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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors, Mr. Gregory, Mrs. Quince, Mr. Leydon, Mr. Slater, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Borough Councillors Jade Uko, Sheryl Corp, Borough Officer Colin Foster, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and sixteen 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. Gurney, Borough Councillors Anthony Forth and Stephen Moon, had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

**2. COLIN FOSTER, CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER FOR BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE**

Colin Foster gave those present a background of the recent announcement from the local authority asking schools to consider collaborative working for a move from three tier to two tier. Schools have until 28<sup>th</sup> September to put forward their proposals, ahead of a formal public consultation which is expected to commence in November for six school weeks. At the end of the consultation the local authority elected members will make a decision on the way forward, and if successful then school's will have to go through the planning application process if they require building changes to their school site.

Parish Councillors Ian Slater and Jim Leydon had met with Jane Ferguson, Headteacher at Renhold Lower School, as well as with the Vice Chair of governor recently. The school have indicated a wish to become a one form primary school, though at present there is no clear plan of how this will be achieved, though the school are mindful of the parking and resident/community issues which are a key priority. Questions were welcomed from Councilors and those present, these included the matter of parking and how this would be addressed, it was noted this would be part of the formal planning process to consider this. It was added that there are professional feasibility studies of all schools sites being carried out to help inform the process.

*The Council thanked Colin for his time and he took leave at this point of the meeting.*

**3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-**

There were no declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**4. OPEN FORUM: -**

No items were raised.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

**5. TO CONFIRM COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: -** Those present confirmed the Finance Committee membership to be Cllrs, Slater, Harrison, Dean and Gurney.

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

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

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### 7. MATTERS ARISING:-

The Clerk had reported the bridge repairs needed at the footpath off Brickfield Road, the Council had responded they are aware of the need for the repairs to be done, however, they are sizable repairs needed and there are limited resources at present.

The police report had been circulated and showed three crimes had been reported.

There had been a polite notice placed on the Green End noticeboard and the notices are remaining on at present.

The Clerk had given the feedback to the individual regarding the village sign.

Cllrs. Quince and Gregory had been booked onto the new Councillor induction course.

Bridelway 27 being overgrown had been reported by the Clerk.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

At this point of the meeting it was agreed to bring forward item 10. c) as there were representatives of the applicant present.

10. c) 15/01815/FUL change of use of a domestic leisure building to form a day nursery at land rear of 56 Ravensden Road – it was noted that the local authority have requested a 90 metre splay at the junction and added the capacity will be for 48 children.

It was agreed that the Council would respond that the Parish Council do support such a facility in principle, however, they have serious concerns over the off road parking allocation in terms of insufficient number of spaces provided, and the safety of the access onto the highway, which is already a very busy road, and well known for this. The Council are also concerned over the impact and loss of privacy for the neighbour at 52 Ravensden Road. The Council were informed by the applicant that highways require a 90m splay, this is of surprise to the Council as the hedge is very overgrown so 90 metres would be optimistic for the hedge in its current position. There is also concern over queuing and parking at the site and the impact this may have on Ravensden Road from a safety perspective.

**8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** - The Borough Councilors reported that there has been further anti social behaviour at Spires and Aspire estates, a portable CCTV camera had helped alleviate the issue and Borough Cllrs for the Goldington Ward are looking to purchase another CCTV camera as a future deterrent. There was a reminder that Ward Fund applications are welcome for the Great Barford Ward.

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

In terms of highways updates the dragons teeth at Ravensden Road have been painted on and there were discussions on the drawings of extension to the double yellow lines at Church End. The Council felt that while the additional lineage would be beneficial these should be formal double yellow lines rather than limited no waiting, which had been proposed. The Clerk to feedback the Council would like to see the double yellow lines extended with the full parking retractions on the extended lines, as a limited waiting restriction would not solve the issue.

The Council noted their frustration as still having no further update on the average speed cameras, it was agreed that Cllr. Corp would help with a progress update from the Officers concerned.

