Minutes Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 05 January 2026 at 19:00 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe (Chair), David Wilby, Phil Davis, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook, & David Denman

In Attendance: 1 Members of the public and Sarah Gresty – Parish Clerk.

Public Forum: No issue raised.

Agenda

25/26-103 Apologies for Absence: were received from Cllrs. Ludlow, Whowell & Houghton. These apologies were unanimously accepted.

25/26-104 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None Declared

25/26-105 Minutes of:

a) 08 December 2025 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed acceptance Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Denman (Cllr. Rolfe abstained due to absence) Cllr. Wilby signed the minutes as he chaired this meeting. Remaining voted in favour-**RESOLVED.**

b) Review Action Tracker. Updates were noted.

- Cllr. Rolfe has spoken to the school again regarding the 20mph scheme. They have been doing some road safety activities with year 6. No further issues seem to have arisen recently.
- Update on the flooding issues was noted. Action: Clerk to pursue again getting the ditch on Back Lane cleaned.
- LGR can be closed on action tracker.

25/26-106 Co- option of Vacant Seat on the Parish Council.

Proposal: To **resolve** to **accept** co option application of Antony Symonds (known as Reg). Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook and unanimous voted in favour. Antony accepted the posted and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting at this point in the agenda.

25/26-107 Current Year 2025/26

Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

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

The Council **NOTED**: That Income of £500 for cemetery fees and £414.68 of bank interest had been received in December. A bank transfer from the saving account to the Current account of £5k was made on 01/12/25. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the expenditure for the month of December £5027.81 + £193.95 VAT totalling £5221.76 as shown on the Financial Report for December. The Financial Report and bank statements for December were checked by all Councillors prior to the meeting. Signed and proposed by Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Corby who signed the reports all unanimous voted in favour.

b) Request from the PCC for streetlight repair contribution of £600.

Proposal: To **resolve** to donate under s.137 Local Government Act. The Parish Council was supportive of the proposal to improve the lighting on the footpath through the churchyard, the path being an important amenity for the community. The Parish Council has sufficient reserves to contribute £600 towards the total cost of £1200. However, should the scheme be eligible for use of CIL funds the

Parish Council would be pleased to fund the costs from CIL funds. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe Seconded Cllr. Denman unanimous in favour.

c) **2026/27 Draft Budget and Precept request.** To consider and resolve budget.
Proposal: To **adopt** and **resolve** the Balance Budget of £50,711. For a Band D council tax household this is an increase of £3.21 per year (6.42%) on a tax base of £628.63. Proposed Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Denman and unanimous in favour.

25/26-108 Neighbourhood plan (NHP). Cllr. Denman.
Following the signing of a Service Level Agreement with Rutland County Council in late November 2025 we have now started preparing the First Phase of the Neighbourhood Plan which will be completed within the £1k budget. The First Phase, expected to be completed by 1st June will culminate in the distribution of a Parish-wide questionnaire.

Work Undertaken

1. Designed Steering Group Recruitment Posters and placed the around the Parish
2. Now have two people who would like to be involved with the Steering group
3. Contacted three others who said they would like to help
4. Set an initial date for the first Steering Committee meeting (w/c 12/1/2026)
5. Have spoken to Andrew Needham regarding setting up a monthly meeting.
6. Contacted De Montford University asking for NP expertise
7. Printed the Official Neighbourhood Plan "Road Map".
8. Found 12 previously produced initial questionnaires from local Neighbourhood Plans and assessed them to help design our own questionnaires.

Work To Be Undertaken in the Next Month

1. Hold first monthly meetings with Andrew Needham RCC with Sarah and Debbie
2. Recruit more members to the Steering Group
3. Hold first monthly meeting of the Steering Committee
4. Decide how we deliver a questionnaire and how we receive the completed forms
5. Obtain quotes from printers
6. Prepare a first draft questionnaire
7. Meet with Simon to discuss a new
8. NP facebook / web site
9. Report back on progress to the RPC
10. Write a NP update for Village News
11. List all sources of available funding

The meeting viewed various options on questionnaires.
Cllr. Corby reiterated that a NHP is to incorporate development of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe, it must include what the village needs to grow in a clever way.

It was noted that the Consultation of the current Local Plan is March.

25/26-109 Planning. To receive new applications and notification since last meeting and to discuss any related topics.

2025/1661/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements. **Response:** Vehicle Routing - Whilst Ryhall Parish Council recognises that the level of HGV traffic is significantly lower for the Phase 1 works at just 15 2-way HGV movements per day for HGV Tipper vehicles for stone and blacktop works, we strongly object to any use of the proposed Route 1 from the A1 West, via the B1081 Old Great North Road, Ryhall Road, and Essendine Road.

It is our view that all HGV traffic both accesses and egresses the site with Route 1 being changed to access via A1 Southbound, exiting at A151 from Colsterworth, and joining the A6121 from Bourne, and Route 3.

The currently proposed Route 1 via Gt Casterton, whilst from a Highways perspective may not raise an objection, requires significant mitigation (timing restrictions/road & SSSI degradation etc), which would be entirely avoidable if the recommended change could be implemented as a common sense solution for all HGV traffic.

This would also significantly reduce the risk for HGV's falling foul of surrounding weight restrictions, and the proposed Route 2 should also not be recommended for HGV's.

Ryhall Parish Council would also request that full details of the FORS silver Sub-Contractors be made available for verification prior to commencement.

2025/1664/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements **Response:** No Comment

2025/1663/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements. **Response:** No Comment

2025/1659/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements. **Response:** No Comment

2025/1671/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements. **Response:** No Comment

2025/1670/MALDIS Mallard Pass Discharge of requirements. **Response:** No Comment

25/26-110 Village Issues – To receive updates or further information on:

a) Highways issues

Commend RCC Highways team for dealing promptly with potholes on the white bridge. Their communications is much improved.

b) Any Other Matters – None raised.

25/26-111 Report from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

a) Mallard Pass Solar Farm Compensation Benefit Scheme. No further updates.

25/26-112 Correspondence was noted from the agenda.

25/26-113 To receive **Items for Future Meetings**

various options for email providers

Cemetery extension- March agenda

Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings 2nd February in the 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 20:25