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Minutes of A **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 11th September 2013** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and four 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. Andrews, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Leydon and Mrs. Brunsdon, 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.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

Topics raised included: continued traffic problems along Church End now the school children have returned to school, it was praised that the 'H' bars had been painted in time for the start of term, pleasing to see letters having been sent out in regards to the TRO though it was noted that some residents were upset that they are not exempt. It was added that the Grant Palmer bus travels along Church End at peak times and the congestion is making the bus late.

There was suggestion that a copy of the meeting agenda is circulated through the village circulation list ahead of the meeting to alert residents of current matters.

It was noted that the Chapel are celebrating their 140th anniversary shortly, Cllr Slater to send a letter of congratulations.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th 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:-

The Internal Drainage Board representative had been unable to attend this meeting as well so the item regarding the Brook would be carried forward to the next meeting.

The Clerk had received confirmation that the second half of the precept had been received from the Borough Council.

The Clerk had fed back that there were no concerns regarding an amendment to the proposed diversion of a footpath in the parish.

The Village Hall Management Committee representative was discussed, due to the low number of Councillors in attendance it was agreed to carry forward this item.

Cllr. Slater reported that a letter had been received in response from the Headteacher at Renhold Lower School, outlining the travel plan changes and increased use of a mini bus, a response to be sent highlighting the need for clear future planning.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - No report received.

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7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Update following Community Speedwatch training – it was reported that there had been further unfortunate delays for Speedwatch being organised by the police due to a change in personnel.

b) Initial cost consideration of average speed cameras in the village – Cllr Slater gave background of the discussions recently held following an informal meeting with Borough Officer, Andy Prigmore. If cameras were to be placed in the village it is possible that a street light may be needed at each camera to illuminate it, the possible locations of the two proposed sets of cameras were also talked through. The two most likely locations would be along Ravensden Road, and from the Church End traffic lights through to the 30mph end at Green End. Given the approximate date of the scheme to date is estimated to be £70-80k, those present agreed that a contribution of £10k be paid by the Parish Council towards the scheme. The Parish Council would also pursue funding from alternative sources such as: Mayor's Climate Change Fund, Rural Grants Committee, Borough Councillor Ward fund and other suitable external funding opportunities. It was noted that the scheme would be within the next financial year.

c) Other highways matters in the village – Other highways matters discussed included the recent Church End works, it was noted that Cllr. Gurney was finalizing the village gate location with the Borough Officer, a possible timescale for the planned 20mph zone outside the lower school had been feedback from the Borough that to be done in December, and the recent salt bin theft in Water End had been reported.

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 – application has been refused by the local authority, though it was noted that the applicant has appealed the decision.

b) 13/01548/FUL single storey side extension to log cabin to provide a separate bedroom at Plot B Water Lane – the Council have no objection but are aware there is a covenant on the property in regards to occupancy restriction.

c) 13/01570/LBC replacement of 7 windows at Church Farmhouse, 66 Church End – the Council feel that the supporting plans show insufficient information in order to come to a conclusion, the drawings are very poor.

d) 13/01374/FUL replacement conservatory to rear at 73 Ravensden Road – the Council have no objection subject to a condition being applied requiring all windows facing number 71 to be obscure fixed lights

e) 13/01555/FUL conversion and extension of outbuilding to form dwelling at 33 Top End – in policy terms the Council are aware the proposal is outside the SPA so the policy to be applied would be consideration of a new dwelling in open countryside. The Council is aware that derelict buildings already exist; however, they feel consent would set a precedent and therefore the Parish Council opposes the application.

f) 13/01441/M73 application to vary condition 1 of non material amendment by substitution of plans at Land North of Norse Road – it was noted that the recent public inquiry scheduled for 15th August had been cancelled, however, the Parish Council had not received prior notification that this would be taking place.

g) Other planning matters of interest – some recent correspondence regarding a proposed traveller site at Fairhill was noted along with an email from the Borough Council regarding Planning Workshop future focus.

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9. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

a) Further discussion regarding the location of a dog waste bin near Wood Lane – there had been some recent local resident objections to having a dog waste bin located at this area so it was agreed not to pursue the installation of this, instead appropriate signage to be sourced through the local authority.

b) Preventative measures following the recent illegal encampment on Cranbourne Gardens update – there continued to be some confusion that these measures are in place, and if they are not it was felt more detailed information needs to be known such as a copy of the drawings of the proposed measures.

c) New bus timetable and Route 27 feedback – a resident had written to the Council expressing concern about the new service, residents had also fed back their concerns to Councillors, it is felt not be a reliable service and it was agreed that this to be followed up with Chris Petifer at the Borough Council.

d) Norse Road Phase 3 road naming – there were some suggestions made by Councillors regards the road naming, Clerk to feedback.

It was noted that the Church End litter bin the Borough Council had reported is not a sufficient capacity, the Parish Council reported that the bin appears not be regularly emptied which is the main issue, Clerk to feedback.

10. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service July and August £825.40

BDO External audit invoice £120.00

A R Worboys grass cutting services £448.68

Bedford Borough Council invoice for annual report printing totalling £301.14

BRCC membership renewal £35.00

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

The external auditor feedback had been received and the conclusion of audit notice had been displayed, the external auditors raised an item about the employment status of the Clerk feedback is still being pursued with HMRC seeking a formal response from them.

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

BBC Community Volunteering newsletter

Bedford Borough Assembly Conference meeting postponed information

BBC Consultations update of the current documents being reviewed

Beds and Luton Local Resilience Forum needs your help email

BBC information regarding Health watch

BBC article request for placing on our website to promote stop means stop for school patrols

BBC email regarding rural bus stop publicity

Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter for parishes

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Sovereign Play equipment promotional leaflet
BDO completed audit documents
Crime stats data
Illegal encampment preventative measures have been installed at Cranbourne Gardens
Resident communications following request for dog bins and discussion at last meeting
Communications regarding the reinstatement of the linage along Church End
New bus route number 27 timetable
Further communications regarding missed bin collections
IDB Officer in attendance to talk abut Renhold Brook
BBC email regarding Norse Road phase 3 names
Resident communication regarding state of footpaths in the village, copied into Carole Ellis
All Saints grant application information
BBC Heritage Open Days information
Report by resident that salt bin at Water End stolen on 14th August at about midday
BBC letter detailing the Orbit homes hearing date had been cancelled

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on 5th November 2013 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

Dated