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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 23rd February 2011** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr Andrews, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bernard, Mrs. Brunsdon, Borough Councillor Ellis, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat & four 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 Mr. Leydon.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

2. OPEN FORUM:-

A member of the public enquired regarding the progression of the remedial work at Persimmon.

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 12th January had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

Cllr. Gurney at this point of the meeting noted that during the research undertaken in relation to the village sign it had come to light that the county archive records were missing some of the parish minutes, Clerk to look into.

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

Cllr. Slater reported that comments had been submitted regarding a listed building application request at Harrisons Farm, the plans were identical to the full application so comments identical to those discussed at the previous meeting were submitted. The Officer had notified the Council that alterations had been made to the application, but to date no formal notification had been received regarding this.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis reported on the Borough Council budget for 2011/12, HGVs, school funding and Borough Councillor ward fund. Information was given and discussed regarding the mobile hand held speed gun that Cllr. Ellis had recently purchased and a potential strategy for using the device, on arrival of the device a training date and invite to be circulated to all parishes within the ward.

7. HIGHWAYS UPDATE: - The Clerk reported that response received regarding the gated entrance request noted that currently no highway funds available for the project. However, a request could be submitted in the new financial year and the Parish Council were welcome to make a contribution to the cost, Clerk to liaise and find out the estimated cost of four gated entrances. The forthcoming Capital Works programme was circulated and discussed as highways had requested each parish forward three schemes as their priority, it was agreed that the top three schemes were footway treatment on Brickfield Road, Church End continuation of kerbing to bus shelter, and Wilden Road surface treatment. Other works listed in the parish would be pursued by

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the Council with highways to ensure as many works are carried out to improve the highways in the village. Also discussed in detail was the Borough's Local Transport Plan and the freight strategy document in relation to it which Cllr. Ellis reported on following a specific meeting with a highways officer regarding this matter and highlighting the need and urgency of a freight ban being imposed. Other matters discussed by the Council included traffic data response received from the Borough but awaiting detailed analysis and Clerk had pursued the police for feedback from the Lower School poster competition which Renhold had not been included in, still awaiting response.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: - 11/00083/FUL two storey rear and side extensions at Dairy Farm Cottage, St Neots Road – the Council discussed this and agreed they had no objection to the application.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - Following the approval of the advertising consent relating to the new Norse Road development it was noted that no letter received to date from Planning Officer explaining the reason for the decision, Clerk to enquire.

9. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED: -

Cllr. Slater detailed a report following attendance at the recent Town and Parish Network meeting, noting that matters discussed included special area charges, Town and Parish Conference and 2011 census.

10. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget for current year):

Mr C Norman War memorial maintenance for year £525.00

Dean Box Festival of Britain sign £380.00

It was unanimously agreed by all those present to pay the invoices presented, resolution passed. Cllr. Gurney noted that enquiries were being made regarding the grass cutting quotes, however, it had proved impossible to get contractors to quote for the work, agreed to continue to pursue additional quotes for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr. Stapleton raised that the public seats in the village need consideration as some work may need to be carried out on them, it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

11. BT PHONE BOX AT SALPH END:-

Cllr. McDougall reported that BT had replaced the handset and the telephone has a dialing tone following fault reported to BT, however, the phone does not except cash calls though there is no card slot, Clerk to pursue and to raise that the telephone box is in need of a clean.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

Bedford Area Bus Users' Society letter

BBC Town and Parish Conference 29th March information

Cranbourne Gardens copy of correspondence regarding lamps not working and dead trees needing removing

BBC Bulky Waste service information

BBC Scrutiny and Policy Committee Review – it was agreed to put forward Bedford Links to raise awareness

BBC Project Involve workshop

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Resident from Spires Estate correspondence
BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin
NALC Events Bulletin emails
CPRE Campaign email updates
BBC Standards Committee meeting information
Institute of Groundsmanship email
Village magazine
Age Partnership email promoting services
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information
Whats on at Bedford Museum promotional poster
2011 Census information email
Email from Highways regarding gated entrance request
IPC letter update following Preliminary meeting regarding Covanta application
Clerk's Champions meeting information
Royal British Legion promotional information
BDO Stoy Hayward Audit Briefing Winter 2011
Miles Better event promotional leaflet
Bank account statements
Commontree magazine
Ambassador magazine
BATPC Bugle
Cranfield PC minutes of the joint signatories meeting regarding Covanta
BATPC email regarding EERF Rural White Paper – Action Plan Consultations Workshops
BBC Local Transport Plan policy update
BBC Weekly Planning lists
BBC Temporary Road Closure notice
Environment Agency consultation regarding Covanta environmental permit
BBC Capital Works Programme list of schemes
Introduction to Civil Pride promotional email
BBC Green Borough Fair and Seed Sharing event promotional email
Zurich Council insurance promotional email
BATPC information regarding the government consultation on Public Forest Estate
Bedford Link local involvement network information
Dean Box sign writer invoice
Wicksteed play equipment brochure

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 28th March 2011 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Dated