

# THE CIVIL PARISH OF RYTON ON DUNSMORE, WARWICKSHIRE

## Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

Cllr I Spiers, Chairing  
Members of the Parish Council, Cllr B Clarke, Cllr R Clarke, Cllr Marsh, Cllr Tetlow, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Harrow  
County & Borough Councillor H Robert  
Borough Councillor D Roberts  
5 Member of the public  
Miss L Foster, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Agenda was agreed by the meeting.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillor Steve Witter and Borough Councillor Carolyn Watson Merrett sent apologies to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Copies of the minutes were available to all those present.

Proposed Cllr Marsh seconded Cllr R Clarke, it was unanimously agreed that the minutes be accepted as correct.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

The car park at the village Hall is now complete. The Col yard has submitted a planning application for 21 houses. One litter bin at recreation ground requires repair.

### 4. Parish Report from the Chairman, Cllr I Spiers

The Chairman's report is an appendix to the minutes. The Chairman presented the report there were no questions.

### 5. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor H Roberts thanked the chair, the Parish Council and electorate for their support over the year. He stated that the Police, ambulance and Fire service will be working with more collaboration with the West Midlands to become more efficient and resilient. Cllr Roberts stated it is important to remind Councillors of the importance of consulting with residents in light of the fencing alongside Bagshaw Close. He is pleased it reached a satisfactory conclusion. The residents were pleased with the work by County Councillor Roberts to retain the 580 bus service to the village.

### 6. Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Councillor Roberts thanked the village, Parish Council and Chair for their support and enjoyment when visiting the Parish. Cllr Roberts is extremely pleased with the Rogue trader scheme in the village and its success. Planning has once again been a major issue within the area regarding the local plan and the requirement of infrastructure surrounding development.

### 7. Reports from other Village Organisations

History Group The History group are holding a heritage weekend in September. If anyone has anyone photographs/ uniform or was in WW! Could they please provide this information to the group.

### 8. Reports on progress of Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Marsh chair of the neighbourhood planning committee stated that the group has recently held open events and circulated a questionnaire to every house in the parish. 500 responses were received. Following this a focus groups launch event was held and 3 focus groups were formed more volunteers for these groups are welcome. The neighbourhood planning group is responsible for preparing all policies as it our opportunity to influence planning.

### 9. Community action Plan

A summary of the community action plan has been provided and will be combined with the work of the NP group. To complete the tasks over 50 volunteers committed to help although there are still some outstanding action points which can be progressed with more volunteers. There has been an improvement of the website with thanks to the website committee and a decrease in dog fouling in the area.

### 10. Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

### 11. Questions from the Public

- The hedging around the Village Hall and War memorial is overgrown. Action to be taken to the Parish Council

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm and refreshments were available for all present

Signed: .....

**Ryton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council**  
**Chairman's Annual Report for 2017/2018**  
**Parish Web for Council information**  
**<http://www.ryton-on-dunsmore.org.uk/parish-council/>**

The following is a summary of significant events and achievements during the year:

**General**

- During the year Geoffrey Tooke our Clerk retired and moved to the South of England, we wish him well and thank him for all his hard work and dedication. The Parish Council has now appointed a new Clerk and RFO, I'm sure that you would extend a warm welcome to Lindsay Foster.
- The Village website continues to be now a good place to find out what is going on in the village. The site can only be useful if village organisations contribute to the content. Thanks to the web team for their ongoing work in developing and updating the site
- The village Twitter feed, Facebook pages and village newsletter continue to be used for disseminating information. Thanks to Dale Keeling

**Village Maintenance**

- During the year our contractor who carried out the general village cleaning (subway and pavilion) terminated his contract. We are still trying to get a replacement, so if anyone would like to apply then contact the Parish Office. The contracts for grass cutting has continued to work well and continuing to be good value for money.
- The Row along the side of recreation ground has again been cleared by WCC using the Probation service

**Sand and Gravel extraction**

- Extraction of sand and gravel form the Wolston site is progressing, and routing arrangement seems in general to be working. The liaison meetings are continuing to monitor all problems and seek solution.

