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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 23rd November 2011** at 8.00pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: - Cllr. Gurney declared an interest in any discussions regarding the planning application in Woodfield Lane, there were no further declarations of interest were received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

Items raised included: information relating to Good Neighbours, increased litter at the A421 roundabout, suggestion of litter bin in lay by on A4280 and information contained within the Annual Council report.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th 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:-

The Clerk reported that the recent bulb planting event had been very successful.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -

Cllr. Ellis report detailed information regarding the Olympic torch coming to Bedford, extra school's funding, gypsy and traveler sites, Christmas parking, Borough Ward Fund and recent illegal rave and lack of cross organisational working.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Hand held speed device training and progress update – the Clerk had continued to pursue with the officer in charge of this who had promised an update that week and Cllr. Ellis added that this continued problem has been escalated with the Mayor who will bring the matter up with the Chief Constable. The Council discussed this and were still concerned over the lack of accountability and that no one is driving this forward.

b) Renhold Lower School and Church End parking update – the Clerk had been contacted by the Headteacher prior to the road closure outlining processes the school had put in place to try and minimise disruption, these included staggering the school day and requesting to the Village Hall Management Committee use of the car park. Cllrs. McDougall and Stapleton detailed and explained the Committee's decision not to allow the use of the car park for this due to concerns regarding the barrier remaining open. The Council discussed the parking issue and felt that it is

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important to still pursue every avenue, so Clerk to make further enquires to the Borough. It was also noted that the water main repair at this location is still ongoing.

c) Heavy Goods Vehicle movements – a resident had been actively reporting vehicle movements on Hookhams Lane and Simon Deards was looking into and communicating with each haulage company, it was felt that placing information in the newsletter may encourage other residents to report such vehicle movements.

d) Other highway matters – the Clerk updated that the Borough had indicated that 20mph zones would be placed outside every school across the whole Borough shortly, and in regards to the extension of the 30mph zone towards the A421 roundabout, there is data collection taking place presently, however, the Borough have indicated that they feel it is unlikely that the data will show a need for this extension. It was noted that there continues to be a problem on Pinchcut Hill with the flowing of water on the road which if freezes will become a particular hazard, to be reported..

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

There had been a large number of applications that had been received between meetings and the comments submitted detailed:

a) **11/02131/FUL** and **11/02132/LBC** Harrisons Hill Farm, Water Lane, conversion of existing barns to form 1 residential dwelling. Renhold Parish Council fully supports efforts to regenerate this part of Water Lane, and therefore supports the latest proposal. The Council appreciates the work that supports the application, although is concerned that the Planning, Design and Access Statement dated 28th September 2011 continues to refer to the now deleted office development, refers to a six bedroom dwelling when the scheme is now for 3 bedrooms plus the self-contained annex, refers to a new stable block even though this is now proposed as a self-contained residential unit, and makes no reference at all to the proposed swimming pool. The swimming pool clearly is a part of the dwelling, as its access is from the reception area, but the proposed self-contained residential unit has no access from within the proposed dwelling, and sits to the east side of the paddock / garden with no vehicular access shown.

11/02206/FUL 30 Thor Drive, two storey rear extension and front porch extension. Renhold Parish Council supports the proposed extension, which does not appear to affect other properties in Thor Drive.

11/02183/FUL 2 West Close, Woodfield Lane, single storey front extension. Renhold Parish Council supports this small porch extension, which will not affect any other properties in West Close.

11/02147/S73WM Willington Quarry, Dairy Farm, Renhold, variation of Condition 6 of Planning Permission 41/2006 to amend the phasing of operations. Renhold Parish Council was not able to compare the proposed phasing with the approved phasing, but does not object to the phasing now proposed as a variation to Condition 6, some of which was explained to Councillors at a recent visit to the quarry.

11/02291/FUL 12 Baldur Close, single storey rear extension. Renhold Parish Council objects to this proposal, which it considers to be too large, taking almost a 1/3rd of the garden and potentially being visually intrusive when seen from number 14.

11/02297/FUL 4 Odin Close, repositioning of garden boundary wall. Renhold Parish Council objects to the repositioning of the garden wall, which would reduce the openness of this part of Odin Close; such open areas are an integral element of the original layout and should be retained.

