**Minutes of Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on**
**Monday 08 December 2025 at 19:00 in the Methodist Church Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. David Wilby(who chaired the meeting), Phill Davis, Simon Houghton, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook, Jon Whowell & David Denman
**In Attendance:** Jackie Holman – Bowls Club, Amanda Carter and Dave Pearce – Allotment Committee, 0 members of the public and Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk.

**Public Forum:**
Members of the Allotment Committee were in attendance to answer questions regarding their grant application. Cllr. Whowell fully supports the allotments grant request it is difficult balancing what is good for the community and what is ethical with regards to funding.
Dave Pearson gave background to the need of the female toilet being installed and the need for a Palisade pedestrian gate for security. The toilet is actually installed this was paid from funds that were already allocated to providing an additional water butt for the southerly side of the allotment.

Cllr. Davis asked why allotment holders rents were not raised higher at the beginning of the year to cover these costs. The response from the Committee was : As a new committee we were a bit nervous about raising the rent too much, we did actually raise them from £35 to £51 which was a 45.71% increase. As a new committee we were perhaps over cautious. Next year we will be seeking more clarity of who is responsible between the committee and the parish council.

Cllr. Corby asked if the committee see longer term that the allotments will be self funding. The Committee see themselves as being self funding, however they need clarity of PC responsibility regarding boundaries.

Members of the Bowls Club were in attendance to support their grant application. The new committee is in the process of becoming a CIO, this will allow funding opportunities. The new committee would like to be more open and part of the community. Currently having 20 members would like to grow. They want to develop the club and broaden the range of facilities for local people. The Committee have been redecorating after the water leak but there is a need for a disabled toilet for which they have received a quote of £1050 and request a contribution from the parish council towards this. Most members are older. The annual membership if £55 per year with payment per session. The upgrade of facilities will enable the club house to be offered for events to generate additional funds.

**Agenda**

**25/26-92 Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr. Rolfe, Ludlow. These apologies were unanimously accepted.

**25/26-93 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.**
Cllr. Markwell-Cook declared being an allotment holder.
Cllr. Denman is distantly related by marriage to owners relating to planning applications 2025/1487/LBA & 2025/1427/LBA
Cllr. Corby purchases logs from one RJ Flowers one of the grass contractors being considered item 2026/27bii

**25/26-94 Minutes of:**
03 November 2025 Parish Council meeting was presented as a true and accurate record of events. It was noted that Cllr. Whowell had sent an email with his apologies for absence to the November meeting which were not viewed until after the meeting.

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Proposed acceptance Cllr. Houghton, Seconded Cllr. Corby (Cllrs. Davis, Whowell and Markwell-Cook abstained due to absence) remaining unanimously voted in favour-**RESOLVED.**

**a) Review Action Tracker**

- White Bridge 25/11 A structural engineer is being commissioned to assess the bridge. The Engineer is with LCC. Once this survey has taken place, RCC will pursue the insurance claim against the lorry who caused this accident. They have replaced the 2 bollards and side coping. They are looking at having a new bridge bollard fabricated (under insurance) the whole project could cost £150k. When the bridge is righted, they will then resurface the whole of Bridge Street.
- City Fibre complaints. None documents. Item closed on tracker
- Flooding issues in the village. Have all been reported to RCC who have agreed to pump and clean the affected drains
- A6121 bollards on mini roundabouts. RCC are organising reinstallation and re lining road markings
- Notification of deaths in the parish. Item closed on tracker

**25/26-95 <u>Current Year 2025/26</u>**
**Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:**

a) **Financial Report** for the month of November 2025 with bank statements.

The Council **NOTED**: No Income had been received in November. A bank transfer from the saving account to the Current account of £5k was made on 2/11/25. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the expenditure for the month of November £6013.31 + £182 VAT totalling £6195.31 as shown on the Financial Report for November. The Financial Report and bank statements for November were checked by all Councillors prior to the meeting. Signed and proposed by Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Whowell who signed the reports all unanimous voted in favour.

b) **2026/27 Draft Budget** was presented and analysed. It was noted that the budget would be resolve at the January meeting.

**i) Grant applications 2026/27**
**Proposal:** Allotments Association. To award a grant of £800. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Whowell, 1 vote against, 1 abstained 5 in favour. Majority in favour-**RESOLVED.**

**Proposal:** Bowls Club. To award a grant of £500. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Whowell and unanimous in favour.

**ii) Grass Contract 2026/27 – 2028/29.**
**Proposal:** To award the contract to RJ Flowers at a cost of £850 per cut. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Whowell and unanimous in favour-**RESOLVED.**

**25/26-97 Neighbourhood plan (NHP).** Cllr. Denman
The Service Level Agreement was signed on 24th November.
Cllr. Denman is in the process of producing a 3 year Delivery Plan which will be presented in draft at the next meeting.
A first Steering group meeting will be arranged in January.
Actions: Clerk to set up a Steering Group WhatsApp group
Clerk to book meeting room
Clerk to print Road map documents for Cllr. Denman
Cllr. Denman and Houghton to work on website page
Cllr. Denman to make contact with Demontfort University
Cllr. Denman to draw up a list of skill sets required.

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**25/26-98 Planning.**

2025/1487/LBA – Green Dragon **Proposal:** Replacement of 13 n. windows and repairs 3 no. windows
Response: No objections subject to complying with listed building regulations.

2025/1427/LBA – Ryhall Hall **Proposal:** retrospective application for repairs to wall on Church Street.
Response: Concerns with regards to the compatibility of the concrete material with the limestone and the negative visual aspect on the street scene.

2025/1530/FUL – St John's Cottage, Church Street **Proposal:** Single storey extension to rear of property
Response: No objections in principle and defer to planning officer decision in respect to materials and overall design.

2025/1531/MALDIS – Mallard Pass Solar Farm **Proposal:** Discharge of Requirement No. 12(1&2) for Phase 1 (Highway Works) Construction Environmental Management Plan) of Schedule 2.
Response: To support the Action group and residents with their concerns

2025/1544/MALDIS - Mallard Pass Solar Farm **Proposal:** Discharge of Requirement No. 8(1) for (Fencing and other means of enclosure) of Schedule 2.
Response: To support the Action group and residents with their concerns

2025/1543/MALDIS - Mallard Pass Solar Farm **Proposal:** Discharge of Requirement No. 7 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of Schedule 2 in relation to Phase 1, Highway Works
Response: To support the Action group and residents with their concerns

**25/26-99 Village Issues – To receive updates or further information on:**

a) Highways issues.

- It was noted the repairs are being done quicker. Positive feedback should be sent to RCC when this occurs.
- Cllr. Whowell had received more complaints about inconsiderate parking at the end of St John's Close, cars blocking drop kerbs this does contravene 243 of highways code.

**b) Any Other Matters**

The bi annual tree safety inspection report was received. Action: Clerk to work on any issues required.

Domain move to Gov.uk has now been registered. Action: A revaluation of emails for the parish council would take place to comply with Assertion 10.

c) Mallard Pass Solar Farm.

**Proposal**: To give permission for Essendine Chairman to talk to the Press on behalf of the parish in terms of the Community Benefit Fund to the new owners Quinbrook. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Corby unanimously voted in favour-**RESOLVED**

**25/26-100 Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.**

**25/26-101 Correspondence** received from last meeting was noted from the Agenda.

**25/26-102** To receive **Items for Future Meetings.** None received

**Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings 5th** January in the Village Hall 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 @20:30**

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