Minutes from Ryhall Parish Council Meeting held on 07 September 2026 at 19:00 in the Library

Present: Cllrs. Debbie Rolfe (Chair), David Wilby, Simon Houghton, Kevin Corby, Sarah Markwell-Cook, David Denman, Reg Symonds, Marsha Richards & Becky Hickman

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, Sarah Gresty-Parish Clerk

Public Forum

A member of the public was in attendance to discuss planning application 2026/1011/FUL and gave evidence of an independent light survey undertaken.

Agenda

26/27-44 Apologies. There were none.

26/27-45 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None declared.

The Chairperson brought item 26/27-50 Planning forward from the agenda to allow a full discussion at this point in the meeting. (see below responses resolved)

26/27-46 Minutes of:

a) 06 July 2026 Parish Council meeting were presented as a true and accurate record of events. Proposed adoption Cllr. Houghton, Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook, remaining unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED**

b) Action Tracker updated items

- White bridge still no updated news on repair works
- Sewage Issue on the River Gwash. Clerk has gone back to Anglian Water with more specific incident details
- Land Registry entry can now be closed as Allotments and Meadows are now registered
- Illegal horses on meadows. These have been removed this item will be closed on the action tracker.

Action: Cllr. Rolfe will again chase the white line issue at road junctions on the A6121.

26/27-47 Financial matters presented by the Clerk as follows:

a) **Noted** receipt of the External Auditors Certificate for 2025/26 accounting period.

b) **Financial Report** for the period 01 July to 31 August 2026 with bank statements. The Council **NOTED**: That Income of £750 had been received. The Council **RESOLVED** to **AUTHORISE** the bank transfer from the savings account to the current account of £5,000 on 14th July and 5th August, Expenditure Totalling £9280.62 as shown on the Financial Report for July and August. The Financial Report and bank statements were checked by all Councillors prior to the meeting. Signed and proposed by Cllr. Corby, Seconded Cllr. Wilby and unanimously agreed by all Councillor present.

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c) **Preliminary Draft budget for 2027/28 Discussion**. To enable the clerk to gather any future cost requirements, a discussion took place regarding projects and requirements for next year.
Action: Before the November meeting further costs will be researched.

26/27-48 Regulatory Documents https://www.ryhallparishcouncil.gov.uk/general-data-protection-regulation/

GDPR DOCUMENTS

- Data Map ROPA
- Bring your Own Device Policy (BYOD)
- BYOD security compliance (for internal recording use)
- Data Breach Policy
- Data Breach Record (for internal recording use)
- Data Security Policy
- Data Retention Policy
- General Privacy Notice
- Model Publication Scheme
- Subject Access Request Procedure

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

- Publication Scheme
- Costs
- Flow Chart Guide
- Log of requests (for internal recording use)
- Practical Guidance

Proposal: To **adopt** and **resolve** all current GDPR and Freedom of Information documentation, and for the Clerk to update and maintain these documents as required to ensure the Parish Council remains fully compliant. Proposed Cllr. Houghton, Seconded Cllr. Markwell-Cook followed by a unanimous vote in favour.

26/27-49 Parish Council Meeting.
Proposal: To move to bi-monthly meetings, with urgent business handled via Extraordinary Meetings where necessary. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Corby followed by a unanimous vote in favour. **RESOLVED**
Action: Planning Committee Terms of reference to be reviewed

Meeting dates have been amended to reflect the 2027 election timetable and the Council's decision to move to bimonthly meetings.
Confirmed Meeting Dates
2026 2 Nov & 7 Dec(finance).
2027 11 Jan, 1 Mar (Annual Parish cheese and wine), 17th May (Annual Parish Council), 5 Jul, 6 Sept, 8 Nov and 6 Dec(finance).

Cancelled meeting dates
2026 5 Oct. **2027** 1 Feb, Wed 7 Apr, 10 May, 7 Jun, 4 Oct

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26/27-50 Planning. The Planning Committee have **resolved** the following responses to each application below, with reference to the revised National planning policy framework date August 2026

- **2026/0920/LBA** – Belmesthorpe Grange Proposal Installation of upgraded data cable to house.

Response: No comment.

- **2026/0974/FUL** – 6 The Crescent. Proposal 2 storey side extension. Single and 2 storey rear extensions.

Response: No objections in principle, subject to the proposed development demonstrating acceptable levels of overshadowing and overbearing impact, and the street-facing elevation being appropriate in scale and appearance. This is also conditional upon confirmation that the chimney will not give rise to any adverse health impacts for neighbouring properties.

