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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chair), , Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bernard, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Leydon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and 4 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, Mr. Andrews and Borough Councillors Ellis and Moon had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:** - No declarations of interest were received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**3. OPEN FORUM:** -  
No public statements were made.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 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:-**  
Cllr. Slater raised that for information only there had been indication that a decision regarding the Covanta energy application at Rookery South in Stewartby is expected to be announced shortly.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** -  
With the absence of Cllr Ellis, the Clerk read a report on her behalf which included information on local highway matters and the recent traveller encampment in the parish.

**7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE:** - It was noted by the Council recent communications received from the Lower School regarding how the school had been in contact with the Management Committee of the Village Hall to ask for permission to use the car park during recent school events. Mrs Ferguson had also given an update regarding the school travel plan and information about responsible parking being contained within the school newsletter. Residents in Church End had not been informed of the recent school events and the circulation of information it was felt could still be improved. The Clerk is chasing the feedback from those in attendance at the recent meeting regarding the parking with the Borough Council and will continue to pursue. Communications and correspondence from resident, Parish Councillors and Borough Council Highway Officers were detailed for information relating to 38 Green End. The Clerk noted that still awaiting traffic data feedback which the Council felt was unacceptable due to the length of the time ago that the data was recorded, so Clerk to reiterate thoughts. The forthcoming works on Ravensden Road had been circulated and public notices would be displayed, Cllr. McDougall added that the drain covers had been removed along Ravensden Road and the incident had been reported to the authorities. The new bus timetable information had been circulated to all and it was pleasing to see an improved service but concerns that it may cause confusion till residents become familiar with the timetable.

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The Council then discussed in detail the recent events regarding the speed device, Cllr. Slater updated those present on the latest information being received and the police procedures usually adopted are the same as the procedures the police wish the Council to follow now, including the completion of a volunteer form. It appears that when the Speed Indicator Device was used within the village there may have been some information omitted by the police at the time in regards to the completion of forms. During the discussion it was felt important that the Clerk to check with the Council insurers regarding the use of the SID machine. Cllr. Leydon still was concerned due to the detailed nature of the volunteer form and the very personal information it requests so Cllr. Slater agreed to look in to this as he continues liaisons with Bedford Borough Council. Cllr. Slater had collated a letter following the previous Council meeting on this matter and the large confusion that has arisen, Cllr. Slater was thanked by the Council for the letter, and he agreed to continue to look into this matter.

**8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:** - 11/01217/FUL single and two storey extensions at 11 Odin Close – planning permission granted

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -**

a) **11/01436/FUL** conversion of barns to form one dwelling at Harrison's Hill Farm, Water Lane – a revised planning application had been received, it was noted that there was no alteration to the footprint, though there had been a reduction in the number of windows. The application was considered and it was agreed to submit comments as previously agreed, that the Council support the removal of the derelict barns and the removal of office use from the original application.

### **b) Planning Workshop feedback**

No Parish Councillors had attended.

**OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:** - The correspondence received regarding the Rookey South application was noted, and in regards to 11/01021/FUL first floor side extension at 27 Becher Close there had been no decision received to date. Cllr. Brunsdon reported that the bridleway extension work near the cemetery has now been completed.

### **9. REPORTS FROM EVENTS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED:-**

a) Town and Parish Council Network meeting – Cllr. Slater and Mr. Herkes had attended the recent meeting where issues discussed included community led planning, local area working and the main topic had been highway matters. The information given by the portfolio holder, Cllr. Royden was very general and not as specific as it was hoped in regards to speeding, the Local Transport Plan relating to public transport and local transport issues, and Heavy Goods Vehicles in the area.

b) Bedford Borough Assembly – Cllrs. Slater, Gurney and Bernard had attended and the networking aspect was very useful and informative, Cllr. Slater had discussed with Simon Deards, Transport Policy Officer, the HGV problem within the village, and it was encouraged that parishes should report movements to the Borough who will follow the matter up. Cllr. Bernard added that there was very interesting information and examples of how to engage with young people and working in partnership in communities.

### **10. FINANCE MATTERS: -**

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

A R Worboys	grass cutting £448.67
BRCC	membership renewal £35.00
Renhold Village Hall	hire of hall invoice £116.16

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Barnicoat Ltd clerking service (June and July) £848.21

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

The Council noted that the external auditors have requested clarification on two points, which the Clerk is responding to and that these items should not affect the outcome of the auditors report.

### **11. QUALITY STATUS APPLICATION UPDATE: -**

All residents had received a copy of the Annual Report by the end of June and the Council discussed the feedback received. The Clerk had circulated to all a copy of the Democracy and Citizenship part of the Quality Status application and additional information to be included regarding planning applications and how the Council considers the applications and supporting information. The Working Group will meet shortly to review the final documentation before submission to the Association and then on to the Accreditation Panel.

### **12. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATION:-**

The Council discussed whether Parish Council representation should be involved in the whole village approach group which is due to be set up, it was agreed that there should be representation. Councillors discussed the potential community events and ways to mark the celebration of the occasion.

### **13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -**

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates, branch review magazine and membership renewal

Bulb planting

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 (included)

Lloyds bank statements

BBC and NHS Health and Well being road show information

IPC Rookery South latest correspondence

BBC Planning weekly list email

BBC Planning Workshops 6<sup>th</sup> July

BBC invitation to Borough Assembly event on 21<sup>st</sup> July

Public Service Efficiency newsletter

BBC Town and Parish Network meeting information

Letter from Inspector Rowlands regarding police restructuring

BBC Licensing Weekly List

BBC speed device correspondence and liaison – to be noted at meeting

Willington Quarry meeting invite

Roxton and Barford police newsletter

38 Green End correspondence regarding highways concern

BBC information regarding carriageway works to Ravensden Road

BBC liaison regarding traffic survey data report

Feedback and information following Renhold Lower School meeting

Traffic calming in parishes promotional email regarding speed indicator devices

BBC Temporary Road Closure of High Street and Renhold Road in Wilden

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Came and Company insurance correspondence  
Beds and MK Waterway Trust newsletter and promotional information  
Journal of Local Planning update email  
BBC summer drink drive campaign  
BBC guide to 'Schools Out' holiday schemes  
Letter from Renhold Village Hall Management Committee regarding Parish Council representation  
Beds Drainage Board watercourse maintenance programme letter  
Renhold Village Hall hire invoice  
Cllr. Brunsdon noted a letter that all Cranborne Garden residents had received regarding a recent footpath survey of the estate and that all residents asked to ensure their hedges are clear of the highway.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed .....

Dated .....