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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 17th March 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. Dean, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Stapleton, Borough Councillor Ellis, Angela Williamson (Cold Calling Officer), the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 12 members of the public.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES: - Mrs. Brunsdon and Mr. Andrews

2. ANGELA WILLIAMSON, BOROUGH COLD CALLING OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE: - The Chair welcomed Angela who reported on her role including partnership working between the police, the Borough and the community, the aims of the no cold calling scheme, 'bobby van' information, and helping the vulnerable. If any cold calling is spotted members of the public are encouraged to contact the hotline and to report incidents whether it is doorstep selling or rogue traders and warning of such calls sometimes leading to distraction burglaries. Questions were welcomed and Councillors and residents made further enquiries regarding specific matters, the Chair then thanked Angela very much for her time.

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

4. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY CO-OPTION: - Following Mr. Morgan's resignation the Clerk had displayed the Councillor vacancy posters, no election had been requested by the electorate, also a notice was placed in the recent village magazine and additional notices displayed on the notice boards throughout the village. To date one resident had expressed an interest and statement circulated to all Councillors, Cllr. Stapleton proposed that Mr. Leydon be co-opted to the Council, seconded by Cllr. Dean and unanimously agreed, resolution passed and Mr. Leydon welcomed to the Council. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Member Register of Interest given to Mr. Leydon who completed them, on joining the Council, it was noted by the Clerk that as Mr. Leydon had not received a formal summons to the meeting he would be unable to participate in voting.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

6. MATTERS ARISING:-

a) **Rural Bulky Waste** – notice received that service in the village on Saturday 24th April at Water End/Green End between 2pm and 3pm. Clerk noted service has been reduced drastically this year and the Parish Council expressed sadness at this and agreed that Clerk to complain to Borough.

b) **Trees** – resident had contacted Clerk regarding trees along Gadsby Brook at Water End that need pollarding, reported to Mr. Carpenter.

c) **School Organisation review** – acknowledgement of receipt of Council's comments.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis reported that the forthcoming meeting to on 27th March to discuss the Freight Strategy Mr Burt MP had confirmed attendance as had the Mayor and Cllr. Royden. It was noted that numbers or representatives were not restricted. Also reported that following the recent meeting held with Renhold Councillors, a resident from

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Church End and the Lower School, Cllr. Ellis would now be having a follow up meeting on Monday 22nd with the Headteacher and Mr Burt MP to talk through the ideal of the school within the new organisation. The highways works in relation to the flooding at Wilden Road had commenced and continued to be pursued. Cllr. Ellis also reported that flashing 30mph signs are available from Amey on loan for two week periods, so request to be submitted for Renhold.

8. HIGHWAYS:-

a) **Bedford Borough Freight Strategy** – Clerk had circulated up to date report from Simon Deards, Highways Officer, it was noted that report from first workshop had been produced yet the Parish Council had not seen sight of it, Clerk to request copy and continue to liaise with the officers in order to remain regularly updated and feed this back to Councillors. The forthcoming meeting with Alistair Burt on 27th March at Renhold Village Hall was discussed, Councillors expressed wish to attend.

b) **Traffic Regulation Order** – Clerk had spoken to Brian Hayward in detail regarding the Order and for additional signage to be included on the slip road of the bypass, he had noted this is under the remit of the Highways Agency, as they control these signs and therefore the Borough to contact them and make request. Also the Clerk had chased the installation date for the Butler Street signage, still awaiting response from Brian Hayward. Clerk gave history of the yellow temporary signs currently placed on the B660; it was raised that Hookhams Lane would benefit from this signage also. Clerk to feedback and raise further questions and requests to Brian Hayward, ensuring regular communication so matters can be progressed as swiftly as possible to ensure that all drivers are aware of the TRO and adhere to it.

The Council had also contacted the police to again persist that the Order must be enforced, response from PCSO Jones read out, stating not the best use of police time stopping motorists. However, when speed checks are being carried out vehicles stopped for breaking the limit will be advised of the TRO and cautioned if necessary, making the best use of police time and in effect giving a more positive message to drivers. Cllr. Leydon raised that he had been informed of a motorist that had been stopped regarding the TRO by the Police, Clerk to also pursue.

Residents from Ravensden Road and Brookside had sent emails regarding the TRO, these were noted.

c) **Other Highways matters within the parish** – Cllr. Gurney had been continually pursuing remedial works for the flooding problem outside the Polhill Arms; Cllr. Gurney added that still carrying out a survey of footpaths within the village.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: -

10/00041/FUL demolition of existing bungalow and erection of detached two storey dwellings 14 Green End – planning permission refused

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) Strategy for Bedford High Street Supplementary Planning document – Cllr. Slater had worked through the document and gave report, highlighting that aim is to change the use of the area from focusing on transport to the environment created. Document to be circulated to interested Councillors then agreed response to be submitted.

b) **10/00543/FUL at 77A Ravensden Road** – Cllr. Slater gave details of proposal regarding detached double garage to front of dwelling and had visited the site, noted that no comments had been received by the Clerk from the neighbours. As some neighbouring properties already had garages the Council had no objection to the application though to be recommended that hedge to be planted and maintained on the boundary in order to reduce visual impact.

