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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 20th April 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, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Leydon the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 7 members of the public.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES: - Borough Councillor Ellis, and Mr. Andrews. The Chairman read a statement regarding public participation during meetings.

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

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:-

a) Rural Bulky Waste – revised notices received regarding service, posters displayed in the village and new times are Saturday 5th June and Sunday 6th June between 8.30am and 9.30am at The Three Horseshoes, 9.30am till 11.30am at Ravensden Road, 11.30am till 12.30pm Water End/Green End.

b) Resident request for information – Clerk noted that resident have requested and seen the minute book relating to 1994-6.

c) Litter pick – this will be Saturday 29th 10-12noon, date included in magazine article.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis had been in regular contact with the Clerk regarding the forthcoming Executive meeting of the Borough Council, with the main focus currently being on the school reorganisation and the Site Allocations and Designations Plan. Cllr. Ellis wished the Council following discussion on the items during the agenda to feedback comments to her so she can present them at the Executive meeting.

6. HIGHWAYS:-

a) Bedford Borough Freight Strategy – Clerk had received copy of report from first freight workshop which had been circulated to Councillors and had spoken regularly to Simon Deards regarding the date of the parish workshop, which is now expected to be May.

The meeting with Alistair Burt on 27th March at Renhold Village Hall Cllr. Gurney reported on this highlighting that much discussion was relating to background items and a continued response from Borough representatives that a strategic approach is needed. An email received from Mr. Burt regarding this meeting was circulated to Councillors

The Clerk had contacted the Borough in pursuit of highlighting the need for a Lorrywatch scheme, Trading Standards had been interested in the scheme and gave assurance they would look into it and liaise with a neighbouring local authority that currently have a scheme in place. The Police had also been alerted to this scheme and liaison would continue with them. Attention had been drawn to the Borough website including reference to the implementation of such traffic orders under the Trading Standards department remit.

b) Traffic Regulation Order – Clerk and Chair had continued to liaise with Brian Hayward in detail regarding progression, email read clarifying the signage and meeting date agreed to meet with Highway representatives on site to talk through the signs.

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It was felt that it is very important to engage with residents their thoughts on the current signage also, so Clerk to encourage residents to send comments/thoughts through prior to the meeting so they can be raised.

c) Church End and Lower School parking – Clerk currently awaiting response from School regarding use of Village Hall site for staff parking, and is trying to find more information relating to Sharnbrook community minibus scheme. Meeting confirmed with John Goldsmith for May 10th at 10am at the Lower School.

The supporting documentation for the Executive's meeting includes response to comments submitted relating to Lower School. The Council highlighted that it includes a reference to 'negotiations with the Parish Council' it was noted that to date all correspondence with the School had been through the pro-activeness of the Parish Council and that the Parish Council had organised the forthcoming meeting with John Goldsmith

d) Other Highways matters within the parish – remedial works for the flooding problem outside the Polhill Arms is ongoing, Cllr. Gurney is monitoring. It was noted that revised Highways Programme had been received and schedule of works did include footway resurfacing at Church End. The SID machine currently in the village, initial feedback indicated that several transgressors had been found to be speeding.

7. POLICE MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH:-

Letter police circulated to parents of pupils at the Lower School had been forwarded to Councillors and to two residents of Church End. Clerk read report from police including update on police surgeries, current issues within Renhold and the neighbouring parishes, speeding and smart water.

JL took leave at this point of the meeting.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: - No notifications received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 10/00559/FUL change of use from paddocks to paddock for equestrian use, removal of sheep shed and erection of stable blocks at 18 Top End – the Clerk reported that no correspondence from neighbours had been received. Following discussion of the plans, the Council noted that the plans did not contain any provision for vehicles on the site, it was felt that the buildings would not be visible from the road so no objection to the works, though concern to be raised over the effluent and disposal of waste from the site affecting the neighbours. Also, reference to be submitted ensuring neighbours had been informed.

b) 10/00700/FUL demolition of porch and erection of single storey front and side extension, including conversion of existing garage at 3 Becher Close – the Clerk had received no comments from the neighbours, the Council considered the plans and felt that the development is in keeping with other developments within the street.