11/02330/FUL : 7 Woodfield Lane, erection of 3 detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow. Renhold Parish Council objects to this proposal, whilst most of the land in question lies within the adopted SPA, both the Parish Council and the Borough Council have approved changes to the SPA boundary, as shown in the Allocations and Designations Plan for Submission Maps [September 2011], which would take the area occupied by plot 3 out of the SPA,

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in order to retain the openness of this area and the view to open countryside from Green End. The Parish Council considers 3 dwellings to be over-development, especially given the size of the dwelling on Plot 1 and its proximity to 5 Woodfield Lane. Adjoining properties to the north are bungalows, and the existing dwelling is also a bungalow, and 2 storey dwellings are therefore considered to be inappropriate. Subject to detail, the Parish Council might support replacement of the existing bungalow with a single bungalow, but not the present proposal.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - A resident enquiry had been received regarding a recent application in Ravensden Road, all Councillors present confirmed that they had not communicated with the applicant or any other residents regarding this. It was noted that notification had been received that the recently refused planning application in Becher Close has gone to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr. Slater reported that he would be attending a CPRE training event shortly on the Planning System.

10. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: - The Council discussed the different approaches and ideas regarding this, and Cllr. Slater read letter received from the Vicar. The availability of the Village Hall was discussed and the different village groups who should be invited to a Working Group meeting, Cllrs. Slater and Brunsdon agreed to represent the Parish Council, and other invitees to be Lower School, Chapel, Women's Institute, Village Hall and Village Magazine.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS

a) Becher Close - The overgrown crab apple trees in Beecher Close had been reported to the Borough and the feedback is that it is not their responsibility, the resident is clear that the land does not belong to the property, the Council discussed the best way forward and in the first instance Cllr. Leydon agreed to have an informal discussion with the resident.

b) Dog Bin – Cllr. Ellis had agreed to purchase a dog bin for the village through her Ward Fund, it was discussed and agreed that the best location would be at the Hookhams Lane/Ravensden Road junction, Clerk to organise. It was noted that another new grit bin had been installed recently in Cranbourne Gardens.

c) Anti social behavior – the Clerk detailed recent correspondence from a resident who is experiencing anti-social behaviour incidents in Langlands Road, the Council were made aware of these and the action the Police and Borough have taken detailed, it was agreed that Clerk to respond and information to be displayed within the next magazine article.

12. REPORTS FROM EVENTS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED:-

a) BATPC Annual General Meeting – Cllrs. Gurney and Slater had attended and Cllr. Slater had been presented with the Council's Quality Status certificate, it was discussed where best to display the certificate and Clerk to write to Village Hall Management Committee asking if it could be displayed.

13. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

A R Worboys	grass cutting £111.24 and £448.67
Barnicoat Ltd	clerking service (October) £424.17
Royal British Legion	remembrance donation £25.00
Peter Tarbox	bus shelter cleaning £100.00
Colin Norman	bus shelter cleaning £100.00
Colin Norman	War Memorial maintenance £525.00

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

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Cllr. Stapleton expressed thanks on behalf of Sports Club for receipt of recent grant donation made by the Parish Council.

14. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin
NALC Events Bulletin emails
CPRE Campaign email updates and Countryside Voice magazine
BBC Standards Committee meeting information
Age Partnership email promoting services
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information
Clerk's Champion meeting correspondence
Lloyds bank statements
BBC Planning weekly list email
BBC Town and Parish Network meeting information
Journal of Local Planning update and localism email updates
BBC Borough News in Brief poster
Village Magazine edition
BRCC Guide to services
BRCC Network magazine
BBC letter regarding Bedford High Street Townscape Heritage Initiative
BBC letter regarding request of parish precept, deadline 30th January 2012
The Playing Field Association Newsletter
BATPC Beds Bugle
A R Worboys grass cutting invoice
British Legion remembrance wreath letter
BBC planning refusal notice regarding 87 Ravensden Road
BBC Admissions to Lower School poster
Natwest promotional letter
Lloyds TSB changes to the way payments are made
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
BBC Borough News in Brief newsletter
BBC Be Seen and Stay Alive poster
BATPC receipt of Quality Status certificate
Cecil Higgins Art Gallery Whats On publication
IPC letter regarding decision relating to Covanta Ltd application at Rookery South
BBC letter regarding Gypsy and Traveller Sites Plan
All Saints Church letter of thanks regarding the grant awarded from the Council
BBC letter regarding appeal in relation to refused planning application at 27 Becher Close
Resident correspondence regarding Becher Close trees
Resident correspondence regarding Ravensden Road application
The Common Permit Scheme amendments for highways
Village Magazine grant application
Beds Police e-bulletin newsletter
BBC Press release regarding improvements to the bus service
Email regarding a traveller site in Stevington
Resident email with concerns regarding recent planning application at 7 Woodfield Lane
Beds and MK Waterway event promotional email
Resident reporting breaches of Hookhams Lane weight restriction
Resident and police correspondence regarding anti social behaviour at Langlands Road
BBC email regarding proposed changes to feed in tariffs legislation

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BBC invite for Chair to Christmas Carol service
Warners promotional grounds maintenance letter
CGM promotional grounds maintenance letter
Peter Tarbox invoice for bus shelter maintenance
A R Worboys invoice for grass cutting

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed

Dated