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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 22nd November 2017** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Polhill, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Gurney, Borough Councillor Sheryl Corp the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat, Borough Councillor Stephen Moon and Sheryl Corp, and nine members of the public.

1.WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending; Parish Councillors Mrs. Quince and Nicola Gribble had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-

There was one declaration of interest received from Cllr. Gruney relating to agenda item 9.d), there were no further declarations of interest received for this meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

A resident introduced themselves to having recently moved to the village and they raised concern regarding the traffic speeds along Hookhams Lane, the Council gave a summary of the various actions taken regarding Speedwatch, reporting HGV vehicles breaking the load restriction, as well as the more recent work to try and have traffic calming measures along the road. It was asked if the Parish Council can challenge the design of traffic calming measures if the Borough Council say they are not suitable, given the Parish Council are paying for the cost of installation. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

The Chair reconvened the meeting for the next item.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:- The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September and 3rd October had been circulated. The minutes were discussed, and the document was approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

The Clerk had requested a copy of the full electoral register from the Borough Council following their email to Councils asking if they wish to receive this. The full register would be held by the Clerk.

It was confirmed that the loppings raised at the previous meeting which had been left at Pinchcut Hill have now been removed.

There was confirmation that after the Clerk had submitted comments to the consultation supporting the new Dog Control Orders proposed for the parish, that these have been formally agreed by the Borough Council.

The ongoing issue with a hedge in Thor Drive has now been enforced by the local authority who have notified the owner maintenance needs to take place.

The Clerk had requested the bin stickers for the Green End bin to show that it does take general and dog litter.

The Council had received a quote for £75 for the Cranbourne Garden bin repair from the Borough Council, it was agreed that this should be actioned.

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The Clerk had sent a number of communications highlighting the Council's monitoring of the Local Plan and background work that does continue to keep residents up to date.
All other items will be covered during the meeting.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT:- Cllr. Moon and Corp highlighted a number of updates from the Borough Council, it was agreed that they would support the Parish Council with communications with Highways Officers to encourage a more timely response. Also it was noted that the Sports Field could be put forward for a Dog Control Order or exclusion area, which can be consulted on and be enforced. There was a reminder that there are still some Ward Fund monies available and the Local Plan final draft will be going to the Executive Committee on 10th January so the papers would be available in advance of the meeting to keep an eye out for.

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:-

The Clerk had fed back that the Council would like poll cards issued if an election takes place. The Council had been notified that there had been one nomination received, however, it could not be accepted. It had been confirmed that whilst the individual standing for election does not have to live in the parish ward, the nominator and seconder do have to be registered electors in that parish ward. Therefore, the process will commence again and the Clerk had continued to post notices as required throughout the period. The cost of this process continues to rise and it was asked that the Clerk is to highlight this to hopefully encourage one of the ten electors that requested for the election to be called originally comes forward or another interested party.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: - The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors and provided copies of the drawings to members of the public present which showed the extend of the footways in Hookhams Lane that the Borough Council were resurfacing. It had been noted that engineers had been accessing the site recently and the Council were grateful that these footways were finally going to to be resurfaced. There was asked for clarity to be sought on the exact extent of the repairs as an area according to the drawings provided appeared to have been missed off.

There was still no update on the proposed build out traffic calming measures on Hookhams Lane, the Clerk would continue to pursue this copying the Borough Councillors in to future communications.

There had been enforcement work in the village regarding the Traffic Regulation Order being supported by the Community Speedwatch volunteers, there have been a number of warning letters issued for those found to be in breach of the Order. The Council thanked the volunteers for their support with this.

There was concern raised about continuous problems with very noisy cars along Norse Road with vehicles being driven dangerously and the impact this is having on nearby Renhold residents. The resident had contacted the Police and was encouraged to contact PC Kerry Jones directly with the information.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 17/03099/LDE use of Kingfisher Cabin as a permanent dwelling at Water Lane – the Parish Council reviewed the plans and were aware that this dwelling has been lived in permanently which is against the conditions. The Parish Council object to this application as it would set a precedent, the restrictions were applied for a reason and this should remain. There were concerns expressed regarding the drainage which is not suitable for all year round occupation, and felt the restriction should be enforced.

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b) 17/03087/LDE commencement of scheme to erect new dwelling at 63 Wilden Road – the Parish Council reviewed the documents and had no comment to make on this application.

c) 17/02994/FUL demolition of existing dwelling and replacement dwelling at 2 Top End – the Parish Council reviewed the documents and had no objection to the application.

d) 17/02691/FUL one and two storey rear extension and changes to raise the roof at 6 Woodfield Lane – Cllr. Gurney declared an interest in this agenda item. The Parish Council reviewed the plans and noted the resident comments they had been copied into. The Parish Council had no objection to the application in principle.

e) Local Plan 2035 update to include: landowner agreement information, joint parishes feedback from meeting with Mayor and Working Group update – the Borough Council had issued an update that provided additional information from the landowners in Salph End and their position, this had been circulated by the Clerk. It showed that there was a landowner agreement in place in principle, as well as a second option put forward by one of the landowners. The collation of the Working Group it was agreed to place on hold in light of the next stage being known in early January when it would be confirmed if Salph End has or has not been included in the final plan document. The Parish Council had continued to be in contact with the other local parishes who had met with the Mayor to discuss the proposed development in the northern part of the borough. Cllr. Gribble had attended the meeting on behalf of Renhold, it was informative and there was supposed to a resident meeting held shortly afterward. However, this had not been able to take place due to there being location arrangement issues. The Parish Council continue to monitor the situation closely.

f) Other planning matters – a further objection had been sent to the revised application relating to 60 Ravensden Road, and the Council had sighted two neighbour objections as well. This application is going to committee with a recommendation for approval. The Council had been notified that the application refused for 6A Greenacres, Green End had been taken to an appeal and a revision had been made to the application at 32a Church End. It was noted a property in Home Close does not require planning permission for development that will be carried out and there was an update on the car wash facility off Norse Road.

