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**Minutes of A MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Leydon and Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. McDougall, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and four members of the public.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED:** - Cllr. Slater opened the meeting with the sad news that Councillor Carl Bernard had passed away, a minutes silence was held.

Mr. Andrews, Borough Councillors Ellis and Moon 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: -**

Topics raised included the lack of clear linage at the junction of Ravensden Road and Hookhams Lane, Clerk to report.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:-**

The Village Hall Management Committee representative was discussed, it was noted that the Council hoped to appoint a member in spring 2014.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -** No report had been received.

**7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -**

a) Update following meeting between Parish Council, Police and Borough Council Officers in relation to Traffic Regulation Order enforcement - Cllr Slater and resident Mr Herkes had met with Officers from Bedford Borough Council, and the Police where the TRO enforcement was discussed. Key items from the meeting were that only 40 out of the 300 motorists data matched those that were caught last year, of the letters sent out to those individual a number were Renhold residents. Therefore, the Parish Council had produced an informative leaflet to circulate to residents of the village about the TRO to advise them residents of the village are not exempt from the TRO in place.

b) Initial cost considerations for average speed cameras in the village update – the Council had been informed that there was progress being made with Bedford Borough Council to secure average speed cameras for the village that will be programmed in for installation in the financial year 2014/15. The Parish Council had previously agreed a financial contribution to the cameras,

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and unanimously resolved to support the provision of average speed cameras in the village. The locations are yet to be finalized, however, it is expected that they will be from Top End through to Water End. The Police are very supportive of this as well and the Parish Council will be pursuing securing such cameras along Ravensden Road. A Borough Officer had informed the Parish Council a formal letter would be received shortly noting the Council that Renhold is within the 2014/15 scheme.

Members of the public thanked the Council for their hard work in pursuing further highways safety measures for the village.

c) Other highways matters update to include discussion about kerbing of Brook Lane – this included agreement that the possibility of kerbing Brook Lane to be raised at the next highways meeting with the appropriate Amey Officer, and that there had been agreement of the village gates position.

## 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 13/01894/FUL single storey front extension and alterations to bungalow, detached garage to side at 70 Hookhams Lane – the Council supported the application as it will improve the front elevation of the bungalow.

b) 13/01243/FUL change of use of existing public house to residential and erection of two detached houses with detached garages and parking at Three Horshoes, 42 Top End – it was noted that the application has gone to appeal.

c) 13/02122/FUL single storey front and rear extension with balcony over, first floor side extension at 11 Brookside – the Council were concerned over the implications to number 10, who will have a reduction in light as the extension is very close to the boundary.

d) 13/01950/FUL single storey two bay garage to rear at 9 Top End - The proposed garage is sited at a distance from the existing bungalow it is supposed to serve, beyond any theoretical building line to the rear of properties on Top End, and effectively, although still in the garden of 9 Top End, in open countryside. For a garage it is proposed to have a high pitched roof, which significantly increases its bulk, especially when viewed from 5 Top End, as it is located at the bottom of its garden. The Parish Council therefore objects to this proposal in view of its location, size and visual impact.

e) 13/01905/FUL demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a five bed roomed house at 9 Top End - The Parish Council supports the principle of replacement of the existing dilapidated bungalow. The Parish Council also supports the principle of car parking to the front of the dwelling. It opposes, however, the proposed replacement dwelling. It has a footprint that is almost 50% larger than the existing bungalow and is therefore not a straight replacement. When a similar proposal was made at 31 Top End it was initially refused. The proposed replacement dwelling is two storeys, and its bulk when viewed from Top End will be a considerable increase on the existing dwelling to a degree that the Parish Council finds unacceptable. Using 31 Top End as an example, the replacement dwelling eventually permitted there was 1.5 storeys, thereby significantly reducing its bulk and impact when viewed from Top End. The Parish Council therefore objects to this application.

f) 13/01907/FUL erection of 1.835m high wall and fence adjacent to the highway at 31 Green End – there was no objection to this application.

g) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions – none received.

## 9. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY AND CHANGES TO DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:-

It was noted that vacancy notice would be advertised shortly, and the new disclosure of interest forms were returned by those present in regards to declarations relating to partners.

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**10. VILLAGE MATTERS: -**

a) Preventative measures following the recent illegal encampment on Cranbourne Gardens update – the Parish Council agreed to contribute £500 towards this work and Clerk to feedback to Borough Officers.

b) New bus timetable and Route 27 feedback – there had continued to be problems with the service in the village, a resident letter of concern had also been received. It was suggested that inviting Chris Petifer to a future Council meeting may help in getting some improvements to the service.

**11. FINANCE MATTERS: -**

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget and Cllr Slater declared an interest so took no part in the discussions):

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service October £412.70

A R Worboys grass cutting services £111.24 x2

British Legion remembrance donation £25.00

Mr P Tarbox bus shelter cleaning £110.00

Mr C Norman bus shelter cleaning £110.00

Renhold Village Hall Management Committee hire of hall £124.78

Ian Slater TRO leaflet printing reimbursement £50.00

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

The Council then agreed to make a donation to Carl Bernard's charity totalling £50.00 and a contribution to the Police Partnership Trust of £50.00 to the work done with the Bobby Van Scheme.

All Councillors had also seen an updated breakdown of actual against budget figures to date.

**12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -**

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates and Countryside Voice magazine

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

BBC Consultations update of the current documents being reviewed

Crime stats data – to be noted at meeting

TRO meeting feedback attended by Ian S, Keith, Borough Officers and the Police

BBC notification that Open Space Supplementary Planning document adopted by the Council

BBC Community Infrastructure Levy examination date set

BBC applications for designations of Neighbourhood Areas notification

BBC second half of precept received – to be noted at meeting

BBC email regarding changes to Planning Policy database and email notifications

BBC email regarding parish precept latest information - to be noted at meeting

BBC information on declaration of interest guidance notes for partner's interest and general further information

BBC invite to Civic Carol Service

BBC invite to a sports seminar about local sports club

BATPC email regarding council tax support survey

BATPC email regarding standing for election consultation

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BATPC Chairmanship training course information  
Email from resident requesting being added to the circulation list  
Came and Company Parish Matters newsletter  
Resident contact regarding proposed average speed cameras  
A R Worboys invoice  
Bobby Van Scheme financial assistance letter request  
BBC Starting school posters  
Notification that Three Horseshoes application has gone to Planning Inspectorate for appeal  
BATPC Annual Meeting paperwork

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included and request for a school specific item regarding highway matters.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed .....

Dated .....