Notes from Ryhall and Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held 27th July 2026 @ 7.30 pm in the Library

Present: Robin Morris-Denholm, David Denman, Al Byford, Andrew, Simon Davies, Janine Juggins, Reg Symonds

Agenda

1.Summary of Current Position

Feedback from the Fete
Prize draw completed; two winners were from Belmesthorpe. One winner kindly re-donated their prize money.

The small display that was used at the Fete on 11th July was read by around 30 people during the course of the day. The colourful summary sheet as prepared by Reg worked well. One person even took away a questionnaire. No one left any written comments but those who voiced an opinion were against any more houses.

Analysis of Questionnaires
Questionnaire returns stand at **20%**, with no minimum threshold required from RCC.

It is thought that approximately 140 hard copy forms and 40 digital forms have been analysed.

Action Point 1: DD to speak to Sarah as to how many have been analysed and how many still need to be viewed.

Action Point 2: DD to review all the questionnaires once they have been analysed

Feedback from Rutland County Council
David continues regular SLA-related meetings with RCC. Key recommendations:

1. **Allocate names to parcels of land** identified for potential development.
2. **Undertake secondary research** where questionnaire responses do not provide sufficient detail.
3. **Develop an in-house mapping system** to support spatial analysis.

RCC are keeping David informed of any suggested improvement and planning updates as the Local Plan develops. A Planning Consultant is advisable.

Call for sites has been issued However results from this are unknown. It would have been helpful to have had a map of this at the time of the questionnaire went out. Anticipated Local Government Reorganisation may complicate policy finalisation.

Feedback from Ryhall Parish Council
They are fully behind the NHP although have some reluctance with LGR and its implications. There is £5,900 ring fenced in the PC accounts at present. A further £**5k could be requested for consideration** for the 2027/28 budgeting in November.

What did we think of the NPs that you have seen?
Ketton's structure was preferred for its simplicity

2.Preparing the draft plan?

Decide on the structure of our plan

Proposed Structure

1. **Foreword and Acknowledgements**

2. **Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan Process**
3. **History of the Parish**
4. **The Parish Today** – characteristics, assets, amenities
5. **Current Landscape & Development Pressures**
    - Stamford North, solar farm proposals, school and GP capacity, wider growth pressures etc
6. **Community Vision and Objectives** – what the community believes in

7. Housing

7.1 County Local Plan policies

7.2 RBNP Policies

7.3 RBNP Community Aspirations

8. Economy and Businesses

8.1 County Local Plan policies

8.2 RBNP Policies

8.3 RBNP Community Aspirations

9. Transport

9.1 County Local Plan policies

9.2 RBNP Policies

9.3 RBNP Community Aspirations

10. Environment

10.1 County Local Plan policies

10.2 RBNP Policies

10.3 RBNP Community Aspirations

11. Community

11.1 County Local Plan policies

11.2 RBNP Policies

11.3 RBNP Community Aspirations

12. Implementation, Monitoring and Review

Appendix 1 -Public Involvement (appendix)

Action Point 3: It was agreed to:

- Consistency across chapters.
- Clear links between aspirations and policies.
- Evidence-based policy drafting — questionnaire data alone may not be sufficient.

Decide on Chapter authors

Chapter 1 This can be done last

Chapter 2 David Denman – Chapter 2

Chapter 3 Janine Juggins - History of Parish

Chapter 4 Al Byford – Village Today – statistics on employments, assets, amenities etc

Chapter 5 David Denman A New Section was suggested by Janine for Current Landscape and Demand of developments in progress. Sustainable planning, Ryhall could be more in demand with its proximity to Stamford.. We need to highlight what is happening around us and the impacts it is having. Such as Stamford North, solar farm etc. impact on the school, gp's. We should emphasise the challenges.

Chapter 6 Robin Morris Denholm - Community vision and objectives - summing up questionnaires and what the community believes. Incorporating all the village assets *Robin to work with Reg for info*

Chapter 7 TBC – Possibly Expert Planner – Housing. With additional statistics from RCC for housing requirements.

Chapter 9 Andrew Nebel – transport

Chapter 10 Environment David

Reg Symonds - Layout and technical support

Drafting of policies

Making assumptions and writing policies on just the questionnaire feedbacks may not be enough consider further research for each topic

Preparing the Draft Plan
Loose working structure agreed referring to both Local Plan policies and our Neighbourhood Plan policies. It was also decided to have a Community Aspirations sections. To aid consistency we need to replace

When topics require more research – this could be discussed at first review process

Drafting Process & Timeline

- Loose working structure agreed.
- Additional research to be discussed at first review stage.
- **Internal Review of Draft:** January 2027
- **Consultation Draft at Parish Meeting:** 7 April 2027
- Possible **public engagement event** beforehand (TBC).

3.Support required for preparing the draft plan

Action Point 4: It was decided to have the following systems in place:

Shared site for guidance documents and or a Shared site for the draft chapters (SharePoint?) - Reg to set this up.

Whats App site for communications – Clerk to set up

External support

David has made contact with De Montfort university visiting lecturer who is interested in helping. – David to follow this up.

4.External Communications

- **Village News** - David will continue monthly updates in Village News.

Other options

Facebook page Ryhall and Belmesthorpe community page – clerk is admin for this so this can be used.

5.Any other business

6.Date of next meeting –

Monday 24th August 7.30pm in the Library