The Borough have issued a public consultation on sustainable drainage as well as multiple house occupancy. The Clerk had circulated the Beds and MK Waterway recent update as well as information regarding changes to the communication parishes receive from the Planning Committee.

The Clerk had submitted the response to the Bedford Town Centre Masterplan consultation which the Council supported as it proposed greater regeneration of the town centre area.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS:-

Cllr. Slater had attended the recent BATPC AGM meeting and Cllr. Gurney had attended the recent Town and Parish Council Network meeting, both gave a summary.

There had been concern raised by a resident regarding the school buses for their sixth form child, there were a number of other concerns raised and during the discussion it became apparent that there are a number of issues affecting Renhold residents. Cllr. Gregory to send further details and examples of issues being experienced then the Clerk to raise all the concerns with Chris Petitfer requesting that a discount rate should be offered to sixth form students.

The Council had received a copy of the Borough Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation document.

The Clerk had received an email from the Renhold School Chair of Governors, it was asked for a response to be sent outlining that the Parish Council would like to continue to support the school.

The Clerk has been circulating the number of communications relating to the new data protection guidelines that will be effective shortly. A lot of guidance is being sought through BATPC who are

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sending through regular updates. It is hoped that BATPC will deliver training that the parish Council can access.

The most recent resident feedback was provided to Councillors regarding having additional seating facilities in the parish to aid resident well being. It was noted that following the discussion at the last meeting Ravensden Road whilst lacking such a facility actually has no suitable location unfortunately. The Borough Councillors reiterated the availability of Ward Fund monies for such a project if the Parish Council wished to proceed. It was agreed by the Parish Council to purchase two benches at the cost of no more than £700 each, with the Clerk to apply for Ward Fund monies and that the deliver of the benches would go to Cllr. Polhill who could store them in the interim period. It was agreed in principle that one of the benches to be installed at the Green, with the specific location to be determined at a future meeting. The Clerk to follow this up and start looking at quotations for installation costs.

11. POLICE MATTERS

Cllr. Gurney had attended the recent police priority meeting, with items covered such as youth harassment which had been experienced in a nearby village.

There had been Speedwatch training undertaken as well and the volunteers in Renhold were pleased to report 65 tickets had been issued over the last three months.

The crime statistics have continued to be circulated and there has been an increase of crime in the parish which was broken down into categories. The police will be doing a lot of work on informing people how to keep safe in their house over the festive period and there is an Operation Beneke event planned for the village on 5th December..

Cllr. Polhill had attended the Police Crime Commissioner conference in September and fed back that Neighbourhood Watch continues to be promoted and is a great way for people to stay up to date on local matters.

12. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The latest transaction report was circulated. The following outstanding invoice was presented (it Barnicoat Ltd clerking service October invoice £382.60

A R Worboys grass cutting £180.00

British Legion remembrance wreath £25.00

Bedford Borough Council litter bin Church End £474.00

Mr Tarbox Church End bus shelter cleaning £110.00

Bill Peet and Son War Memorial work £690.00

It was unanimously agreed to pay the above cheques, it was noted that there was an invoice which the Clerk needed to seek clarification on before presenting to the Council.

It was agreed that following the missing cheque paid to A R Worboys Ltd some time ago for £360.00, it appears to still not have been presented so it was agreed this should be re-issued.

It was unanimously agreed by all those present to pay the invoices presented, resolution passed.

The latest financial analysis for 17/18 had been circulated and it was noted there were no concerns.

The Council considered the application for assistance from Renhold Sports Club, it was unanimously agreed to award a donation of £500.00 to this village facility towards insurance costs.

It was also noted that the Village Magazine had notified the Council that they would be repaying some of the funds they had received from the Parish Council, following a recent meeting where they became aware of some additional funds to support the Magazine.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

NALC Events Bulletin emails

Age Partnership email promoting services

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BBC Planning weekly list email
Village newsletter copy
Online playgrounds promotional information
BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments
BRCC e-bulletin newsletter
CPRE update emails
Bank statements
Crime statistics
Village circulation list interested residents wishing to join
ERTA Voluntary Transport email
Police community newsletter
BBC communication with the Councillor vacancy
Police priority meeting email sent booking
Village newsletter deadline email
Planing applications received between meetings
Ravensden Road application communication from Officer
Neighbour comments relating to above
PCC Conference invite
BBC letter confirming receipt of planning comments
Beds Bugle
Communication with contractor regarding missing cheques for grass cutting
BATPC Data Protection Regulations
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
Renhold Charity Accounts
All Saints PPC report
Town Centre Mater Plan consultation and confirmation of responses
Invoice for bus shelter cleaning at The Green
6A Green End planning application been taken to appeal
Resident comments relating to 6 Woodfield Lane planning application
Great Barford Event committee poster
BATPC Data protection update
BBC Civil Carol service invite
Came and Council autumn newsletter
BBC Start of Public Consultation for the Bedford Borough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
BBC Borough Monthly latest edition
BBC electoral register email regarding copies of the full register
BBC email regarding footway resurfacing at Hookhams Lane
BBC HMO Licensing consultation – might be worth a read given the one in Maskell Drive
A range of communications with residents regarding the Spires Ward vacancy
Resident concern regarding school buses
ROWIP Public consultation
Renhold TRO updates with Police
Sport England site validation
BBC DCO order variation

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Those that arose.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - to be Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm

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Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed

Dated