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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 6th September 2010** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Andrews (Vice Chair), Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Leydon, Mr. Bernard, Borough Councillor Ellis, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 5 members of the public.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN AND APOLOGIES TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were accepted from Mr. Slater and Mr. Gurney.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

2. OPEN FORUM:-

Matters raised included the misuse of Renhold Wood, pot holes along Water Lane and the village magazine.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

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

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Vice Chair as a true and accurate record. It was unanimously agreed that as the minute book is shortly due to become full that the minutes be kept in a ring binder file in the future, to reduce cost through purchasing of another minute book.

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

a) **Mayor visit** – information received regarding Mayor visiting Renhold on 10th September at 6.30-7.30pm at Church End near the Church, notices displayed on notice boards.

b) **Joint Action Group Meeting** – Cllr Leydon reported that he had attended the recent meeting with Cllrs. Slater and Gurney, the meeting was very productive and informative as police and highways representatives present. The main discussion was the problems experienced by all villages with traffic; the police and highways representatives welcomed the villages working together in a coordinated and strategic way. Interest had been expressed from neighbouring parishes, particularly Wilden and the Council felt that it would be beneficial for the Highways Committee to meet and consider a way forward.

c) **Litter pick and rural skip services** – the skip due to be in the village on 16th and 17th October 8.30 – 12.30, and agreed litter pick to be booked for early December.

d) **Crime figures** - in August crimes reported were one burglary of dwelling at Woodfield Lane, and one burglary of dwelling at Top End. Also noted that recently four burglaries in Great Barford over the past three weeks, with similar methods to the Renhold burglaries, targeting jewellery.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis not present to make report, Cllr. Andrews read out report on her behalf, matters raised included: school reorganisation, dog fouling, ward funding, petition received from residents regarding school parking, and the proposed police merger.

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7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:-

No election was called, and no expressions of interest received to date, adverts had been placed on the notice board, website and included in the village magazine.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATE:-

Church End maintenance Cllr. Gurney had continued to monitor following completion of recent works, most comments received had been favourable, though two residents had raised concern about the water on the road, it is felt this has been due to the heavy rainfall recently, both Cllr. Gurney and Alistair Rundall have been monitoring. Also it has been noted that after heavy rainfall no water is collecting at the bottom of the hill along Wilden Road so it appears the drainage work has helped, there is further drainage work to be completed on Wilden Road.

A resident had complained about the parking on the verge opposite 26 Green End at weekends blocking the entrance to the footpath, Alistair Rundall has surveyed this and will liaise with the Rights Of Way Officer to make the entrance more visible and possibly add signage.

The siting of Spires Estate notice board was discussed and report from Cllr. Gurney had been circulated to all Councillors, it was agreed that the proposed position be accepted subject to any objections from the Borough and developers. Clerk to inform Borough and developers of proposed position giving sufficient notice period for them to respond, Cllr. Gurney was thanked for his detailed report.

Clerk had requested documentation from the Borough regarding Norse Road 3 and consultation done regarding education needs and requested update and feedback from John Goldsmith, to date no information received from either.

Clerk had spoken to school, School Travel Plan has not been agreed formally by governors, due to be 6th October, to write to governors to request copy of document and questionnaire, Headteacher had indicated the school would be happy to do a village hall focused questionnaire to see if parents would use facility. The Council agreed to contact the Village Hall to see if they would like to be involved in the collation of the questions being giving reassurance that this is just for research and evidence purposes.

Clerk noted that to date no update had still been received regarding Lorrywatch.

It was agreed that due to the large number of highways matters presently that the Highways Committee to meet and discuss progression of the above matters, it was noted that Cllr. Leydon had signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Chair of the Committee.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: -

10/01146/FUL conversion of existing garage including provision of covered porch and additional drive area – planning permission granted

10/01499/FUL demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement detached dwelling at 14 Green End – planning permission refused

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 10/01999/FUL single storey rear extension, porch to front at 66A Hookhams Lane – it was noted that two residents had been in contact regarding this application and a letter of objection from a resident was read out. The Council discussed the application in detail and agreed that the proposed extension would adversely affect the adjoining property due to the close proximity, the roof lights serve no purpose and concern that further development will result.

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b) 10/02095/FUL single storey rear extension at 15 Woodfield Lane – the Council raised no objection to application, though it was noted that no comments had been received from the neighbours.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - Bedford Borough Council Planning Workshops due to be held on 20th September Cllrs. Slater and Bernard will be attending. Noted that confirmation of Borough adoption of Bedford High Street Supplementary Planning Document had received and an invite to a meeting for town and parishes regarding Covanta proposals.

10. EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP UPDATE:-

Cllr. Andrews reported that the Clerk to the Council's employment contract will be continuing as resignation had been withdrawn. The parish website had been updated and now contained a large number of the Council's document. A Dignity at Work policy had been circulated to all Councillors, it was proposed by Cllr. Andrews that the Council adopt the policy, seconded by Cllr. Dean, unanimously agreed, resolution passed.

11. QUALITY STATUS:-

Annual draft report circulated, this had been collated by Cllr. Slater, the Council thanked Cllr. Slater for the detailed and informative report which truly reflected the work of the Council over the last year, it was proposed by Cllr. Leydon that the document be accepted and published on the website, seconded by Cllr. Stapleton, unanimously agreed. It was also noted that the Finance Committee are aware that the application fee for quality status is £58.75.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

Alistair Burt MP – letter received updating on policing, education and traveller sites.

Bedford Water space Strategy – meeting invite 29th September 10.30am at Danish Camp, Cllrs. Slater, Gurney, Dean and Brunsdon have expressed wish to go

Special Area Charges – Borough are reviewing special expenses, document to be completed.

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates

BBC Planning letters acknowledging receipts of Council's comments to recent planning applications

Central Bedfordshire Council Covanta update email

Letter received from Alistair Burt MP with update on matters

Borough Planning Workshop invite

CPRE Voice magazine

Dance 4 all information

No need for nuclear letter

BDO Stoy Hayward External Audit confirmation of conclusion

Mayor Hodgson letter regarding visiting Renhold

CPRE Fieldwork magazine and newsletter

BBC Special Area Changes

BBC Rural Skip Services

BBC email regarding litter pick

Email regarding advertising within parish magazine

Resident concern regarding maintenance of footpath

Resident email received regarding concern for dog waste bins in Cranbourne Gardens

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Joint Action Group meeting minutes
Renhold Village magazine email regarding grant application
Resident complaint email regarding footpath maintenance at Marsh Wood
Email from BATPC regarding New Guidance on Assessing Land for Designation as an AONB or National Park - Your Chance to Comment
NALC Community Right to Build email
BBC Nominations for Parish and Town Network Chair and Vice Chair email
Skate Park hire bookings email from BATPC Local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases
Bedford Borough Bedford High Street Supplementary Planning Document adoption confirmation and copy of document
BATPC Bugle
Police posters
Warner's of Bedford grounds maintenance promotion letter
Phoenix Surfacing promotion letter and brochure

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -
Matters that arise to be included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 25th October at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

Dated