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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Leydon, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Dean, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat, Borough Councilor Moon, Borough Officers from Shared Living Scheme and eight members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting thanking everyone for attending, in particular welcoming Stuart Harrison new Councilor to the Parish Council. Parish Councillors Stuart Andrews and Ian McDougall, and Borough Councillors Ellis had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

2. BOROUGH COUNCIL SHARED LIVES OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS NEW SCHEME:-

Two Borough Officers were present to speak about a new Borough scheme called Shared Lives which is a service that supports families, carers and service users in the community who have disability needs. Part of the work involves securing respite placements in the short and long term with community support and the service does pay carers who foster or adopt; information on the scheme was left with the Council.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-

Cllr Gurney declared an interest in agenda item 9.d) and Cllr Stapleton declared an interest in discussions relating to the Sports Club, there were no further declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

4. OPEN FORUM: -

Matters raised included, information being given regarding a village sign with initial thoughts regarding design and cost.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

During the Borough Councilor report it was detailed that the recent Healthcare Review report had been published which concluded that Bedford Hospital will retain maternity, pediatric and A & E facilities.

8. MATTERS ARISING:-

A Police report had been received, and a Parish Councilor would be undertaking a ride on the bus in the village with a Borough Officer to discuss the service and the bus stop accessibility.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) **Average speed cameras in the village update on site survey** – the Parish Council had been informed that the delay of the installation of the average speed cameras into the village had

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been due to the problems around supplying electricity to the camera locations. It is realistic that the system that will be installed will overcome this problem by being infra red so that street lights would not be needed at the camera locations, this more up to date system would be provided at no extra cost. The Parish Council have been given reassurance that this scheme is still a high priority, and it was agreed that the Clerk to obtain in writing that if the scheme does run into the next financial year that the local authority will carry forward the allocated funds.

b) Speed Indicator Device action in the village update – Cllr Gurney reported that there continues to be groups organised whenever possible to ensure that there is regular SID activity in the village with the data being provided to the police. It was agreed that the local authority to be chased for the latest traffic survey data in the village, and a request for a survey to be made. Volunteers are always most welcome to help out.

c) Other highways matters in the village – It was raised that the roundabouts at Water End are being misused and there is dangerous driving around the roundabouts late at night which is a great safety concern; it was agreed that ideas to be looked into regarding capturing evidence of this activity so appropriate action can be taken.

There were further updates regarding the parking along Church End and ways the school are trying to address some of the issues during busy periods, the Council also agreed to facilitate a meeting between the school and Village Hall Management Committee to consider options going forwards. It was added that the minibus drivers will now be leaving the school at separate times to minimise congestion building. A Parish Councilor also has a copy of the school's travel plan which it was added the school are in the process of reviewing.

The Clerk had requested from the local authority a mirror to be installed in the hedge on the bend at Church End, however, the Officer reported that this is not something the authority support.

It has been confirmed that the proposed new yellow lines are to be installed on Church End following the appropriate publishing of a traffic order.

It was reported that Cranbourne Gardens remains unadapted at present though this continues to be expected very shortly.

The Clerk had also requested the dot matrix signs to be placed at the entrances of the village alerting drivers to the TRO, the Officer had detailed they are in use till Christmas however, this is a possibility in the New Year.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 14/01770/FUL erection of oak framed garage/store in rear garden at 9 Top End – the Parish Council considered the revised planning application received regarding this site, and welcome the reduction in height of the proposed barn/garage but are concerned at the impact visually on the adjoining property.

b) 14/02583/FUL single storey front, side and rear extensions including balcony at 58 Green End – the Parish Council have reviewed the plans and have no objection to this application.

c) 14/02270/FUL change of land use from paddock to residential and erection of single storey detached swimming pool building at Hill Farm Barn, Water Lane - the Parish Council have reviewed the plans and have no objection to this application.

d) 14/0249/FUL single storey front extension at 14 Church End - the Parish Council have reviewed the plans and have no objection to this application.

e) 14/02520/FUL erection of detached dwelling with annexe triple garage and detached cycle and bin storage building following demolition of existing building at 63 Wilden Road – the Parish Council have reviewed this application and are supportive of the application.

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- f) Feedback from meeting Councillors attended regarding Neighbourhood Planning – Some Parish Councillors had attended an information event regarding neighbourhood planning with specialist consultants present, it had been highlighted that such plans are not able to stop strategic growth but can provide opportunity for community input in designs of development in an area. There is a lot of community engagement involved in a plan and the process takes at least two years due to the various stages that have to be completed. Councillors were mindful of the strategic planning that the local authority are currently undertaking so felt it was best in the first instance to arrange a meeting with the relevant Planning Policy Officers to discuss the landowners proposals.
- g) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions between meetings – It was noted that Councillors wished to obtain more information regarding a planning application received for Portree in Water Lane. It was also noted that the Borough Council are formally consulting on their landscaping character assessment policy document at present.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

Under village matters it was discussed that there had been updates requested regarding the progress of the footpath due to be installed between the Spires estate and Church End as well as need for greater signage in general along the footpath by Cranbourne Gardens. These items are being pursued with the local authority it was noted and will continue to do so.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service September and October £495.24x2

Grave Care Services War memorial invoice £155.00

British Legion Poppy Appeal donation £25.00

Mr Tarbox bus shelter cleaning £110.00

Colin Norman bus shelter cleaning £110.00

Colin Norman War memorial maintenance £550.00

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

The recent Finance Committee meeting draft meeting minutes had been circulated and the following outstanding cheques were agreed to be signed from that meeting:

Renhold Churchyard grant towards maintenance of churchyard £500

The Finance Committee could not discuss the Sports Club grant request at there meeting so the application for support was considered (Cllr Stapelton declared an interest in this item), it was resolved to award Renhold Sports Club a grant towards insurance of £500.00.

Cllr Stapleton took leave at this pint of the meeting.

The Finance Committee had also reviewed lots of financial control documents and recommended them for approval, these had been provided to Councillors ahead of the meeting and it was unanimously agreed to approve the internal audit controls, audit plan, asset register and financial risk assessment.

It was noted that the Firefighters Charity had sent a letter of thanks following the recent donation.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin (Renhold not included)

NALC Events Bulletin emails

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

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Online playgrounds promotional information
Crime stats data
Invite from Mayor to Christmas Carol Service
Police article for newsletter
Email from Cllr Moon regarding Gypsy and Traveller consultation
Neighbourhood Planning email regarding funding opportunities, sent by the Borough
Local Council Review magazine
Clerks Direct magazine
Communication from Planning Officer regarding revised planning application at 9 Top End
Request to BBC for dot matrix sign for the TRO sent to Officer again
BATPC email regarding pay proposals for Clerks
Communications regarding Renhold bridleway improvements
Signage for the bridleway around Cranbourne Gardens concern users are getting lost and wondering into the estate
The Spires NHW meeting feedback
War Memorial cleaning quotes

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on 8th January 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 10.40pm

Signed

Dated