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Minutes of **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012** at 7.00pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors Mr. Slater (Chairman), Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Andrews, Mr. McDougall and six members of the public.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:-** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. Leydon and Mrs. Dean, Borough Councillors Ellis and Moon and the Clerk, Mrs. Barnicoat to arrive late.

**2. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ON PARISH COUNCIL'S WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR:** - Cllr. Slater reported on the Council's continued work in regards to highways activities such as the enforcement of the Traffic Regulation Order and other initiatives to reduce the speed and miss-use of the roads within the village. The Council has continued to be involved with the new housing estate being built along Norse Road, as well as many other planning applications in the village have been received. Cllr. Slater thanked all Councillors for their hard work, and also Mr. Keith Herkes who continues to be committed to looking at the highway matters in depth supporting the Council.

**3. ANNUAL REPORTS:-**

**a) Report from Renhold Charity Cottages** – Mr. Stapleton reported on the charity's work giving a background history, there had also been a copy of the annual report and accounts circulated to all prior to the meeting. A new Clerk, Julie Eros has taken over from John Bassill, all four properties are occupied and the maintenance work continues.

**b) Report from Renhold School Governing Body** – no report received.

**c) Report from Renhold Village Hall** – the village hall now entering its eleventh year and the Management Committee continues to receive positive feedback from hirers both resident and non-resident, with the facility being well used.

**d) Report from Renhold Sports Club** – Mr. Stapleton reported that the Sports Club continues to thrive with active teams including three football teams, however, there is no cricket team running. Locals continue to maintain the field though the gang mower is in need of replacing with the Club trying to secure funding. After 45 years Mr. Stapleton will be retiring as the Club Secretary and Mr. McDougall will be undertaking the role. The Council was thanked for their grant towards the insurance costs.

*At this point of the meeting the Clerk arrived.*

**e) Report from Village Magazine** – Anne Grant reported on the magazine continuing to be circulated through the village including to the new estates, there has been an increase in print costs which will need to be addressed in the future it was noted.

**f) Report from the Churchyard maintenance** – Kathleen Gilbert reported on the work done to the churchyard including the recent necessary tree work as well as the usual maintenance and continuing financial needs.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**4. OPEN FORUM:-**

Topic raised was John Carpenter, Tree Warden, reported on the trees in Becher Close and Hookhams Lane which had been dealt with over the year.

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**5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT:** - The Councillors had provided reports during the year.

**6. CLOSE OF MEETING:-** Meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED:** - Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending; apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors Moon and Ellis, Parish Councillors Dean and Leydon.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-**  
No declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**3. OPEN FORUM: -**

Topic raised was upset regarding lack of report from the school and it was felt appropriate to send a letter to the school.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> 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:-**

The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to relevant groups regarding Councillor membership following appointments made at the last meeting. Cllr. Gurney reported that had looked into the seating within the churchyard and there is a suggestion that the seat be repositioned by the bell tower so the seat for the Jubilee can be positioned at the front.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** - Cllr. Ellis and Moon had sent report in their absence, which included: Black Cat roundabout, speed camera update, ward funding, gypsy and traveller sites consultation, river festival and play summer schemes.

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

a) Report on the survey/enforcement work carried out in the village on 24th April – Cllr. Slater reported on the recent activity and that during the enforcement day 24 vehicles had ignored the weight limit on Hookhams Lane all these have been contacted. The TRO data showed that 350 vehicles were in breach during the ‘am period’ and 425 in the ‘pm period’ so a total of 775 times the laws was broken and in time these will all be written to. There are further enforcement days planned and the speeding issues continues to be tackled with checks at Ravensden Road and Green

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End recently. The Parish Council thanked Keith Herkes again for his continued work on this matter.

b) Community Speed Watch update – Cllr. Slater reported that he had written to ask for the use of a SID machine for the village to be stored at the Village Hall and the response had been negative. The training is still needed for all volunteers who wish to use the device and it can not be filtered through from those that have already received the training it was noted.

c) Overgrown vegetation on village footpaths – this item continues to be a problem throughout the village, different approaches were discussed and it was agreed that a specific article to be placed within the next newsletter.

d) Other highways matters – Cllr. Slater noted that had reported pothole outside the Church again which had been referred back for inspection.

### 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

12/00530/FUL 7 Woodfield Lane, erection of 2 detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow – planning permission had been granted.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 12/00849/FUL single storey rear extensions at 13 Home Close – after discussion it was agreed that no objection to this application.

b) 12/01040/LBC single storey rear extension and internal alterations at 16 Green End – after discussion it was agreed that no objection to this application.

### 9. VILLAGE MATTERS:-

The following village matters were noted: the anti social behaviour on Langlands Road and corresponding communications as there had been no more recently reported events the Borough Officers now consider this matter to be closed. The Queen's Jubilee celebrations were very successful, the Barn Dance had made a profit of £112 which had been offered to the Village Hall. The suggestion of formation of a village mailing list was discussed and it was agreed that letter to go round with the Annual Report to allow this information be collected. There had been a request for additional dog waste bins within the village outside the Church and old school, it was felt that the Borough ward funding to be looked at in the first instance. There needs to be an insert for the bin outside the Lower School, the Parish Council agreed in principle the need for this and the appropriate positing and capacity to be looked into.

### 10. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd	Clerk and RFO service May	£435.36
A R Worboys	Grass cutting	£671.15

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

A request for some funding from the Bobby Van Scheme had been received, this was discussed and it was agreed that in need of breakdown data for Renhold before a decision could be taken.

### 11. CODE OF CONDUCT:-

All the supporting information had been provided to Councillors prior to the meeting regarding the changes needed to the code as a result of the recent Localism Act, it was unanimously agreed to approve the local authority document in principle which is based on the NALC model.

### 12. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL:-

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A full draft had been circulated to all prior to the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that quotes for printing to be obtained to ensure best value and that report to be circulated to every household within the village with a colour front page.

### 13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin (Renhold not included)  
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  
Resident and police correspondence regarding anti social behaviour at Langlands Road  
Correspondence with Simon Deards regarding the HGV movements in the village and way forward  
BRCC e-bulletin  
Arien Sign promotional email  
Major Roadwork's bulletin list  
Age Partnership email promoting services  
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information  
Commontree email magazine  
Village newsletter copy  
Online playgrounds promotional information  
BBC Assembly Conference information  
Albert correspondence regarding hazard on footpath  
BBC letter regarding consultation documents and saving money on printing  
Village magazine enquiry regarding the occupied numbers in The Spires  
BBC Planning presentation information  
Resident concern regarding roadside advertisement  
A421 Black Cat roundabout information  
BATPC Beds Bugle  
BATPC Code of Conduct information  
BBC Uprising Programme email information  
BBC Submission of Allocations and Designation Plan with minor changes  
BBC Modifications to the Waste Core Strategy public consultation  
DLP planning consultants information letter regarding Central Beds Development Strategy  
Bobby Van Scheme request for donation  
Consultation regarding the external auditors and change in pricing  
Clerk Council Direct magazine  
A R Worboys invoice  
Village Hall Management Committee report  
Churchyard maintenance report  
VHMC letter regarding change of Secretary  
BBC planning decision feedback  
Cllr. Gurney also reported on recent Street Champions meeting he had attended.

### 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

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**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed .....

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