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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 8th October 2012** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Leydon and Mr. Gurney the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and one member 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 Mrs. Brunsdon, Borough Councillors Moon and Ellis.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

Items raised included update regarding Church End residents meeting discussing the parking issues and looking at trying a number of different approaches.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 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 – Cllrs Brunsdon and Dean need to amend form, Cllr Dean completed, so two outstanding forms to be updated as Cllr Bernard to complete too.

Water End – the Clerk had contacted the resident and signposted them to highways.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - Report received in Councillors absence was read out by Cllr. Slater, items detailed included: modernisation proposals, council tax support consultation, bin collection changes and Black Cat roundabout funding approved.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Update regarding Community Speedwatch and other Highways enforcement within the village – it was reported that residents are continuing to report HGVs within the village to Simon Deards (Highways Officer); taking photographic evidence so the hauliers can be contacted. There continues to be frustration with the lack of support regarding further highways enforcement within the village, and it was felt that the Parish Council and residents need to continue to be proactive by having the Speed Indicator Device in the village again, so this to be actioned.

b) Forthcoming meeting with Alistair Burt MP and Police Chief Constable - on 2nd November Alistair Burt MP has organised a meeting with the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police to talk about local issues, a number of Parish Councillors had expressed interest in attending this event and will be going, questions have already been submitted in advance of the meeting to the Chief Constable about the problems within Renhold.

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c) Other highways matters – items discussed included a forthcoming planned village ride about with appropriate highway officers from Amey and the Borough Council and the disappointment regarding the Salph End bridge works still continuing with the hazard warning lights not working, the diverted footpath not illuminated and the traffic lights having operational issues.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) Feedback from Planning Enforcement training - feedback was given following Parish Councillors Slater and Dean attended a Borough Council planning enforcement workshop, and how the Borough tackles this issue. Items considered in such cases are the legal framework, seriousness of breach, effectiveness of enforcement and cost implication, as well as that no action can be decided to be taken, or formal action, or the options are negotiated.

b) Planning applications received between meetings -

9. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service September £412.70

A R Worboys grass cutting £337.43

BDO Stoy Hayward external audit fee £162.00

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

The external audit did raise on the employment status of the Clerk, it was noted that the Clerk is not employed by the Council, the services of a company, Barnicoat Ltd are used for providing an administrative service. Further clarification has been requested from HMRC to seek assurance that this is compliant with the new guidance.

The feedback from the Finance Committee is that the expenditure to date is well within budgeted amounts, there were three grants awarded as can be seen within the transaction report to the three village groups and the Committee reviewed some of the financial control documents relating to the internal audit and risk assessment.

The conclusion of audit notice had been displayed it was also noted and a letter of thanks had been received from the Sports Club and the churchyard for their grants.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

The collation of the village email circulation list was reported on as forms still continue to be received. There are continuing problems with overgrown hedges in the village so it was agreed that following the collation of a letter to residents concerned that Councillors circulate the letter to appropriate properties in the village. Cllr Gurney had undertaken a village furniture survey, feedback was given and it was agreed that quotes to be obtained from three local contractors. The Clerk gave an update regarding adoption of highways in Cranbourne Gardens.

Following the recent closure of The Three Horseshoes the Parish Council had been contacted by the Borough Council regarding the relocation of the recycling containers, these it is expected will be moved to The Polhill Arms and it was agreed given the uncertainty over the future use of The Three Horseshoes that a letter be written to Greene King questioning their future intentions.

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

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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
All Saints PCC letter of thanks for donation
Correspondence email list responses
Return of two Register of Interest forms from Monitoring Officer
A R Worboys invoice
BDO external auditor report received and invoice
BBC Allocations and Designation Plan public hearing and planned schedule for the public examination
BBC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy public hearing meeting and schedule for items to be discussed
BBC Planning Enforcement training 20th September presentation
BATPC Annual General Meeting supporting paperwork received
Parish and Town Council Network last meeting minutes
Greenspace Strategy consultation document
BBC Current Consultations document
Local Council Review magazine
Beds and MK Waterway newsletter
Clerk and Council's direct magazine
Project Involve website workshop invite
BATPC council tax consultation information
BBC Borough News in Brief
BATPC Bugle
BBC communications regarding moving recycling facility bottle bank to Polhill Arms
Bedford Rowing Lake and Enabling Development presentation invite
Village Magazine grant application
BBC Temporary Road Closure notices for Wilden Road
Coast Access consultation
Information regarding HGV breaking Hookham Lane restriction
Asgard Drive highways work update from Persimmon
BATPC Councillor training information

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -
Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

Dated