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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 25th October 2010** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Leydon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 4 members of the public.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

2. OPEN FORUM:-

No public statements were made.

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 6th 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:-

a) **Litter pick** – this has been booked for 4th December and posters will be displayed nearer the event.

b) **Crime figures** – Clerk had received report from Police stating that there were no crimes reported in September, and Clerk had liaised with Police regarding booking the SID machine again, awaiting feedback with date. It was also noted that there had been problems with youths entering the building site on Maskell Drive, the new estate, and that two arrests have been made. Cllr Gurney raised that a suspicious vehicle had been sighted in the village and the police had responded very swiftly. In addition, Councillors had noticed recently crimes have been reported in the village as Ringmaster alerts coming through so some confusion as to the Police figures, Clerk to enquire.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis not present and no report received.

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY: - The Clerk had received a telephone call from an interested person who would be moving to the village shortly, however, no firm expression of interest received in writing to date. Notices continue to be displayed throughout the village and the Council agreed this to remain as a standing agenda item.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATE: - Cllr Leydon reported on matters considered and discussed at recent Highways Committee meeting, it was felt that liaison and discussion with neighbouring parishes to develop a united approach to the traffic problems experienced in many of the local rural parishes would be very useful. Cllr Slater proposed that the Parish Council organise a meeting shortly with neighbouring parishes to discuss this further and that the Council meet the initial cost of the hire of the hall to host the meeting, seconded by Cllr Leydon, unanimously agreed, resolution passed.

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Local Transport Plan and Rural Transport review road show results circulated to Councillors and notice received that the road show will be visiting Renhold again shortly, details to be posted on the notice boards and residents encouraged to attend and give feedback on these important documents.

Clerk reported that notice had been received for three road closures for Ravensden Road over the coming twelve months to carry out patching repairs.

Clerk continued to pursue traffic surveys relating to the Traffic Regulation Order with Brian Hayward and assurance received that these will take place soon.

Additional schools had been added to the Borough's initiative of parking restrictions outside schools, however, sadly Renhold to date still not included, Clerk had pursued this and voiced strong concern regarding the omission of Renhold and Highways Officers had noted that Renhold would be included shortly.

Notification had been received of works being carried by highways to the Salph End Bridge and Wilden Road, Cllr Gurney noted that more tests and digs are being done.

Drawings of the additional signage for the Traffic Regulation Order at the B660 end of the Order had been received and will installed shortly.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: -

10/01804/FUL two storey rear extension at 78A Ravensden Road – planning permission granted.

10/01794/FUL detached store/workshop at rear of 55 Church End – planning permission granted.

10/01731/FUL single storey rear extension and extension to car park at Renhold Village hall, Wilden Road – planning permission granted.

10/01999/FUL single storey rear extension, porch to front at 66A Hookhams Lane – planning permission granted.

10/02095/FUL single storey rear extension at 15 Woodfield Lane – planning permission granted.

10/02517/NMA single storey front and rear extensions, two storey extension to side at 10 Becher Close – permission granted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 10/02430/FUL replacement dwelling at 33 Top End – the Council considered this application and following detailed discussion agreed to object to the proposals as the application fails to meet the criteria in Local Plan Planning Policy 28 point five and in addition, will be overbearing on the street scene.

b) 10/02088/FUL extension to outbuilding to provide self contained annexe at 65 Church End – the Council considered this application in detail and agreed to object to the proposal as the proposal is not within the Settlement Policy Area and therefore not in line with planning policy, such a building would set a precedent and introduce an additional dwelling.

c) 10/02391/S73 extension of condition 3 of planning permission 07/02555/OUT to extend commencement of development from within 2 years of the last of the reserved matters approved to 3 years at 78 Hookhams Lane – the Council considered this application in detail and were mindful that permission had been granted previously so raised no objection, however, wished to note concern regarding the unimplemented permission.

d) 10/02402/FUL single storey rear extension at 28 Hookhams Lane – the Council considered this application in detail wishing neither to support or object but noting that the proposal would not impact on the street scene, however, concern was expressed on the visual impact this proposal will have on the neighbouring property.

e) Bedford Borough Planning Workshop feedback – Cllr Slater reported on the recent workshop and that interestingly if the Parish Council comments differ to the Planning Officer then

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applications to go to the Borough's Development Control Committee for consideration and decision.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - The recently publicised Covanta application for Rookery South, Stewartby were discussed, Councillors felt the Parish Council had a duty to consider and comment on the application due to the potential impact this project may have on residents and the wider community. It was agreed that Clerk to register the Parish Council with the IPC so that comments can be submitted and an encompassing statement to be collated.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:-

Cllr Slater in the absence of Cllr Andrews reported on the recent Finance Committee meeting, draft minutes had been circulated to all and it was noted that the external audit had been completed and no matters had arisen. It was also noted that the Committee looking into quotes for repairs to the Festival of Britain sign and the review of the grass cutting tender which it was agreed to be for 2 years instead of a 3 year period.

The Committee had noted that the Employment Working Group to carry out the Clerk's appraisal shortly, and Councillors felt that it would be better if the Chair and Vice Chair were not both part of the Working Group, it was unanimously agreed that the Employment Working Group to be Cllrs Andrews, Brunsdon and Leydon, resolution passed.

11. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED:

a) Bedford Waterspace Strategy – Cllr Gurney reported on this meeting, Cllrs Dean, Gurney and Brunsdon had attended and notes from the meeting had been circulated to all Councillors. It was felt that the meeting was very interesting and informative focusing on ways to develop the current water space so that it is used more, whilst being mindful of the current financial climate and how ideas can be implemented with limited funding.

b) Bedford Borough Town and Parish Network meetings – Cllr Slater had attended and reported that items discussed included the forthcoming local elections, the Boundary Commission review of warding arrangements and the special area charges which the Borough are currently reviewing.

12. QUALITY STATUS:-

Councillors noted that the Finance Committee had considered the initial application fee and the Council were aware that progressing with a formal application for quality status would need to be considered and factored into the next budget as mindful that there would be a printing cost for the Annual Parish report.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates

Dance 4 all information

Bedford Waterspace Strategy recent meeting notes

BBC Parish and Town Network meetings correspondence

BBC Rural Sports Coaching Programme for the over 50s

BATPC AGM information and agenda

BBC Standards Committee October meeting information

Land Registry letter inviting Councils to register land at a reduced rate

BATPC Beds Bugle

Bedford Museum whats on information

Dura Sport play surface brochure

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Pride in Bedford newsletter
New Chief Constable for Bedfordshire email
Institute of Groundsmanship conference and awards email
BATPC email regarding local authority newsletters
BBC Licensing Act consultation
BBC letter regarding Tree Wardens
Census email encouraging community engagement throughout the Borough
Arien Signs brochure email
Email from resident regarding Spires Estate litter problems and dog waste bins
Correspondence emails regarding Rural Bulky Skip collection
Resident enquiry requesting Highways Committee minutes
Resident email regarding Water Lane potholes
Salph End Bridge, Wilden Road email
Police correspondence regarding crimes figures and SID
BBC Rural Transport Review
Team Buildings Systems Ltd promotional letter
Sandy and District helping hands charity information
A R Worboys grass cutting prices for next season
BBC Freight Strategy
Resident email regarding Spires Estate
Cllr Leydon praised the driver of the vehicle collecting the Rural Bulky Waste recently, they had been most helpful and courteous, the Council agreed that a letter of thanks to be sent to the Borough praising the drivers efforts.
Cllr Leydon had received a letter from a resident regarding mobile chicanes being pursued by the Parish Council.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Dated