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Minutes of **A MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and 38 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; Mr. Leydon and Mrs. Brunsten, Borough Councillors Ellis and Moon had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-**  
Cllr. McDougall and Stapleton declared an interest in part of the discussions regarding the Three Horseshoes planning application. There were no further declarations of interest received.

It was agreed that agenda item 8. a) be moved forwards to an earlier point in the meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**3. OPEN FORUM:-**

Topics raised included: the recent successful meeting Church End residents had had with local stakeholders regarding the parking problems.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting and brought item 8.a) forward to this point.

**8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:-**

a) 13/01243/FUL change of use of existing public house to residential and erection of two detached houses with detached garages and parking at Three Horseshoes, 42 Top End – Cllrs. McDougall and Stapleton left the room during this items discussion. There was a large amount of public interest at the meeting in relation to the planning application for The Three Horseshoes site, the planning process was outlined and the Council received a copy of a letter produced by local residents. The Parish Council considered the application and wished to object to the application on a number of grounds, including: building over the Sports Club access, and challenging some of the information within the viability report.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</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 Internal Drainage Board representative had been unable to attend this meeting so the item regarding the Brook would be carried forward to the September meeting.

The Clerk had received confirmation that the grass cutting contribution monies had been received from the Borough Council.

Cllr. Andrews had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following his election as Vice Chair.

A village circulation email communication had been sent out regarding local items including an update on the waste collection problems.

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The Village Hall Management Committee representative was discussed, it was agreed to leave vacant and discuss further again at the next meeting.

The response from Greene King about the removal of the trees on the site it was noted that the land had been sold on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

It was noted that the Parish Council annual report had been circulated to all households.

Cllr. Slater had written to the Chair of Renhold Lower School Governors and Rev Sarah Burrows, it was detailed that Rev Burrows had replied.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

**6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** - Cllr. Ellis and Moon had sent a report in their absence, items included: the forthcoming budget review process being undertaken at the Borough Council, information on the local broadband plan, ambulance service, and the re-opening of the Higgins Museum.

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

**a) Update following Community Speedwatch training** – The scheduled second training event for Community Speed Watch had to be postponed; sadly the police had given very short notice with the date they had available. It was noted that there had recently been a police speed check in Ravensden Road, and that possible dates for the Speed Indicator Device to be in the village were being worked on.

**b) ANPR data results received from the Borough in relation to traffic survey carried out in the village** - Cllr. Slater and Mr. Herkes had met with Inspector Aspin, and Brian Hayward and Simon Deards (Borough Council Officers), to discuss the ANPR data results that had been received. The key items from the April event data were in excess of 500 journeys contravened the TRO, with only 40 vehicles appearing on this data and the previous events data, there were 8 HGV's identified as using Hookhams Lane. All of these vehicle owners will receive a letter from the police.

**c) Feedback from meeting with Church End residents on 21<sup>st</sup> June** – A number of Parish Councillors had attended a meeting organised by the residents of Church End to discuss the school parking issues with local stakeholders, it was felt to be a very useful meeting and an action list from the meeting has been produced. Items to be considered going forwards included consider changing the TRO time, resurrect the fallen sign, reduce the hedge height on the sharp bend, request installation of double yellow lines and improve the footpath surface across the field.

**d) Other highways matters in the village** – Other highways matters discussed included the recent utility works in Brickfield Road, grass verge problems at Salph End and a land ownership issue at Brook Lane.

There had been feedback from the Borough Council about the cost implications of average speed cameras within the parish, the Borough Council will match fund, however, the total cost would be approximately £50k. The Parish Council felt that there should be more information gathered about the operation and effectiveness of the cameras for this matter to be a further discussion item.

### 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

b) 13/01249/FUL single storey front extension, garage extension and re-siting of fence along the boundary at 55 Asgard Drive – there was concern over the impact on the outlook of the neighbouring property, however it was noted that the conversion would allow sufficient off road parking.

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c) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions – it was noted that the Allocations and Designations Inspector’s report had been received and there would be no further hearings held. The proposed car wash at Norse Road had been granted permission it was noted.

### 9. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

a) Request for dog waste bin along Wood Lane – following a request received from a resident the Council considered the installing of a dog waste bin near Wood Lane, it was agreed that given that this road is privately owned that having a bin located at the entrance would be more suitable so request to be made through Cllr. Ellis Ward Fund.

b) Recent illegal encampment on Cranbourne Gardens – these had been reported promptly to the Borough who had been regularly asked for updates and progress by the Clerk, there is due to be a formal site assessment done by the Borough shortly on possible preventative measures.

c) Bus Service in village, withdrawal of bus route 151 – this information had been recirculated to Councillors.

d) Missed refuse collections update – this information had been circulated and it is hoped that now all problems are resolved.

e) Village sign feedback from enquires with Ravensden parish – the feedback had been circulated and it was noted that the cost was minimised for Ravensden due to the donation of the oak piece used and a parishioner doing the carving.

The Clerk reported that information had been received regarding an amendment to the proposed diversion of a footpath in the parish, there were no concerns raised with this from the Council.

### 10. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service June £412.70

A R Worboys grass cutting services £559.91

A R Worboys grass cutting services £448.68

P L Chambers work to put up new notice board and install seat £295.80 plus VAT

Gill Wiggs Internal audit work £85.00

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

The internal audit report just notes a few items, such as the VAT reclaim had not been done during the year, but it was noted that it was done in April and at the last meeting it was reported the money had been received in the bank.

The external auditors had all the paperwork on time and they asked for further information on a breakdown of the Council’s reserve levels, which were provided.

The Council agreed that P L Chambers to undertake the seat refurbishment work in the village as previously quoted for.

### 11. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates and Countryside Voice magazine

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Rural Affairs meeting information

Lloyds bank statements

BBC Planning weekly list email

Major Roadwork’s bulletin list

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

Local Council Review magazine

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- Email circulation list responses
- Bedford Borough News in Brief poster
- Arien Sign promotional email
- Project Involve parish website training sessions
- Came and Co renewal documents reconceived
- Crime stats data – to be noted at meeting
- Beds on Sunday reporter contact about article
- BBC Community Volunteering newsletter
- BATPC Data protection registration guidance
- BBC Draft Tenancy Strategy to 2017
- BBC Designation of Neighbourhood Areas for four parishes
- Renhold Sports Club copy of letter they have sent to the BBC Planners about the land ownership relating to the Three Horseshoes
- Feedback from letter sent by IS regarding Renhold Lower School
- Illegal encampment at Cranbourne Gardens communications
- BBC Bedford River Valley Park consultation
- ANPR data report and analysis communications
- Resident request for dog bins
- Bus operator email regarding the 151 route withdrawal
- 1A Brook Lane tree work done by BT and BBC communications
- Resident concerns regarding the verge reinstatement by Salph End bridge
- Brickfield Road footpath works repairs and then BT’s work following the resurfacing
- BBC response regarding average speed cameras
- Greene King communications regarding Three Horseshoes
- £1,164.01 contribution for grass cutting from BBC received
- BBC letter regarding car park at Norse Road planning application for hand car wash was approved
- Bedford Borough Assembly Conference meeting information
- BBC Allocations and Designation Plan Inspector’s comments
- BBC Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Inspector’s comments
- Meeting invite by Roxton PC to meeting regarding traveller sites

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**

Matters that arose during meeting to be included with further enquires to be made regarding possible having average speed cameras in the village.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed .....

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