Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 03 November 2025 at 19:00 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe (Chair), Richard Ludlow (Vice Chair), David Wilby, Simon Houghton, Kevin Corby& David Denman
In attendance: 0 Members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk

Public Forum: No items raised.

Agenda

25/26-80 Apologies for Absence: were received from Cllrs. Markwell-Cook and Davis. These apologies were accepted unanimously.

25/26-81 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (DPI). None declared for this meeting.

25/26-82 Minutes of:
a) 06 October 2025 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events proposed to **accept** and **adopt** Cllr. Corby Seconded Cllr. Wilby unanimous vote in favour.

25/26-83 Request for Dispensation
A Dispensation application was received by Cllr. Simon Houghton to enable him to participate in all discussions relating to website and domain discussions. If there is ever a work conflict he can act as a consultant and adviser but will abstain from voting for the period of his term of office.
Cllr. Rolfe Proposed the acceptance of this dispensation which was unanimously **agreed.**

25/26-84 Code of Conduct
Cllr. Rolfe reiterated that when Councillors complete their DPI's they are disclosing their land, house, employment (if you are working from home), a member of the allotments, or any trusts like- The Wildlife Trust etc. DPI's are lodged with RCC Monitoring Officer for the term of office. It is each Councillors responsibility to make sure the information is correct.

Once a dispensation is declared, the Parish Council then has an opportunity to decide if the Councillor can fairly participate with the subject concerned, or whether they should abstain from discussions or voting. This allows an unbiased decision to be made by the Parish Council.

Code of Conduct for all Councillors was re visited. Cllr. Rolfe asked all Councillor to regularly familiarise themselves with this document.

Devices used during meetings. Cllr. Rolfe asked that only relevant material be used whilst the meeting is in place. She asked that all Councillors give their colleagues the attention they deserve, which they themselves would like to receive.

Current Year 2025/26
25/26-85 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:
a) **Financial Report** for the month of October 2025 with bank statements.
The Council **NOTED**: Income of £110 been received in October. A bank transfer from the saving account to the Current account of £5k on 23/10/25. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the expenditure for the month of October totalling £3358.90 as shown on the report. The Financial Report and online bank statements for October were checked by all Councillors at the meeting. Signed and proposed by Cllr. Ludlow, Seconded and signed by Cllr. Corby unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk reported that :

- Repairs had been agreed for the noticeboard near the school of £60 for the refixing of the glass and door repair.
- 100 hawthorn's had been ordered to complete the cemetery hedge at a cost of £65.

25/26-86 Neighbourhood plan (NHP).

a) **Proposal for resolution:** Cllrs. Rolfe and Corby propose that the resolution 25/26-74a be reconsidered following relevant planning decisions made in Ketton Parish by RCC Planning Committee. This proposal was unanimously **resolved** and **authorised**.

A full discussion proceeded, the main point being:

Concerns

- Funding was an issue.
- Ketton PC have a NHP, however a recent planning application overrode their plan.
- Mobilising village support to take the plan forward
- Is there a desire in the community for a NHP
- Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) unknown changes in the future.
- Before fully committing we need to look at the scope of the plan

Proactive Ideas

- Cllr. Rolfe had recently gained further information regarding funding:
  Just because funding has ceased centrally, there are more places that funding could be sourced such as, Heritage lottery, Big lottery, Arts Councils, Sports England and Government for trees, woodland and forestry and community assets.
- How to get stake holders involved in terms of experts for free help. Suggestions were to contact local university's planning graduates. Media groups are a good contact for publishing, drones and photos. Contact Royal Town Planning Institute who often have Planners willing to volunteer their services
- We need to be fully committed to doing a NHP if the desire and resources are available
- 3-5 years to NPH completion

Other Points Noted

- It was noted that the NHP has to be inline with the County Local Plan(when reinstated) and the National Planning Framework
- Leaflet for public should give clear articulation of what a NHP is and why it is needed.

Cllr. Corby had recently met with the Roger Ransom, RCC Head of Planning (RR), discussing the soundness of the Ketton NHP and where is failed recently with a large development being allowed. Ketton had not allocated land within their plan for development. If Ryhall would like to proceed with a robust NHP which will stand up to RCC Planning Committee's decision, it needs to include allocation of land for potential housing.
Cllr. Corby asked RR "Given the situation with the government housing need requirements, at what point would RCC be in a situation where 284 houses per year is met?". The response was, this number of houses has never been produced and he thought that it was not deliverable. No assurances could be given.

b) Service Level Agreement with RCC as presented at the meeting of 6 October 25 item s5/2674a (in its first draft). After a conversation between Cllr. Corby and RR the following proposal was made.

Proposal: To write to RCC Andrew Needham, RCC Senior Planning Policy Officer, requesting the removal of the clause "Ensure adequate financial resources are available to support the Parish Council in meeting its obligation under this Agreement." Then the Agreement will be entered into and signed.

Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Denman, 1 vote against, remain votes in favour. Majority decision
RESOLVED
Action: Cllr. Corby to ask RR to instruction AN that the clause be removed from the SLA and that a final copy be produced for signature.

c) Cllr. Denman's plan was unanimously agreed as a way to proceed.
Plan
To consider the budget for the next 3 years, if we are going to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.
Contact people who have expressed an interest in forming a Steering Group.
Agreement of SLA
Obtain questionnaire templates from other local Neighbourhood Plans.
Hold the first Steering Group Mtg to agree ground rules and first actions.
Start preparing our own parish wide questionnaire.
Assess delivery and post back options. Assess if an online version may work.
Upgrade the Neighbourhood Plan web page on the RPC web site.
Prepare a Village News Neighbourhood Plan article.
December 2025
Second Steering Group Mtg to Finalise a parish wide questionnaire.
Assess print and delivery options.
January 2026
Print and deliver.
February 2026
Assess received data

d) Proposal: To proceed with a NHP and to fund this from precept over 3 years. **This proposal was not taken forward at present until surveys are analysed and more information known.**

25/26-87 Planning.

2025/1366/CAT 9 New Row, Fell 1 no. neffele turkish, 1 no. laburnum & 1 no. mountain ash trees. The Planning Committee propose that any tree application received be automatically referred back to the Tree Officer for decision as an automatic response.

25/26-88 Village Issues – To receive updates or further information on:
a) Highways issues
A resident had reported problems with parked cars at St Johns Close more information was required. Cllr. Rolfe reported that RCC Highways have been very responsive to recent requests and there is a definite positive shift in the workforce.

b) Any Other Matters – None reported.

25/26-89 Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Cllrs. Corby and Wilby are keeping abreast of the LGR proposal soon to be submitted.
Cllr. Wilby thanked Cllr. Ludlow for putting up the poppies in the village. Reminder of the Remembrance concert at the Rutland Hotel on Friday night and the parade on Sunday in Broad Street
25/26-90 Correspondence was noted from the Agenda.

25/26-91 Items for Future Meetings. No new items received.

Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings 8th December in the Methodist Church Hall
2026 5 Jan, 2 Feb(Methodist hall), 2 Mar, 13 April-Annual Parish Meeting-cheese & wine, 11 May, 8 Jun(M), 6 July, 7 Sept(M), 5 Oct(M), 2 Nov & 7 Dec(TBC).
Meeting Closed at 20:31

CHAIRPERSON: DATE: