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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 9th February 2010** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors Mr. Stewardson (Chairman), Mr. Slater (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Stapleton, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 7 members of the public.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES: - Borough Councillor Ellis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: - None received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January had been circulated. Following an amendment to the spelling of programme the minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:-

a) Councillor resignation – Clerk received letter of resignation from Mr. Morgan due to ill health, Councillors expressed their sadness and Clerk to write thanking Mr. Morgan for his time on the Council. Vacancy notices currently being displayed, electors have until 18th February to call an election. Following no call for an election, co-option to be advertised and notice to be placed in next village magazine.

b) Clerk's salary 2010/11 NALC advice – NALC had notified that no pay increase will be offered, however, this does not affect contractual increment agreements.

c) Register of Electors – notice displayed and Clerk received copies.

d) Statutory Notice regarding Renhold Lower School – these had been circulated regarding the announcement of the Borough to go to a two tier system and Renhold Lower becoming a primary school. Clerk had contacted school who advised they were in receipt of no additional information regarding the notice. It was agreed that Clerk to submit comments in response to the notice highlighting the problems encountered around parking and concerns over the physical capacity of the school.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis in her absence had left report regarding feedback from recent Freight Strategy meetings she had attended, Clerk read, at present no formal information/feedback received.

6. HIGHWAYS:-

a) Bedford Borough Freight Strategy – Chairman reported regular contact had been maintained with several individuals involved in the strategy, and noted the recent meeting with Cllr. Royden and representatives of the Focus Group had had their concerns addressed. Discussion centred on the ways that this matter could be progressed, Clerk to gain clarification of numbers of representatives from Council that are able to attend March meeting with Alistair Burt MP, formal minutes of the first freight workshop to be obtained and timescale/date of parish workshop. In order to maintain consistency of individuals attending events on this matter, it was agreed that Cllrs. Stewardson and Slater to continue.

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b) Traffic Regulation Order – signage installation completed as per plans given to Council by Highways previously, concern had been expressed regarding lack of signage prior to the B660 for the main flow of traffic accessing Renhold from Thurleigh. Signage for Butler Way is currently being made and to be installed shortly. Clerk had pursued traffic survey count date and expected to be June time to allow signage on Butler Way to be installed, sufficient time for the Order to be in place and to miss school holidays, to ultimately get most accurate data. Concern was expressed over need for additional signage, Clerk to pursue signage when entering the village from Great Barford and the slip road off the bypass. It was also noted that Police to be approached to ask motorist checks to be made whilst they are undertaking speeding checks within the village.

c) Highways Programme within parish – Clerk had forwarded report previously discussed at meeting to Brian Hayward, response received praising the detail of information submitted. Cllr. Gurney to undertake survey of footpaths and analyse the condition of them for submission too.

d) Flooding by Polhill Arms – this was discussed and Cllr. Gurney gave background on recent works to be pursued and requested that a more long term solution is found.

7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: -

09/02654/FUL single storey side/rear extension and first floor rear extension at 66 Asgard Drive – planning permission refused (impact on neighbours)

09/02787/FUL first floor side and front extension at 51 Thor Drive – planning permission granted.

09/02525/AOC badger survey and monitoring intervals of condition 24 at Willington Quarry – approval of details.

09/02494/FUL construct new vehicle access with associated hard standing at 56 Top End – planning permission granted.

09/02914/FUL single storey rear extension and new pitched roof over existing front extension at 31 Brickfield Road – planning permission granted.

09/02690/FUL erection of detached dwelling at 10 Top End – planning application withdrawn.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 10/00041/FUL demolition of existing bungalow and erection of detached two storey dwellings 14 Green End – following discussion of application and no comments received from neighbouring properties, the Council noted that neither in support or objection to the application, the footprint of the application was very similar to the existing dwelling, the ridge height was discussed and the impact on the neighbouring properties.

b) Electoral Review of Borough – Clerk had received confirmation that Council's comments received by the Boundary Committee, and that the Borough had submitted their recommendation of joining Ravensden and Renhold as a single member ward.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - None.

