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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bernard, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and three 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; apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Mr. Leydon and Mr. Gurney, Borough Councillors Moon and Ellis.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-**

There was a declaration received from Cllr. Andrews in relation to a planning application, no further declarations of interest were received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**3. OPEN FORUM: -**

No items were raised.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<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:-**

Register of Interest forms – the Clerk had submitted the returned forms within the designated date to the Monitoring Officer at Borough Hall.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** - Report received in Councillors absence was read out by Cllr. Slater, items detailed included update relating to Black Cat roundabout, bus station refurbishment, Bedford Free School, customer service centre changes, greenspace strategy consultation document and ‘uprising’ a part time leadership programme which CB noted is very good, sharing examples of successful experiences for those involved.

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

a) Update regarding Community Speedwatch and other Highways enforcement within the village – Cllr. Leydon had been corresponding with Officers at Borough Hall and Police Officers regarding this, it has been confirmed that the SID machine is available to those trained, and that the police volunteers will be sending out letters to those motorist caught during the enforcement day, this information had been received from Gordon Pearsall. It was suggested that it may be helpful to set a date inviting the Police back to the village for further enforcement work and to deliver training to interested residents. It was also noted that with the Salph End bridge works there has been a noticeable increasing HGV movements along Hookhams Lane and the speed camera has been active in the village recently.

b) Salph End bridge closure update – recent events between meetings were detailed and it was pleasing to see the bridge has re-opened, and it would be interesting to see the traffic light impact on the school traffic.

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c) Other highways matters – it was raised that some highways work had been completed by Persimmon on Asgard Drive in preparation for highway adoption, however, work had stopped and to date no work had commenced on Thor Drive, so Clerk to look into. It was noted that a request had been sent to repaint the highway linage by the traffic lights and a resident had raised concern regarding increasing number of speeding vehicles traveling in the middle of the road.

## 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED:-

12/01163/FUL and LBC single storey rear extension and internal alterations at 16 Green End – planning permission granted

12/01254/FUL single storey rear extension and garage conversion at 20 Tolkien Close – planning permission granted

12/00542/FUL two storey side/front and single storey rear extensions at 32A Church End – planning permission granted

12/01311/FUL single and two storey front, side and rear extensions at Dairy Farm Cottage - planning permission granted

12/00993/TPO 6 Ash remove overhanging branch at 10 Becher Close – permission refused

### PLANNING APPLCATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 12/01396/TPO 2 Ash crown reduction by 20%, fell 1 conifer – reduce in height by 2m 1 Poplar reduce in height by 3m at Salph End Farm - the Council had no objection, however, the poor standard of supporting information provided by the applicant with such little detail and no photographs makes it very difficult to come to an informed decision.

b) 12/01074/LBC two storey side extension attached to flat roofed wing with alterations at 2 Brook Lane - on balance felt no objection.

c) 12/01633/FUL garage conversion single storey front extension and two storey rear extension at 90 Thor Drive – Cllr. Andrews declared an interest in this item and took no part in discussion on this application, the Council agreed that no objection to this application.

d) Member of the public freedom of information request – it was noted that a request had been received and dealt with between meetings regarding planning comments submitted by the Council.

e) Other items – it was noted that the BBC Modifications to the Waste Core Strategy document had been submitted to the Secretary of State and that there is BBC Planning Enforcement training 20<sup>th</sup> September which Cllrs. Dean and Slater will be attending. The BBC had notified the Council that there had been Planning Scheme of Delegation changes, this information within the correspondence folder.

## 9. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service August £448.32

A R Worboys grass cutting £111.24

It was unanimously agreed by those present to approve the above expenditure, resolution passed.

It was noted that quotes received for the printing of the Annual Report and accompanying email circulation letter ranged from £250-£400, the Borough Council reprographics department had been successful it was noted.

There had been no feedback to date regarding the external audit.

## 10. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

The following village matters were noted:

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There had been further incidents at Langland Road of anti social behaviour that had been reported, some bollards are due to be installed at the entrance area to hopefully restrict access for larger vehicles. Cllr. Barnard gave some background information to this matter and it was agreed that Clerk to make further reference within next newsletter article as well.

There had been contact from the Borough Council regarding the Three Horseshoes recycling facility and concern that if pub closes then items will need to be resited, it was felt appropriate to contact Polhill Arms in first instance as alternative site.

It was noted that there were some maintenance concerns at the drinking fountain, so it was agreed to ask Cllr. Gurney look at this as part of the other maintenance/installation work that is needed within the village.

There had been an application to divert Footpath No 23 received from the Borough Council, the Parish Council felt it should be fully supported, so Clerk to respond.

It was reported that dog mess continues to be a problem around the village and that once the Borough release more specific enforcement guidance that this will need to be looked into.

### 11. 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

Major Roadwork's bulletin list

Age Partnership email promoting services

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

BBC Allocations and Designation Plan reminder of forthcoming public hearing

BBC Modifications to the Waste Core Strategy document submission to Secretary of State

BBC Planning Enforcement training 20<sup>th</sup> September

BATPC email regarding changes to payment by cheques following new legislation

Parish and Town Council Network meeting July minutes

Greenspace Strategy consultation document

Mayor of Bedford Village Tour email

Pride in Bedford newsletter and events diary

Community Rangers report

BBC Current Consultations

BBC Heritage Open Days posters

CPRE Beds Countryside Presentation invite

Member of the public freedom of information request

Resident report of anti social behaviour on Langlands Road

BBC Planning Scheme of Delegation changes

Alistair Burt MP meeting invite – a number of Councillors expressed wish to attend event

Cllr McDougall's updated register of interest form

BBC White Peris promotional leaflet

BBC application to divert part of footpath No 23

It was noted by Cllr. Stapleton that the Sports Club had received a grant of £1,000 from the Borough Councillor Ward Fund towards a new second hand mower.

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**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

Cllr. Brunsdon reported that a resident had contacted her regarding concern over hedge at Water End being cut back and damaging solar lights within the garden, it was agreed that Clerk to follow this up.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....