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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Andrews (Chair), Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and four members of the public.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED:** - Cllr. Andrews welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, Mr. Slater, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Leydon, and Borough Councillors Ellis 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:** -

Mr. Carpenter raised that the crab apple trees in Beecher Close need to be looked at by the Borough, Clerk to report.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 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:-**

The Clerk reported that some outstanding Register of Interest Forms to be dealt with, these were completed.

A reminder that forthcoming bulb planting date confirmed for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon, as well as the Rural Bulky Waste Skip service will be in the village shortly and the Mayors village tour is taking place in Renhol on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1-1.30pm at Green End/Woodfield Lane junction

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** -

No report received.

**7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE:** -

a) Information received relating to the previously proposed Heavy Goods Vehicle area wide ban in the north east of Bedford Borough – information had been received and circulated to all that the Borough had agreed not to apply a weight limit regarding HGVs. The Borough Council had offered to send representatives to talk to the Parish Council about this and the Council discussed the best approach for this. It was agreed that the Clerk to arrange a meeting with a relevant Officer prior to the next Parish Council meeting, and that the same Officer be in attendance at the next Parish Council meeting so that a structured and agreed approach could be taken.

b) Hand held speed device training and progress update – the Clerk had looked into the insurance aspect and it is covered as volunteers are under the direction of the Parish Council and a frequently asked questions sheet from the Police had been circulated to all. It was agreed that the best approach to be to use the SID machine in the near future and that Cllr. Slater to be asked to write to

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Police about this scenario as the Council is aware that the individual dealing with the coordinating of training for the new device is off on long term sick leave.

c) Renhold Lower School and Church End parking update – the Clerk reported that there had been no feedback from the Borough or Councillor Moon regarding the action points from the last meeting held. A resident had raised that the parking does continue to be hazardous and the problems are ongoing.

d) Traffic management survey report relating to Traffic Regulation Order – the data information had been received just prior to the meeting, it was felt that to be future agenda item to allow the Council to review the data fully.

e) Other highway updates – these included the recent bus changes, which Cllr. McDougall reported that Grant Palmer are very punctual, however, the lack of wheelchair access is of concern. Correspondence had been received from Highways Officer about 43 Green End, it had been inspected and no concerns were found, and it was reported that Ravensden Road recent surface works had not been levelled.

**8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:** - 11/01021/FUL first floor side extension at 27 Becher Close – planning permission refused, 11/01436/FUL conversion of barns to form one dwelling at Harrison's Hill Farm, Water Lane – planning permission granted

**OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:** - There had been correspondence received regarding consultation on national planning policies, Cllr. Slater had looked through the documentation and brief report contained within the correspondence folder for information. Correspondence received from Bedford Borough Planning Officers regarding Hill Farm was noted. Cllr. Stapleton reported that a resident in Ravensden Road had raised concern regarding a forthcoming planning application for a garage and they would be objection to it, when the Clerk receives the application to forward through the usual process.

### **9. RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS IN THE PARISH:-**

There had been concern raised regarding the lack of bollard or any object blocking vehicular access along the footpath work that are taking place near Cranborne Gardens at the Thor Drive end, a resident had highlighted that travelers could access the path. The Clerk had reported to the Greenspaces Manager at the Borough and would continue to chase.

A copy of the most up to date definitive map had been received from the Rights Of Way Department it was noted.

Cllr. Stapleton reported that a resident had agreed to empty a dog waste bin if there were to be one installed on the Sports Field, the Council discussed this and possible funds available, Clerk to look into regarding the Borough Councillor Ward Fund.

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

a) Willington Quarry tour – Cllr. Gurney gave detailed and informative report on recent visit to the quarry, highlighting the work that is ongoing and the restoration work that is also undertaken. It was noted that Councillors had been invited to the forthcoming.

### **11. FINANCE MATTERS: -**

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

A R Worboys	grass cutting £448.67
NALC	quality status application £60.00
Barnicoat Ltd	clerking service (August) £432.89

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

The Council noted that to date no feedback from the external auditors, and that the Finance Committee will be meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September to discuss grants for parish organisations.

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

The Clerk had submitted the application and supporting evidence, BATPC had commented on how good it was to see how committed the Parish Council are to public involvement.

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

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates

BBC Standards Committee meeting information

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Rural Affairs meeting information

Clerk's Champion meeting correspondence

Lloyds bank statements

IPC Rookery South latest correspondence

BBC Planning weekly list email

BBC Planning Workshops 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September regarding Allocations and Designations Plan

BBC Town and Parish Network meeting information

BBC speed device correspondence and liaison

Police information regarding riot intelligence

Journal of Local Planning update and localism email updates

Bedford Waterspace Launch invite to Councillors

Asgard Drive footway extension to Greenwheel Project correspondence and resident concern raised with Cllr Slater

BBC Temporary emergency Road Closure of Church End for road repairs, cancelled and works done with signals rather than full closure

Beds Police authority online survey

BATPC National Planning Consultations

BBC bulb planting date confirmed

BBC Rural Bulky Waste Skip service in village

Came and Company policy information update

Planning Inspectorate's guidance to Planning Inspectors

BBC meet social care providers on 8<sup>th</sup> September

Proposed Area HGV ban in North East Beds correspondence

BATPC information on retirement payments

Correspondence regarding dog fouling issues on Footpath 12

Resident and BBC correspondence regarding HGVs in Hookham Lane reported to the Police and Borough

Willington Quarry Liaison meeting, quarry reports and maps received

Changes to rural bus service information from BBC

BBC review of Polling Districts and Places

Report from Village Magazine

Commontree magazine, paper and electronic copy

BBC Re-Activ8 posters and leaflet information

BATPC correspondence regarding the quality status application

BBC Definitive Map for Renhold

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SMP Playground promotional brochure  
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine  
BBC letter regarding application and decision relating to Hill Farm, Water Lane (initial application in May)  
BBC Mayor's 'pints in the parishes' letter  
CPRE Countryside Voice magazine  
Luton and Dunstable NHS Hospital Trust Annual Report  
BBC Adult Learning posters  
BBC Dance 4 All posters  
CPRE Fieldwork magazine  
BDO Stoy Hayward external audit correspondence  
BBC Bribery Act information and Register of Interest forms  
BBC letter and correspondence regarding planning application at 27 Becher Close  
Letter and email correspondence from Grant Palmer regarding changes to rural services  
A R Worboys invoice  
Royal Horticultural Society promotional letter  
BBC Code of Conduct  
Mayors village tour information

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.  
Cllr. McDougall noted that BT had reported that the Salph End telephone box is earmarked for removal but they did not specify a timescale.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed .....

Dated .....