c) Proposed Application by Covanta Energy for a Development Consent Order for Rookery South Pit near Stewartby – Clerk had circulated a letter received from Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Council's detailing the planning application process. Councillors were concerned over the increase in vehicle movements such a development would bring and would monitor the progression so that representation can be made at the appropriate stage.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - Site Allocations and Designations Plan document to be considered by Executive Committee includes reference made to Renhold these had been circulated to Councillors and were raised at the meeting. Cllr. Slater noted small amendment to Settlement Policy Area in Salph and Green End, also Norse Road second phase may wish to note views to east and west need to be included.

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Planning Workshop invite to Parish Councillors in relation to the Site Allocations and Designations Plan 24th and 25th May at Borough Hall.

9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED: -

a) Improvements to Bedford Train Station – Cllr. Stewardson reported on the proposed works to the station including additional carriages and expansion to parking. Cllr. Bernard gave additional information and reiterated the positive effect the development would have for those using trains.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON WORKINGS: -

Cllr. Slater read report from Cllr. Andrews including confirmation that Urban Grass Cutting agreement with the Borough Council had been received, Borough Councillor Ward fund consideration, and recommendation of amendment to bank mandate, Clerk's workload relating to Highways, year end accounts, internal and external audit. It was highlighted that a resident had expressed they would be contacting the external auditors in relation to the accounts, the Finance Committee were mindful of the potential additional cost that could be incurred as a result of this. Questions were welcomed regarding the report and the Committee's workings.

Following the resolution in relation to the Clerk's salary previously and the recommendation from the Committee that the mandate therefore be amended to reflect this, it was proposed by Cllr. Slater, seconded by Cllr. Gurney that the amendment be made, unanimously agreed by those present, resolution passed.

11. YEAR END ACCOUNTS:

The year end accounts had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting, including: receipts and payments for the year, supporting statement, cash book and bank reconciliation as well as a copy of the Annual Return section 1 and 2. It was proposed by Cllr. Gurney to sign off the accounts presented for 2009/10 as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr. Dean, unanimously agreed by all, resolution passed. Therefore Section 1 and 2 of the Annual return were completed by the Chairman and Clerk and the Supporting Statement and the Bank reconciliation were also signed. The Clerk to submit accounts for Internal Audit

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

12. OPEN FORUM: - Topics raised included: TRO, Covanta, Renhold Lower School parking, loss of verges throughout the village, ditch issues at Top/Green End, and use of Committee's.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

BBC Road Traffic Order for A428 50mph speed limit notice

BBC Rural Transport review Road sow notice for 13th at 2pm on The Green

BBC Pints in Parishes letter from the Mayor

BBC Rural Affairs agenda for March's meeting

Pride in Bedford magazine

BBC Rural Bulky Waste service notice of dates 5th and 6th June

Renhold Litter pick notices for 29th May

BBC and CBC Covanta development at Rookery South Pit

Renhold Village Hall revised hiring rates for the Hall 2010-11

BBC Planning Workshops invite regarding the Allocations and Designations Plan (to be raised at meeting)

Common tree magazine

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- CPRE Fieldwork magazine and AGM information
- Contractors letter offering maintenance services
- BBC Standards Board Agenda and supporting documents
- Wicksteed Play brochure
- BBBC Urban Grass Cutting Agreement
- Insurance Renewal documentation from Came and Co
- Correspondence with Brian Hayward and Simon Deards regarding Highways matters
- Resident request to inspect Council minutes 1994-6
- Correspondence with John Goldsmith regarding meeting at Renhold Lower
- Mr Burt MP email following Freight Meeting on 27th March
- Resident email received March's meeting and flexibility of Council to receive comments
- BBC Town and Parish Network meeting agenda and information
- Email regarding DSD contracting works
- Email regarding sandbags in the community
- CPRE campaign update email
- Current Roadwork' Bulletin
- BATPC new contact details email BBC Partnership Parent Service newsletter email

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:-

- NALC Model Standing Orders revised edition
- Insurance renewal (May)

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.25 pm

Signed

Dated