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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 28th July at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Leydon, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mr. McDougall, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat, Borough Councilor Moon, and fifteen members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting thanking everyone for attending; Borough Councillors Ellis had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-
There were no declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

It was raised by a resident that they were disappointed regarding the local authority approving a recent planning application as it will impact on the neighbouring property, there was also concern expressed that digging had commenced on amenity land, which it was noted should be reported to Borough Council Enforcement Officers. It was felt that the War Memorial requires a professional clean, which it was agreed that the Council would look into obtaining quotes for this to be done ahead of the remembrance service.

There were reports of concern regarding the Brook which needs clearing and has become very overgrown in places, so Clerk to follow this up with relevant organization and re-invite them to a future meeting.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

5. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There had been three expressions of interest received and the supporting information from each prospective candidate had been forwarded to all candidates. It was proposed by Cllr. McDougall to co-opt Stuart Harrison, seconded by Cllr. Dean. There were no further nominations made. The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Stuart Harrison as a Parish Councilor. Stuart was welcomed to the Council and provided with a Declaration of Interest form to complete, as well as an Acceptance of Office form.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

During the Borough Councilor report it was detailed that the highways in Cranbourne Gardens are to be adopted by the Borough Council from the developer within the next six weeks. It was also noted that there is Ward Funding still available.

7. MATTERS ARISING:-

The latest crime statistics that had been received had been circulated to all Councillors, there were no crimes reported in August, which was queried as there were a number of known crimes that had

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taken place in The Spires estate during August during the period of anti social behavior that occurred.

The Clerk also to chase the bus ride round the village request with the Borough Officer.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Average speed cameras in the village update on site survey – the Parish Council expressed their disappointment at having no time-scale regarding the installation of the average speed cameras into the village. The Borough Officer, had feedback, that following the site investigation work by Siemens there were some further considerations to be made regarding how to run electricity to the camera locations. Cllr Gurney and Slater were due to be attending the forthcoming Town and Parish Network Conference, where the Officer would be present and had offered to go through the matter in more detail with Parish Councillors. At the Conference it was also agreed to chase the installation of the dragons teeth markings due to be located at Ravensden Road and Water End.

b) Speed Indicator Device action in the village update – Cllr Gurney reported that there continues to be groups collated whenever possible to ensure that there is regular SID activity in the village. It was suggested that it would be useful to have the information from the recent speed watch that took place in Norse Road to highlight again the issue of speeding in the whole parish.

c) Other highways matters in the village – Following the site meeting and agreement of installation of double yellow lines around the Church End bend, the Highways Officer had updated that installation would take place during Christmas holidays following the public order notice which is expected to be published in October. There was feedback from residents that it would be helpful if the school would allow children entry to the school playground ahead of 8.50am to prevent the natural build up of cars in the immediate area. It was suggested that if there was access to the site from 8.30am it would allow for a greater flow of children coming to the school and not everyone sitting in their cars till 8.50am, Cllr Leydon to take this idea to the next governors meeting. A Councillor was also happy to help the school and review their school travel plan if they wished.

The Officer to be asked to liaise direct with the resident regarding the installation of a mirror on the Church End bend to help residents leave their road.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) Parish Council response to Bedford Borough Council's call for sites for Local Plan 2032 – The Parish Council had circulated a leaflet to all residents in the village regarding Bedford Borough Council's notification of sites that have been put forward for the Local Plan 2032 within the parish. There had been over twenty requests from residents to sight the full Parish Council drafted response to the sites, and one request from a planning consultant. There had been two amendments to the original draft response, which has now been submitted to the Borough Council. The amendments were highlighting more the impact the proposals would have on Water End if they were to be progressed and to note that the Village Hall was not built from landfill tax, but was from a contribution made by a landowner in the village following the development of Cranbourne Gardens. It had also been raised about whether the Parish Council are in the process of a neighbourhood plan, the Clerk detailed that Elstow Parish Council had invited some planning consultants who specialise in this to a forthcoming meeting, which Councillors would be welcome to attend to find out more if they wanted, it was agreed some Councillors would attend from Renhold.

