 per megawatt per annum, installed, index linked, for the operational life of the solar farm including the time to take for reinstatement of the agricultural land. A request for £530,000 as a one-off payment should also be made for each substation installed.

The meeting unanimously agreed that they are fully in support of this statement.

25/26-74 Neighbourhood Plan (NHP). Cllr. Denman gave a brief overview of some of the conversations he has had with Ketton PC and Deeping St James Town Council regarding starting the process of a NHP. Advice outcome was to produce a detailed questionnaire as a starting point. This will then form the basis of enlisting Consultants, without which a NHP is impossible to achieve.
Action: Cllr. Denman and interested parties to form a Steering Group to start this process.

a) Service Level Agreement (SLA). A draft SLA was circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposal: The SLA would be agreed and signed with the proviso that Page 7 bullet point 2 be removed. Proposed Cllr. Denman, Seconded Cllr. Ludlow. 5 voted in favour, 2 voted against. Majority agreed-**RESOLVED.**
Action: Cllr. Denman to liaise with RCC regarding the deletion from the SLA

20:29 Cllr. Whowell had to leave the meeting at this point.

25/26-75 Local Government Reorganisation – It was noted that a North & South Kesteven survey had been advertised for people to participate deadline 12 Oct. However, other than this there was nothing further to report.

25/26-76 Village Issues

a) Highways issues –

- There had been several reported problems with the City Fibre works being done in the village.

Action: Any examples of incidents to be sent to Cllr. Rolfe who would prepare a letter of complaint.

- Cllr. Rolfe had reported the potholes on bridge. She had received verbal confirmation that the resurface work will take place early 2026/27.

Cllr. Rolfe reported that RCC now have 3 highways engineers and she hope that works would be undertaken in a more profession, structured and timely manner.

a) Any other matters

The clerk reported that the stone will soon be place in the wild flower area off Parkfield Road in memory of Stella Smith.

25/26-77 Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Cllr. Houghton reported that work on the damp is taking place in the Village hall

25/26-78 Correspondence received from last meeting was noted from the Agenda

- Invite to design workshop 15 October, Exton Village Hall 3-5pm. Noted
- Anonymous letter from Coppice Road resident was noted.

25/26-79 To receive **Items for Future Meetings**

- Ryhall Meadows Playing Field Association Lease
- Grass contracts
- IT Policy
- Dispensations
- Code of Conduct

20:59 Meeting closed.

Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings in the Village Hall 3 Nov, 8 Dec

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