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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 4th December 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, Mrs. Brunsten. Mr. Bernard, and Mr. Gurney the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat, Borough Councillors Moon and Ellis 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.

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 work residents of Church End are undertaking to raise further awareness of the continued parking problems along this area.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th 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:-

Register of Interest forms – Cllrs Brunsten need to amend form, outstanding forms to be updated as Cllr Bernard to complete too.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - Cllr Ellis and Moon reported on crime, the local authority work on improving rural broadband, neighbourhood plans, hospital petition and new car park in town centre.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Feedback from meeting with Alistair Burt MP and Police Chief Constable – those that had attended found it to be a very informative meeting, a number of local parishes are suffering with identical issues around speeding and lack of police visibility and presence within the villages.

b) Feedback from highways tour of village with Councillors and Amey representative – Andy Prigmore, Alastair Rundal, Borough Cllr Moon and Parish Councillors Dean and Gurney attended this informative ride round the village. As always it was a useful event, the white lines and arrows by the traffic lights are to be repainted, a number of small highways matters were highlighted and these will be attended to during the year. It was reported that for residents and the Parish Council the best way of reporting any highways problems is through the Highways Helpdesk (228661).

c) Other highways matters - these included the completion of the Salph End bridge works, and it was noted that highways works continue within Cranbourne Gardens and it is expected adoption of these areas by the Borough Council will take place shortly.

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8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: -

a) 12/02213/FULMWE importation of inert fill to enable restoration of site at Diary Farm land, Willington Quarry – the application had been reviewed by the Council, Cllr. Slater gave some background information to the Council, it appears to have no direct impact on Renhold and it was agreed to raise no objection.

b) Planning applications received between meetings including application to amend section 106 agreement for Aspire estate – there had been communications received from a resident objecting to this application which had been circulated. Cllr. Slater gave an outline of the proposals and the amendments which would in particular affect the rights of way which the Parish Council feels are critical in order to access the parish. The Parish Council objected to this as it proposed to withdraw all funding for improvements to rights of way upgrades from this estate to the parish which given the known the problems within the village would only make the current issues worse.

c) Other planning matters – there had been a letter received from a resident raising a planning infringement issue along Wilden Road, it was agreed to signpost this person to the relevant Officers at the Borough Council who can deal with this. There had also been some information received on local neighbourhood planning and plans from the local authority.

9. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget), Cllr. Gurney took no part in the discussion on this item:

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service October and November £825.40

Mr Albert Gurney reimbursement for British Legion donation £25.00

Streetmaster invoice for Jubilee bench £1060.80

Mr Tarbox bus shelter maintenance £110.00

Mr C Norman bus shelter maintenance £110.00

Mr C Norman War Memorial maintenance £550.00

A R Worboys grass cutting invoice £729.24

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

The quotes received to date for the proposed village furniture work were reviewed by the Council, Cllr. Gurney expressed wish to abstain given the work he had been involved with obtaining the quotes from the contractor in the first place. Although all had received the same specification it was noted the quotes were not like for like, it was felt that best to seek clarification on if all materials had been contained within the quotations and the likely timescale of works to be carried out with review again at next meeting.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

It was noted that there had been positive feedback from the email circulation list. Following circulation of letters by some Parish Councillors regarding overgrown hedgerows within the village there had been feedback from a resident in Home Close who expressed that the hedge concerned was not within their boundary. The village recycling facility had now moved to The Polhill Arms it had been confirmed, and a village seat request letter had been received, it was agreed to contact them thanking them for their offer however, we presently have adequate numbers in the village.

The litter bin outside Renhold Lower is in need of repair the Borough Council have informed the Clerk the cost is likely to be £70, the Parish Council felt that as it is on Borough Council owned property then they should meet the cost.

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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
Correspondence email list responses
Register of Interest forms from Monitoring Officer
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
Parish and Town Council Network last meeting minutes
Local Council Review magazine
BATPC Bugle
BBC Temporary Road Closure notices for Wilden Road
BATPC Councillor training information
BDO External auditors letter regarding 'intranet'
BBC letter regarding Neighbourhood Planning as part of Localism Act
BBC Police and Crime Commissioner information emails
BATPC email regarding precepts 2013/14 and excessive precepts
East of England Permit Scheme regarding highways work
BBC Full Electoral Register request for copies
BBC Gypsy and Traveller policy update
Neighbourhood Planning information from BBC
BBC permitted development rights consultation
Beds police authority making contact email newsletter
BBC quarterly community rangers report
Renhold Lower School bin communications
Aspires Estate section 106 planning obligation application
Resident communication regarding the above
Resident feedback from circulation list
Bedford Gospel Hall Trust bench request
Glasdon brochure
Copy of village newsletter
BBC letter regarding parish precept council tax base
Resident letter regarding planning infringement on Wilden Road
Village maintenance works quotes received
Streetmaster invoice

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Dated