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OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - Letter had been received from resident regarding 14 Green End planning application, Clerk had circulated to all Councillors and response sent. Planning Policy Statement 4 Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth received and notification of Bedford Development Framework supplementary planning document regarding Great Denham and West of Kempston Design Guide and Code adoption by the Borough

10. REPORTS ON MEETINGS COUCNILLORS HAVE ATTENDED: -

a) Renhold Lower School – Cllr. Slater gave report of recent meeting with the Lower School, Cllrs. Slater, Andrews and Brunsdon had attended on behalf of the Council, a resident from Church End Mr. Rogers, Borough Cllr. Ellis, the Headteacher Mrs. Ferguson and were also in attendance. Following discussion, there had been two action points from the meeting, Clerk had already contacted John Goldsmith from the Borough to organise a meeting and to contact Sharnbrook regarding their community mini bus scheme. It was felt that the meeting had been beneficial for all parties.

Clerk raised that highways had recently introduced an order of no stopping restriction outside schools during set times, sadly Renhold were not included on the initial list as scheme being done in two stages, Clerk and Chair had pursued Andy Prigmroe who gave assurance that Renhold will be on second list due to be issued April/May. The police had confirmed they had circulated letter to parents regarding responsible parking and residents had been encouraged to forward vehicle number registrations of vehicles parking in the hatched areas, who are taking action.

Further discussion followed regarding this matter, and the use of the Village Hall car park was considered (at this point Cllrs. Stewardson and Stapleton declared an interest), it was proposed by Cllr. Slater and seconded by Cllr. Gurney that Clerk to pursue with both the Village Hall and School the possible use of the car park by the teachers, unanimously agreed (Cllrs. Stewardson and Stapleton did not vote).

b) Cranbourne Gardens maintenance – The Chair read report from Cllr. Brunsdon, Cllrs. Stewardson, Brunsdon, Dean and Slater had been in attendance and met with Persimmon representative. Following meeting Clerk had been notified by Persimmon that works to commence shortly, the correspondence including the open space maps to be circulated to Councillors in the correspondence folder. Clerk raised that resident had requested a further area along 19 Thor Drive needs original trees replacing, it was agreed that Persimmon's to be notified of this.

c) Clerk's Training Day – Clerk reported on the informative day that covered dignity at work, and how best to get the most out of the Council.

d) Parish Website training – Cllr Gurney and the Clerk had continued to work on the website development and looked at other sites for ideas on information that the public may find useful, the police to provide links and information to be posted on, currently awaiting receipt of these.

11. HIRING OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE: -

Clerk had received some additional interest from residents, approximately 15 in total. A resident had sent through a list of suggested locations, which had been circulated to all Councillors. Discussion centred on how best to organise and liaise with the police and interested residents, it was felt that it would be most effective if there was a coordinator that dealt with this, it was proposed by Cllr. Stapleton and seconded by Cllr. Slater that resident Mr. Herkes and Cllr. Gurney to take this on, unanimously agreed.

Police forwarded that in February two crimes had been reported, one interference with a motor vehicle, and one theft. It was noted that the police had carried out speed checks in early February and at this time the TRO had been enforced. The dates of the forthcoming police surgeries are Monday 22nd March, 19th April and 17th May at the Post Office between 10am and 12 noon.

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The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

12. OPEN FORUM: - Topics raised included: TRO signage, school parking, salt boxes, Cranbourne Gardens, Freight Strategy, receipt of technical information from members of the public during meetings, footpaths and litter pick.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

- BBC Rural Affairs minutes of February's meeting
- BBC School Organisation Review statutory notices acknowledgement of Council's comments
- BBC Planning Briefing of planning for Sustainable Economic Growth (to be noted at meeting)
- BDO Stoy Hayward Audit Briefing
- BRCC Network magazine
- Park leisure brochure
- Local Council Review Magazine
- BBC Calendar of Meetings 2010/11
- BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin (Renhold not included)
- BBC Standards Committee March meeting agenda
- Correspondence with Persimmon's following recent meeting (to be discussed at meeting)
- Letter from resident regarding planning application at 14 Green End discussed at last meeting (to be presented and discussed in 'other planning matters')
- BBC Bedford Development Framework supplementary planning document adoption notice (to be raised in 'other planning matters')
- Resident email received regarding Langlands Road
- Resident email received regarding trees within the village
- Resident's emails received regarding Cranbourne Gardens (to be raised during the meeting)
- Resident emails regarding the TRO and SID machine (to be presented at meeting)
- Police crime report (to be raised at meeting)
- Councillor Ward fund receipt of funds for notice board and litter bin

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:-

- NALC Model Standing Orders revised edition (May)
- Village Hall and School parking

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed

Dated