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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**1. PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsten, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Leydon, Mr. Bernard, Borough Councillor Ellis, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and three member of the public.

**2. 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 Councillor Moon.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**4. OPEN FORUM: -**

Items raised included the litter and dog fouling problems that continue throughout the village, ideas were suggested to overcome this by trying to place stickers on the wheelie bins similar to the speeding stickers to further raise awareness of the issue. There was the thought that increasing the number of litter bins in the village may help, greater signage, and reminders in the village magazine. It was agreed that the Clerk to ask a Borough Officer of passing traffic disposing of litter out of car windows, how this problem had been tackled elsewhere to find out other examples of how awareness could be raised.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**6. MATTERS ARISING:-**

It was noted that there had been an invite to a meeting with the new Police Crime Commissioner, Olly Martins schedule for late March, it was agreed that the Clerk to secure two places for parish representatives.

The Clerk had submitted the parish precept request to the Borough Council within the specified timescale.

The crime figures had been received for the last 28 day period, there had been seven crimes reported in this period, the Clerk was asked to check if Cranborne Gardens data is included within this area now. All present were reminded that signing up to Ringmaster is a good way of receiving communications about local police matters and could be included in a future village email circulation.

Other items to be covered during the agenda.

**7. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** - Cllr. Ellis reported on recent meetings she had held with the police about local matters, detailing the possibility of CCTV surveillance being used, and the continued speeding concerns felt by all parishes. Other items highlighted in the report included: frozen grant from the local authority for council tax 2013/14, local hospital workings

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review, Riverside North development update given, education consultation and new café and museum opening dates.

### **8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -**

a) Update regarding Community Speedwatch and other Highways enforcement within the village including 'kill your speed' stickers - three Parish Councillors had attended a recent Community Speed Watch event, there did still continue to be some conflicting information being received regarding the correct processes associated with the Speed Indicator Device, so Cllr. Leydon agreed to pursue and look into this further as it continues to be very frustrating. There has been information received that only one of the people with the device needs to be fully trained, whereas, other advice is that all present must have undergone training. There are now 21 volunteers within the village who wish to be involved with a speed watch event and it was agreed to try and get a training session within the village and the Parish Council agreed to fund the hire of the hall costs for such an event. Through different methods awareness had also been raised with residents about speeding stickers that and be placed on the wheelie bins.

b) Salph End bridge works update and feedback from meeting with local residents - some Parish Councillors had met with a local resident who had expressed concerns regarding the Salph End bridge works, Amey had confirmed that the project cost £330k, the grass seeding would be done and only a few of the fence panels had been replaced due to cost implications. There were still some ditch works needed and litter clearance so this may need to be pursued with Anglian Water and/or the Internal Drainage Board.

c) Capital Works highways programme 2013/14 items in the parish to be put forward - the Council considered appropriate projects to be put forwards as a priority for the capital works highways programme 2013/14, it was agreed that the Brickfield Road pavement would be the main item and noted that works are starting in Becher Close to improve the pavement surface shortly.

d) Village gates update and other highways matters - the Parish Council had secured funding for village gates to be installed at the Green End entrance to the village through Borough Councillor Ellis and Moon's Ward Fund. The Parish Council thanked the Borough Councillors for their contribution to this project in the village.

It was also reported that Church End residents continue to pursue improving the parking problems being experienced and it was also agreed that the Parish Council to request a litter pick of the village following the large amount of passing traffic disposing of litter as they drive through the village.

### **9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -**

a) Proposed wind turbine within the parish of Ravensden planning application and feedback from recent public meeting – a background of the recent events was detailed, after much discussion about the application, it was agreed to submit comments that stated Renhold Parish Council supports the principle of wind power but objects to this proposal. Parish Councillors have inspected the many documents that accompany the planning application, and some Parish Councillors also attended the public meeting arranged by Ravensden Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, when they had the opportunity to hear from the developers and their answers to questions from residents. Renhold has a number of concerns that arise from the documentation and from the public meeting, these included: setting precedent, visual impact, aviation impact and impact on Renhold residents.

b) Planning document consultations – the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation had been reviewed by Cllr. Slater with a detailed summary circulated to all Councillors, it had been agreed not to submit a formal response.

