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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 24th November 2010** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr Andrews, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & 5 members of the public.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

2. OPEN FORUM:- Topics raised included information for residents available regarding digital switchover, suggestion of collating a village information pack and an update of petition being collected for the relocation of the school.

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 25th October 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 had been booked for 4th December and posters displayed on all notice boards.

b) Parish Election costs 2011 – Borough have informed that if parish election is uncontested estimated cost to be £250 to £300, however, if contested in the region of £1450 and £1750.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY: - The Clerk had received one expression of interest and statement of information had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Slater proposed that Ian McDougall be co-opted as a Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr. Gurney, unanimously agreed by those present, resolution passed. Mr. McDougall was welcomed and joined the Council, Clerk noting no formal participation in the meeting as formal summons had not been issued. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest forms was completed by Mr. McDougall.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis not present but report received detailing new ward arrangements, ward funding, police promotion campaign of safe driving and winter weather precautions being undertaken by the Council.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATE: - Cllrs Leydon, Dean, Gurney, Stapleton and Slater had attended meeting with neighbouring parishes and it was reported that ways to encourage other villages to participate in working together to promote road safety and how best to share ideas were discussed. It was felt the police Joint Action Group meetings would be a useful tool to raise and promote awareness to parish councils and residents. The Borough's Rural Transport road show had visited the village recently, Cllr Slater reported that he, Cllr. Gurney and three residents had been in

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attendance but the Borough Officers had been very helpful and listened to the concerns raised. Simon Deards response had been circulated to all prior to the meeting and it was noted that the more information that could be gained regarding lorries in the village and a recording system that could be in place would then allow the Borough to pursue and enforce. It was also reported that an additional signage for the Traffic Regulation Order at the B660 end of the Order had been installed recently and the requests for the traffic flow survey and gated entrance were still being pursued.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED: -

10/02324/NMA non material amendment to reserve matters approval 09/01841/MAR changes to house types on plots 166, 167, 170, 171, 174 and 175 and parking court entrance feature at land north of Norse Road - permission granted.

10/02402/FUL single storey rear extension at 28 Hookhams Lane – planning permission granted

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 – permission granted

10/02430/FUL replacement dwelling at 33 Top End – permission refused

10/02089/LBC extension to outbuilding to provide self contained annexe at 65 Church End – planning permission withdrawn.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 10/02593/LBC flat roof extension at 52 Green End – the Council agreed no objection to listed building consent.

b) Bedford Conservation Area Management Plan and a Design Framework for Public Realm Works for Bedford High Street – information regarding this consultation had been circulated to all, it was agreed that Councillors to make individual comments if they wished.

c) Electoral Review of Bedford final recommendations regarding ward boundaries - the final recommendations and agreement of changes had been received and circulated. The Council expressed sadness at being part of a large two member ward and noted that the Parish Council had been re-warded and from May 2011 would be comprised of two members from Cranbourne Gardens, two from the Spires and five members from the remainder of the village.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - The Clerk had submitted response to recently published Covanta application for Rookery South, Stewartby.

10. QUALITY STATUS PROGRESSION:-

It was noted that the Finance Committee will be considering the cost of quality status at there next meeting.

11. EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP:-

Cllr. Andrews read report following meeting of Working Group and Clerk's annual appraisal, it was noted that the Clerk's job description and contract had been reviewed and amendments suggested.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED:-

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates and awards presentation information

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BBC Standards Committee meeting information
Land Registry letter inviting Councils to register land at a reduced rate
Institute of Groundsmanship email
Resident letter from Parish Tree Warden to Borough Officers
Arien Signs brochure email
Email from resident regarding Spires Estate and how the Parish Council spend the precept in the estate
Resident email regarding Water Lane potholes
Email correspondence with Highways Helpdesk following number of highway matters reported
CGM Landscapes grounds maintenance request for quotation letter
BBC letter regarding conservation area management and design framework for public realm works for Bedford High Street
Village Carol Service poster 17th December
BBC Letter regarding estimated election costs for May 2011
CPRE Countryside Voice magazine
Village magazine
Invoice for hire of Renhold Village Hall
Quotations for Festival of Britain signage restoration
Littlethorpe bus shelter brochure information
British Legion letter regarding wreath ordered
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
Planning correspondence with Borough officers regarding recent applications in Renhold
BATPC Bugle and promotional contractor's information
Age Partnership email promoting services
Correspondence regarding highway liaison meeting, SID machine and ways forward
Play and Leisure newsletter electronically
BBC Local Transport Forum invite for 13th December
Sustainable Communities Act email creating awareness
BBC Proposed Temporary Road Closures for High Street and Mill Street
Email inviting nominations for Bedford Annual Sports Awards
Email re Be A Councillor Campaign for East of England
Common tree on line magazine
SLCC Christmas meeting and lunch invite
BBC Rural Affairs notification of meeting cancelled
Website email promoting services
Email regarding flooding on Bridleway 26 reported by Albert
Correspondence regarding TRO signage and traffic survey
School Reorganisation Revocation of Notices
Email regarding digital TV switchover
Project Involve Workshops information

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Dated

