

## **Renhold Parish Council January meeting**

The meeting was attended by seven Councillors, the Clerk and seven members of the public were present. Apologies received from Stuart Harrison, as well as Borough Councillors Sheryl Corp, Anthony Forth, Stephen Moon and Jade Uko.

During the Open Forum there was an enquiry made regarding the latest regarding the former Three Horseshoes site application, it was agreed the Clerk to follow this up with the Planning Officer.

Under matters arising it was noted that the village noticeboard refurbishment is due to take place shortly and that a number of old Parish Council meeting minutes have been placed with the County Archive Records office.

The Borough Councillors in their absence had sent a report detailing information on the health and social care review for the local hospitals, the local authority budget consultation, news that schools were to receive £6million more funds in funding as well as the Rights Of Way Improvement Plan survey questionnaire that is available for residents to comment on.

During highways matters it was reported that in the month of November the average speed cameras had resulted in 110 notices of intended prosecution being issued by the Police. The Council have asked if the cameras can generate traffic volume data as useful comparable data to see if they are deterring motorists from using the village. The hedge had been cut back at the village entrance to Hookhams Lane and a number of other highways items were raised which were all to be logged by the Clerk with Highways Helpdesk.

The Council had also received positive feedback from the Police regarding possible forthcoming enforcement checks for the Traffic Regulation Order, as well as a focused police event in the village called Operation Beneke.

Cllr. Slater had raised concerns with the Borough Council Planning Committee when they considered the application to expand the lower school to support its move to primary, on the grounds of highways safety. The elected members had agreed to defer the decision on the application until there could be confirmation that a safe crossing could be built in as one of the conditions to be applied with the decision.

A number of different items were discussed during village matters, such as positive news regarding greater access to superfast broadband in the parish, and further interest from some residents in being involved with a Working Group to look at play area provision in the older part of the parish. Other items which were to be taken forward related to the Church End bus shelter, meeting to be arranged ahead of the 80km charity bike ride in June through the parish, to seek more information on if there is interest in having village signage at the developments off Norse Road, and to consider whether the Council should be using social media.

The Council agreed to retain the same level of contribution per household in the parish for the 2017/18 precept and also reviewed the budget in detail looking at different ways to bring more benefit to the parish in the coming year.

The **next Parish Council meeting** is to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Wilden Road.

If you would like to contact the Parish Council, then please feel free to telephone the Clerk, Lizzie, on **(01234) 771702** or email [lizzie\\_barnicoat@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzie_barnicoat@hotmail.com)