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The proposed changes to the Allocations and Designations plan had also been circulated, Cllr. Slater summarised to all present the changes that directly effect the parish noting that at present these changes are being proposed by the Inspector. It was highlighted that there is a proposal to take the Settlement Policy Area for Salph End to take in the area marked as hatched on the supporting documents which would mean including some areas at the back of Hookhams Lane, it was agreed that this would need to be reviewed further at the next meeting.

c) 12/02314/OUT outline application for the erection of two dwellings and relocation of existing garage at Oddacres, 39A Hookhams Lane – it was noted that Cllr. Dean lives opposite this site, but on balance it was agreed that Cllr. Dean could contribute to the discussions on this application. There were highways access concerns regarding this application and on the supporting documentation it states five dwellings on the site, when the application is just for site access. It was agreed to object to the application for these reasons and that the site falls outside the SPA.

d) 13/00099/FUL detached garage, stables and tack room with new garden wall and gates at Dairy Farm Cottage, St Neots Road – the Council considered this application and agreed to support the application with the condition that be applied is that these buildings are not to become for residential use.

#### **10. FINANCE MATTERS: -**

The following outstanding invoice was presented (it was noted that contained within budget):

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service January and February £730.16

BATPC membership renewal £497.00

CPRE membership renewal £29.00

Renhold Village Hall Management Committee hire of the hall invoice £245.63 from June 2011 to December 2012

It was unanimously agreed by those present to approve the above expenditure, resolution passed. It was also unanimously agreed to retain the services of Barnicoat Ltd.

#### **11. VILLAGE MATTERS:-**

It was reported that the new Jubilee bench is in situ and that the WI bench has been moved into the churchyard, there has been the new notice board put up by The Spires entrance, and it was felt that it may be beneficial for a litter bin to be placed near the Jubilee bench, so this to be looked into. The Clerk had circulated information to all Councillors from the Borough Council relating to dog control orders. The parish website had recently been updated and the format of the Annual Parish meeting was discussed and agreed to be an informal get together of a range of village organisations.

#### **12. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT:-**

Following a letter received from Bedford Borough Council which had been circulated to all, it was noted there were some proposed changes to the Code, it was unanimously agreed by the Council to adopt the code with these changes, resolution passed.

#### **13. 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

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Major Roadwork's bulletin list  
Age Partnership email promoting services  
Village newsletter copy  
Online playgrounds promotional information  
Parish and Town Council Network last meeting minutes  
Local Council Review magazine  
Salph End bridge work progress update  
BBC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy public hearing meeting  
Coast consultation  
BATPC email regarding community governance and higher education  
BATPC email regarding Councillor training programme – this was noted at the meeting  
BBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee items welcomed for them to review  
BBC request of Capital Highways maintenance projects for 2013/14  
BBC Dog Control Orders and Dog Watch Scheme  
Community volunteering and Events Diary  
BBC consultation on proposed sexual entertainment venues  
BBC offering free home energy audits to vulnerable people  
Allianz promotional insurance information  
Communications relating to proposed wind turbine  
Clerks and Councils Direct magazine  
Communications regarding 'kill your speed' stickers  
Revised Code of Conduct letter from BBC  
Ward Fund liaison and village gates update  
PCSO funding enquiry from other parishes within the ward  
Beds Regimental Memorial Appeal letter  
Email circulation list responses  
Renhold Village magazine  
Resident communication regarding damaged verge way  
£1569.24 remittance from BBC for Borough Ward fund contribution to village gates  
Police Commissioner meeting invite  
Funding opportunity information – this was noted at meeting,  
Section 137 limit change to £6.98 per elector – this was noted at meeting

### **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

It was noted that contractors had removed some living trees in Cranbourne Gardens and it was hoped that they would be replaced.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: -** to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Meeting closed at 9.55pm, Cllr. Slater gave advance apologies for this meeting.

Signed .....

Dated .....