**A45-A46 Tollbar to Walsgrave**

- The next phase of improving the A46 is now being planned with a start date in 2020, this phase is to provide a flyover at the Fridays Island site. The draft plans for these are available on the HA web site

**Prologis Site**

Thanks to Ian Castletine for his liaison activities

- Site "A" UK mail. This is now in use. We have a traffic routing agreement with them, but there are still too many instances of lorries using the A445 Leamington Road. We report the ones that we know about to the Transport manager

- Site "B" All the Units have now been let. The Parish council has been playing an active role in ensuring that users are aware of the need to be sensitive about environmental issues in particular fumes
- Site "C" The plans for this site have been amended and the proposed entrance on the site has been moved from the A423 (Oxford Road) entrance to the site will now be via Site "B". The Parish Council supports this change but has shown concerns about the effect that it will have on the local residents and the RoW. Also our requirement to return the Dell to open nature space and not inside the Site C boundary. This application is still with RBC.

### Pavilion

The planned improvements have started on the pavilion, the old fibre board ceilings have been removed and new electrical wiring installed ready for the plaster board and skimming. For more information of the upgrade can be obtained from Cllr Tetlow

### Junior Football Team (Ryton Star)

The Parish Council is pleased to support the new junior football team and wish them every success.

### War Memorial

The restoration of the War Memorial plans have now been agreed and part grant funding approved by the War Memorial Trust. Work is due to start and should be completed in time for this year's celebrations.

### Village Burial Ground

Most of the original planned work has been completed; the outstanding items include tree planting, the cut through to the Church and the actual layout of the plots. The Parish Council has agreed that the car park at the front can be used by visitors to Church to prevent Church Road from being congested. There is still of course the ongoing small problem of forming a trust to manage the Burial Ground

### Post Office

The Post Office is established in the Village Hall on a part-time (two half days a week) basis. This is working with Thanks to the Post mistress from Stretton and her staff for providing the service and enhancing the entrance to building.

### Church Road Field

We have been working with the Princethorpe Woodland Trust to have the field returned to a real wetland with access to the Steetly Meadows. Work has progressed with the ongoing treatment of the knot weed and the erection of gates and fencing.

### Other planning activities

The Parish Council has responded to all the applications they have received, these responses can be found on the Web Site

### Warren Field Application

The developer resubmitted the plans for the development, but still did not take account of the comments. RBC approved the latest version and preparation work has started. The Parish Council is unhappy that the issues of traffic to the site both during the development and ongoing use have not been solved. We will continue supporting the local Residents in trying to get the contractors to be considerate with the traffic management and working times. Unfortunately with RBC approving the application we have no rights of appeal.

### Local Neighbourhood Plan

The NP work is progressing on producing a local neighbourhood plan, this is a very important tasks. The plan when agreed must be taken into account in future planning application. A separate report on this follows.

#### Rural CCTV Cameras

The monitoring of the village CCTV cameras has moved to Rugby first, this enables the Rugby Police to be alerted of any problems and have access to the video stream. There was a problem during the year with the cameras by the Co-op, this has been solved and hopefully Rugby First and the police can now get access to the feeds.

#### Parish Newsletter

The newsletter goes from strength to strength. It now has paid advertising. Thank to Dale for all the time and effort he put in. Also thanks to all those who distribute the copies.

The Newsletter can be found on the Parish Web site.

#### Grants Awarded

The Parish Council continues to provide grant support to the Village organisation

#### Finance and Administration

This year increase is 2.0% mainly due to the withdrawal of the grant from RBC

#### Councillors

A full list of Councillor can be found on the Web Site

The election for one our Bough Councillor is taking place in May

In closing I would like to thank all Councillors both active and retired during the year for their commitment and contribution over the year. I should also like to thank Village volunteers for their help with litter picking, general maintenance. I would like to Lindsay for taking up the role of Clerk and RFO and getting to grips with the job.

As the coming year will be my last year (in 2019 there will be an election for the whole PC) as one of you parish councillors, I am planning to stand down as Chairman to the Council. I know you will give whoever is the chairman for 2018-19 your full support. I will still be a councillor for the rest of the term and continue to support the New Clerk.

Ian Spiers

April 2018