- **2026/1011/FUL** – 11 Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe. Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, rendering of existing property and associated internal and external alterations.

Response: Object. We acknowledge the amendments made by the applicant; however, the proposed building continues to appear as an incongruously large structure within this residential setting. Its size and scale would result in a harmful impact on the street scene.

In our view, the development—by reason of its siting, size, scale, massing and overall design—would have a detrimental effect on the residential amenities of the occupiers of 10 Castle Rise. This includes an unacceptable level of overbearing impact and a material loss of daylight and sunlight, as evidenced in the submitted lighting surveys.

- **2026/1030/FUL** – 18 Highlands, Ryhall. Proposal Erection of single storey rear extension with rooflight; Replacement of existing flat roof; Alterations to fenestration.

Response: No objections

- **2026/0985/FUL** – Belmesthorpe Grange. Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (materials) and remove condition 3 (roofing materials) on application 2025/0854/FUL in order to render the rear elevation and amend the roofing material on the approved drawing – proposed dance studio and home office.

Response: Ryhall Parish Council has no objection in principle, subject to full implementation of Rutland County Council's design policy.

- **2026/0590/MALDIS** – MPSF Discharge of requirement 6
- **2026/0593/MALDIS** – MPSF Discharge of requirement 9
- **2026/0592/MALDIS** – MPSF Discharge of requirement 8
- **2026/0596/MALDIS** – MPSF Discharge of requirement 13

Response: Ryhall Parish Council has liaised with the Action Group and local residents, and is fully supportive of the comments they have submitted and would like these taken into consideration.

b)Mallard Pass Solar Farm
A full discussion to agree a coordinated approach between Ryhall and Belmesthorpe and work with other impacted parishes took place.

Proposals for Resolution
Proposal 1. That Ryhall Parish Council supports the commissioning of an external organisation to administer and manage the Community Disturbance Fund of £200,000, together with any future Community Benefit Funds. Proposed Cllr. Rolfe, Seconded Cllr. Wilby followed by a unanimous vote in favour.

Proposal 2. That Ryhall Parish Council nominates Cllr. Corby to represent Ryhall and Belmesthorpe by attending joint parish discussions, consider proposals, and vote on the commissioning of an external organisation to manage the above funds. Proposed Cllr. Wilby, Seconded Cllr. Rolfe followed by a unanimous vote in favour.

26/27-51 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr. Denman gave the meeting an update on progress.

Phase 1
- Phase 1 has now been completed.
- A significant number of comments were received at the village fete.
- It was noted that there remains a degree of reluctance within the community towards further development; however, the Neighbourhood Plan will need to identify allocated development sites as part of the statutory process.

Phase 2
- Monthly Steering Group meetings are underway, supported by an active WhatsApp group and a shared document workspace.
- A clear chapter structure has been agreed, with each Steering Group member responsible for researching and drafting the first version of their allocated chapter.
- An additional chapter will be included to cover external factors and developments occurring outside the village and in the surrounding area.
- The ultimate deadline for producing the draft for public consultation has been set for **May**.
- The Housing and Economic Development chapters may require input from external professional consultants.

Actions:
- **Cllr Denman** to compile anticipated spending requirements.
- **Cllr Corby** to share Housing and Economic Development chapters

26/27-52 Village Issues

a) To receive updates or new issues
Speed data will now be received quarterly and uploaded to the Parish Council website.
Cllr Hickman expressed interest in ongoing speeding concerns and in exploring potential improvements to pedestrian safety, particularly around the bus stops on the A6121. She will work with Cllr Rolfe on this matter.
The Parish Council will continue to request regular targeted enforcement in this area.

26/27-53 Councillors' Reports:

- Cllr Richards reported that the Allotment Committee is financially solvent and in a very good position. A couple of tenant issues have been resolved, and the site continues to thrive with a small waiting list. Overall, tenants appear happy and satisfied.
- Cllr. Rolfe and the Clerk had attended an Election briefing and have noted requirements.
- Cllr. Wilby confirmed the date of the next **Fete 17 July 2027.**

26/27-54 Correspondence was noted from the agenda
A further letter regarding rubbish issue in the cemetery was discussed. The Clerk would respond to resident as a final response on this issue.

26/27-55 To receive Items for Future Meetings

- **Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Association.** To receive, consider and resolve request for contribution for funding towards the replacement play equipment using CIL funds. To note award of grant of £1736.40 to replace the under 5's balance bars from RCC small grants funds
- Parish Office
- Election Polling card Requirement
- New Policies – Health and Safety and Co option

Meeting Closed at 20:37

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