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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 21st February 2012** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chair), Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsten, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Borough Councillor Moon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and four 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, Borough Councillor Ellis, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Leydon and Mr. McDougall 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: -

A resident raised awareness of fraud at local Tesco cash machine.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 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 gave an update and progress on the anti social behaviour at Langlands Road and the timings of the Rural Bulky Skip service were detailed.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -

Cllr. Moon's reported on some outstanding ward fund monies, Cllr. Stapleton raised that at the recent Village Hall Management Committee meeting it had been noticed that a large number of people are using the area near the Village Hall as a dog walking route and it had been suggested a dog waste bin would be a good idea. The Council discussed this and unanimously agreed that the Clerk to submit application through the ward fund for a dog bin to be located near the Village Hall pathway.

Cllr. Moon also gave an update on the Ward speed camera and to date four volunteers have come forward, as well as updating about the Meadow Lane traveller site. Cllr. Gurney raised that a resident had raised concern relating to the Palmer Autodrome in Thurleigh having aircraft landing, there was no application in or any change of use for this facility known by those present.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Heavy Goods Vehicle movements – Cllr. Slater reported on the recent meeting himself and Mr Herkes had attended with Inspector Jane Aspin and Simon Deards (Borough Council Officer) about enforcement of the 7.5tonnes weight restriction in Hookhams Lane and the Traffic Regulation Order. The outcomes included: replacing the 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs at the Water End junction with a recently approved sign with the same words but including a picture of a lorry with a red diagonal through it. In respect of Hookhams Lane stepping up enforcement by Police stopping

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HGVs and asking them where they are going, where a fixed penalty ticket can be issued, which has to be reported to the Traffic Commissioner and therefore puts the operator's license at risk

In regards to the TRO the camera van can be deployed at peak periods, making drivers think about their speed, and the Police, working with the Borough, can stop vehicles and ask where they are going, issuing a fixed penalty if they are infringing the TRO.

It was also noted that the Salph End bridge works commence shortly and full closure commences from 2nd April for a number of weeks, this would naturally impact the traffic flows through the village and result in it being inappropriate to carry out monitoring checks during this time.

b) Church End parking issues – the Borough are progressing the installation of the footpath extension from the Norse Road estates up to Church End, the Rights of Way department are involved in the initial design of this and are mindful of the path needing to be practical for both user and landowner.

A resident reported that the 'H' bars are in need of being reinstated along Church End following the recent works.

c) Hand held speed device – it is expected that training will be available shortly and a number of Parish Councillors have already completed the associated paperwork for involvement in the scheme.

d) Other highway matters – the Clerk had fed back the Capital Works Programme priorities, still pursuing the village gates, and it was noted that there would no extension to the 30mph zone out to the bypass roundabout as the scheme had not been deemed suitable. Also the Borough had announced that they would be placing 20mph zones outside all schools within the Borough shortly.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

11/02650/FUL erection of detached timber garage in rear garden at South Cottage, 47 Green End – planning permission granted

a) 12/00140/M73 proposed variation of conditions 14, 15, 16 of reserved matters approval 06/01841/MAR to allow the occupation of 88 dwelling units prior to 31st January 2013 at land north of Norse Road - the Council note the request for changes to the timescale and variation of conditions, however, they feel that the toucan needs to be proved immediately due to the dangerous crossing that pedestrians are having to undertake, and the Council have safety concerns for this.

b) 12/00090/LDE use of garage for physiotherapy practice at 77A Ravensden Road - the Council are concerned in the way this application has been made, as if an application had originally been made for a building for business use in the front garden that this would have been objected to, however, the way this has been done secures permission.

c) 12/00217/EIASCP scoping request for the importation of inert material and revised restoration scheme at Willington Quarry – the Council raise no objection to this application.

d) 12/00232/LDE erection of bungalow and garage at 63 Wilden Road - the Council raise no objection to this application.

e) Report from CPRE planning event – Cllr. Slater reported on the event and gave an overview of the presentations and discussions, concluding that it had been a very worthwhile and informative event. The supporting information from the planning event was available in the correspondence file for circulation amongst Councillors.

9. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: -

Cllr. Slater gave an update on the meetings that had been held since the last Parish Council on this matter, a number of events have been planned throughout the weekend to mark the celebrations. Cllr. Gurney agreed to look into obtaining quotes for a bench that the Council would purchase and install in the village to commemorate the Jubilee.

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10. PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS:-

The Council were informed about a number of current consultations including: Bedford Borough Council Vision for Education, Bedford Borough Council Health and Well being, London Luton Airport document, Beds and Luton Fire and Rescue Service Budget, and Bedford Borough Rights Of Way Improvement Plan.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service (January) £412.70
CPRE membership renewal £29.00

It was unanimously agreed by all those present to pay the above invoices presented, resolution passed. It was noted that the Clerk had submitted the precept request to the Borough Council.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Flooding letter
BATPC Training Programme
ICO guidance note on emails held in private email accounts
Bedford Borough Litter pick event
Renhold rights of way seasonal vegetation and Rights Of Way letter
Copy of Beds Bugle
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
Email correspondence regarding a proposed traveller site in Stevington
Resident and police correspondence regarding anti social behaviour at Langlands Road
BBC 2012/13 Highways Programme response submitted
Anglian Water local promotion regarding water meters
Highways correspondence regarding Salph End bridge
Correspondence with Simon Deards regarding the HGV movements in the village and way forward
BRCC e-bulletin
CPRE update emails
Arien Sign promotional email
Major Roadwork's bulletin list
BBC Health and wellbeing strategy consultation
London Luton Airport consultation
Vision for Education consultation
Green Borough Fair promotional information
Guidance on information held in private email accounts
BBC Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation document
CPRE planning guide information
BBC Temporary Road Closure information for the Jubilee celebrations
Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust information

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Beds Fire and Rescue budget consultation
Borough News in Brief poster
Communications regarding work to be done to the trees in the churchyard
Jubilee celebrations update of progress between meetings
Commontree email
Borough Council broadband consultation
Letter from Village Magazine thanking the Council for their grant
Renhold Village magazine
CPRE membership renewal letter
Resident report of litter bin outside Lower School missing insert and not being emptied

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 26th March 2012 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Dated