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b) 14/01770/FUL erection of oak framed garage/store in rear garden at 9 Top End – The Parish Council objects in the strongest possible terms to the proposed garage which is totally out of scale in proportion to the neighbouring properties. The approved plans for number 9, 13/01905/FUL shows four parking spaces to the front of the property and the Parish Council questions why a further four spaces, together with first floor storage is necessary. The proposed garage would have an overbearing visual impact on adjoining properties and must be refused. The Parish Council also believes that the property under construction is not being built in accordance with the approved plans, being significantly taller and having an overbearing impact when viewed from Top End.

The Parish Council requests that the appropriate enforcement action be taken to reduce the roof line

to reflect the approved plans. The Parish Council as part of their objection wish to call this application into Committee if the Officer is minded to approve it, and will be making representation at the Planning Committee in person on this application.

c) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions between meetings – It was noted that regarding the application for the wind turbine at Sunderland Hill the application had been refused. The outcome of the Orbit Homes application for the playing field to be houses and the playing field located further north of the bridleway, following approval the Officer had sent a letter to the Council outlining the reasons why this decision had been reached. A letter from the Officer dealing with 54 Hookhams Lane application that had been approved detailed the reasons why it had been passed. There was also an application received that was not in the parish of Renhold, so Clerk to follow this up with the Borough Council.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

It was reported that CCTV had been installed in The Spires estate which had impacted along with a number of other measures so that there has been a significant reduction in anti social behaviour in that area, which is pleasing. There had also been an Operation Vision event that had taken place early in September where a large police presence had been seen in the area.

The repairs on Bridleway 27 had been carried out between meetings and a notice had been received regarding the ongoing diversion of route Footpath 23.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget):

Pelham invoice for seat repairs in the village £588.00

JCB Printing leaflet printing for Local Plan 2032 leaflet to village £18.00

A R Worboys grass cutting £452.40

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service July and August £495.24x2

BDO External Audit work £120.00

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

It was also noted that the second half of the parish precept had been received from the Borough Council.

The external audit feedback was reviewed, it was noted that the employment status of the Clerk had been raised, which the Council agreed was not relevant as the Council do not have any employees. It had also been raised in the report the levels of reserves the Council hold are high, the Clerk evidenced the email trail of the additional information that had been requested relating to this specific item from the external auditors, as well as the comprehensive response and clear allocations that had been sent to the auditors. The Council agreed that a response should be sent highlighting that they had been supplied with this information and a detailed explanation as why reserve levels held are currently high due to a number of projects that the funds are allocated to.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

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NALC Events Bulletin emails
Age Partnership email promoting services
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information
Lloyds bank statements
BBC Planning weekly list email
Major Roadwork's bulletin list
Village newsletter copy
Online playgrounds promotional information
Crime stats data – to be noted at meeting
BBC notification of Planning Training on 3rd September for Parish Councils
BATPC Beds Bugle
Local Council Review magazine
Clerks Direct magazine
Beds Railway and Transport Association letter
Invitation from Labour candidate for Mayor to attend a PC meeting
Notification of Bromham PC having a designated neighbourhood area
Town and Parish Network Conference on 25th September
Request for PC's full response to Local Plan 2032 document at this stage from several residents and one planning consultant
Notification of Operation Vision event being held in The Spires estate on 6th September
Bridleway 27 complaint from parishioner, Albert followed this up and matter now resolved
Expression of interest in PC vacancy from resident in Ravensden Road
Expression of interest in PC vacancy from resident in Spires Estate
Residents requests to be added to village communication list
Thank you email from The Spires residents
Street light fault on Cranborune Gardens
Contact from member of the public about the VH not being built with landfill tax but from a donation
BBC email notifying of the application has been granted on Aspire estate for the playing field to the north side of the bridleway
Communication from resident and neighbour regarding planning application at 9 Top End
Copy of resident response to planning application at 45 Green End – dealt with at last meeting
Notification that 45 Green End was approved by the Planning Committee
A R Worboys letter regarding over payment
BBC notice of footpath diversion for Footpath no 23
BBC letter to say 54 Hookhams Lane was granted permission
BBC letter to say Sunderland Hill turbine was refused
Letter from Countryside Learning to say thank for donation

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included as well as Water End issues such as illegal activities in the lay by and a speaker from Bedford Borough Council Shared Loves Scheme.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on 4th November 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

Signed

Dated