8. REPORTS ON MEETINGS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED: -

a) Willington Quarry tour – Councillors Brunsden and Gurney attended with a parishioner to review the site and land. Cllr. Gurney reported on the extraction process and the recovery of the ground, the area is continually monitored and it was felt that the site is being well managed and visit was very informative.

b) Rural Transport Provision meeting – Clerk awaiting feedback on the event.

c) Community Safety Forum Network – Cllr. Stewardson attended and reported that no representation from the JAG members of Police, which was disappointing, a point raised was detection rates being fed back as a useful tool for parishes.

d) Town and Parish Network meetings – Cllrs. Stewardson and Slater had attended with the Clerk who is now part of the Clerk's Champions group which is focusing on progressing a Parish

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orientated Borough web resource. Community led planning and ideas for the Partnership and Town and Parish conferences were discussed.

e) Police Joint Action Group – Cllrs. Stewardson and Gurney had attended; three new focuses were set including a priority being speeding in Renhold/Ravensden. PC Willis due to return to work at beginning of March, in addition a PCSO has been off on long term sick leave, however, expecting to return shortly so increased police presence is hoped. Crime detection rates were discussed at meeting and Wilden raised increased flow of traffic movements through the village because of the implementation of the TRO through Renhoold.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON WORKINGS TO FULL COUNCIL:-

All Councillors had received a copy of the draft minutes from the January meeting, and an up to date transaction report. Cllr. Andrews welcomed Councillors to raise any questions on the documents, none were received. Clerk noted that next meeting date set 6th April. The Committee had discussed and recommended that full Council consider the Clerk attending a training course on 'getting the most from your Council': topics include combating bullying and dignity at work. The cost is £35.00 and the Committee felt due to the travelling distance that the Clerk be reimbursed travel expenses. The Council felt that this was a valuable resource and value for money and as there is provision within the current budget, proposed by Cllr. Andrews seconded by Cllr. Gurney that the Council supports the Committee's recommendation, unanimously agreed Clerk to attend and be paid travel expenses, resolution passed.

Discussion of Cllr. Ellis' ward funding raised, ideas included bench on Hookhams Lane on grass opposite Crossways, Clerk to obtain quotes.

10. HIRING OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE: -

Clerk had liaised with PCSO Jones and SID machine booked for week commencing April 19th, to be dropped off on Friday 16th with demonstration by PCSO Jones. Two people to be manning the machine while it is being used, high visibility jackets to be worn and no set restrictions regarding siting, the insurance is the Council's responsibility. To date following the magazine notice 12 volunteers, time frames were discussed and Clerk to include further information in newsletter article.

Police report circulated and noted one crime in November, two in December and five in January.

11. CRANBOURNE GARDENS MAINTENANCE ISSUES: -

Cllr. Brunsdon had raised concerns received from residents regarding the condition of the estate; the area has not been adopted by the Borough and is in need of repairs, for example, gully cleaning, street cleaning, footpath repairs. Clerk had organised a meeting with Persimmon on 19th February.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

12. OPEN FORUM: - Topics raised included: Renhold Lower School, TRO, condition of Church End, P3, Cranbourne Gardens, HGV ban.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

Pegasus crossing

BBC Public Rights of Way questionnaire

Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – what you would like them to investigate

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- Campaign to implement the Sustainable Communities Act letter
- CPRE Fieldwork magazine
- Bedford Borough Partnership meeting information
- CPRE Campaign email
- BBC Proposed Pegasus Crossing St Neots Road map and notices
- Town and Parish Conference feedback information
- Town and Parish Network meeting information
- BBC Public Rights of Way in Bedford Borough maintenance appraisal form
- Electoral Review of Bedford Borough acknowledgement of comments letter
- Standards Committee meeting minutes
- Clerk's and Councils Direct suppliers guide and yearbook 2010
- Beds Police new Neighbourhood Team Inspector letter
- Notice of Parish Councillor Vacancy
- Mr Morgan's resignation
- BBC Renhold Lower School Reorganisation Statutory Notice
- NALC Leadership Academies email
- BATPC report following Bedford Borough Freight Strategy Workshop
- BBC Statement of Gambling Licensing Principles
- BBC Scrutiny Committee Work Programme email
- NALC update regarding Clerk's Pay 2010/11
- Resident emails regarding TRO and HGV (to be discussed at meeting)
- Cllr Ellis' report to Parish Council
- Copy of Brain Hayward email received regarding Highways Programme feedback
- Bedford Borough Town and Parish Network Meeting 8th February supporting information
- NSPCC Helpline information
- Marshalls Landscaping letter
- Clerk's Training flyer and information regarding 'getting the most from your Council'

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:-

Invitation to Angela Williamson, Cold Calling Officer

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Signed

Dated