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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 22nd June 2011** in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chair), Mr. Andrews, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bernard, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Leydon, Borough Councillors Ellis and Moon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and eight members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, no apologies for absence received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:- The Clerk gave update regarding the forms and had been informed by the Borough that Councillors must complete a 'no change' form if applicable, as opposed to a group letter.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: - No public statements received.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 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:-

School governor vacancy – the Clerk feedback that presently the Lower School does not have a community vacancy.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - Cllr. Ellis reported her disappointment regarding the speed device purchased through the Borough Councillor Ward Fund which now it appeared could only be used whilst police are present. Cllr. Ellis has feedback to Borough Officers that this is not how the device was described prior to purchase and is pursuing the matter. Cllr. Ellis gave overview of recent events regarding this and the new information that had come to light recently, including the discussions at the recent Police Joint Action Group meeting and the introduction of a new comprehensive vetting form for volunteers. It was discussed by those present concern regarding the involvement of the Borough Council in this matter and how volunteers were being prevented with a number of barriers being placed in their way which it was felt would discourage people offering to help.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: - The recent meeting with the Lower School and Borough Officer representatives was detailed by Cllrs. Slater and Leydon, a set of action points had been agreed and Clerk to monitor and chase. The School had informed the Clerk that for the recent sports day the Village Hall car park had been used, and the PTA would be approaching them for the summer fete. Also, letters continue to be sent to parents and the Clerk had also asked the school to be copied into school newsletter emails, and noted that travel plan update cannot be done till pupil addresses are known for September intake to amend the travel plan.

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The Clerk reported that continuing to pursue the traffic data survey analysis and gated entrance request. The Council noted the recent correspondence relating to the highways common permit scheme and resurfacing work to be undertaken shortly on A421. A resident had raised concern regarding the condition of the highway surface near 36/38 Green End, Councillors discussed this and were unaware of any immediate problems, though it was agreed that Cllr. Gurney to pursue and Alistair Rundall to also be contacted regarding this. Recently some hedges had been cut back along Water End, the Parish Council confirmed that they had not undertaken the work, and it was felt another body had carried this out.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: - No application decisions determined.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 11/01217/FUL single and two storey extensions at 11 Odin Close – the Council considered this application and raised no objection.

b) 11/01021/FUL first floor side extension at 27 Becher Close – Cllr. Leydon declared an interest in this item and left the room while the Council considered the application, it was felt that the drawings did not clearly show the proposed scope of the extension so a site visit to be carried out.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - The correspondence received regarding the Rookey South application was noted; forthcoming Borough planning workshops were also noted.

9. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

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It was unanimously agreed by all those present to pay the above, resolution passed.

JL took leave at this point of the meeting

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND QUALITY STATUS APPLICATION: -

The annual report it was noted was in the process of being distributed and initial feedback comments were positive. The Council then considered a Statement of Training Intent document and Community Engagement Strategy, these were discussed and some small amendments made to ensure the documents are truly reflective of the Council's workings. It was unanimously agreed by all those present to approve the two documents, resolution passed.

11. POLICE WARDING OF PARISH:-

The Clerk had made enquiries regarding this and to date no clear understanding known by police if warding will change. At this point of the meeting the recent Police Joint Action Group meeting was discussed, Cllrs. Gurney and Slater had attended and reported that 1st October the police will be restructuring. The proposed workings of the restructure were discussed and some concerns were raised regarding potential loss of resources and officers who would have specific local knowledge. The future of these police meeting was also unknown, though it was noted that crime in the areas is generally down and rather than having three priorities for the area, a one priority focus on speeding had been agreed.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates, branch review magazine and membership renewal

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BBC Standards Committee meeting information
Village magazine
Age Partnership email promoting services
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information
Clerk's Champion meeting correspondence and attendance
BATPC update and Beds Bugle
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
Census information email
Lloyds bank statements
BBC and NHS Health and Well being road show information
BATPC Training Programme
Alistair Burt MP and Chief Constable meeting letter
Police e-newsletter
IPC Rookery South latest correspondence
BBC Planning weekly list email
BATPC update regarding planning for traveller sites and external audit information
BBC Planning Workshops 6th July
Project Involve workshop for parish websites invite
BBC invitation to Borough Assembly event on 21st July
Bedford High Sheriff cricket game invitation
Advocacy for Older People request for insert in newsletter
Public Service Efficiency newsletter
Journal of Local Planning update email
CPRE Voice magazine
Sentry letter promoting landscaping services
Renhold Village Magazine newsletter
Commontree magazine
Renhold Churchyard maintenance request for financial support (to be considered by Finance Committee)
Invite from Renhold Church to 'Renhold through the Ages' event
Email regarding Asgard Drive and improvements being made by the Borough to the GreenWheel
Promotion of sports and active events in rural areas for the over 50s from BBC
Permit Consultation regarding highways in the eastern area
A421 Bedford bypass resurfacing surfacing scheme email
Correspondence with Lower School regarding governing body
Police JAG meeting reminder email
Emails regarding hedges within the parish

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -
Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

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

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

Dated