### 10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 15/01244/FULWM agricultural land improvement scheme by deposit of imported inert soils at Castle Dairy Farm, St Neots Road - the Council have no objection but suggest that the traffic flow would be

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assisted if the lorries were guided to go to the roundabout and not turn right across the flow of traffic into the site.

b) 15/01926/FUL extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to create two storey dwelling at Amberley 13 Wilden Road - the Council object to this application due to it being over development of the site and setting precedent as it is not in keeping with the street scene. The proposal will reduce car parking on site and also brings a loss of privacy to the neighbours.

d) Local Plan 2032 update – It was noted that some Councillors would be attending the forthcoming planning training session being held at Bedford Borough Council, as well as the Local Plan 2032 planning session briefing for Parish Councils. The latest update on the next stage of the Local Plan 2032 consultation showed the proposal brought forward by the local authority is that Renhold has been classified as a small village, and so therefore would receive small levels of growth (approximately 10-30 dwellings). The full consultation document will be available shortly and all residents would be able to comment on the content, this information will be circulated to residents via the circulation list.

e) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions between meetings – the Clerk had been notified that the application at 11 Brookside had been refused and so had the proposed eco dwelling in Water Lane.

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the Special Area Charges consultation.

### **11. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS COUNCILLORS HAVE ATTENDED:-**

Cllr Ian Slater had attended the recent Borough Council Town and Parish Network meeting where there had been an update on the broadband roll out and the Local Plan 2032 next stage of public consultation.

### **12. VILLAGE MATTERS:**

The Council had facilitated a meeting which interested individuals had attended to look at village website options. There would need to be the finalizing of the actual mechanic of how website could work in terms of administration control and finances, however, the initial feedback was very positive. It was agreed to ask for further interested individuals to come forward in the next newsletter and the Clerk to ask the Oakley Clerk how many hours of updating does their site take.

It was noted that Footpath 27 cut still needs to be done.

The matter regarding 8 Home Close the Borough Council have confirmed they have asked the homeowner to cut the hedge back.

### **13. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME UPDATE:-**

The Council discussed the review of documents that is needed to be ready for the Foundation Award going forwards, it was agreed that a Working Group of Councillors be tasked with reviewing these documents in detail. Cllrs. Brunsdon, Slater and Dean to be the members, with re accreditation to be aimed for a January submission.

### **14. FINANCE MATTERS: -**

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget):  
Barnicoat Ltd clerking service July and August £986.10

A R Worboys Ltd grass cutting £116.28

BDO LLP external audit £120.00

Anglian Water £23.78

East Anglian Air Ambulance donation in memory of the late Ernie Stewardson £50.00

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



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It was agreed for the following grant applications to be considered by the Finance Committee: Sports Club, Churchyard and Village Magazine, to meet on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

*Cllr Harrison left at this point of the meeting*

The external audit feedback raised only one item relating to the employment status of the Clerk, it was noted the Council do not have any employees they use of the services of a company.

It was noted there will need to be a new bank mandate for signatories.

### 15. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

NALC Events Bulletin emails

Age Partnership email promoting services

Lloyds bank statements

BBC Planning weekly list email

Major Roadwork's bulletin list

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

Crime stats data

Borough Council News in Brief poster

Spires NHW Group reporting anti social behaviour in the play area, camping and dumping of a car

A R Worboys invoice

Communication with Officer regarding Village Gates

Local Council Direct magazine

CPRE magazine

BBC Clerks Champions meeting in September information

BATPC Bugle and training programme

BBC letter regarding consultation on statement of gambling licensing principles

Town and Parish Network meeting notes from June and next date 1<sup>st</sup> September

BBC email regarding update to Local Development Scheme notice of next stage of consultation later in the year

PCC email regarding Police and Crime Plan 2015

BBC Planning training session on 24<sup>th</sup> September

BATPC County Committee elections email

BBC link to Parish Councillors Register of Interests

BDO External audit feedback

BBC email regarding accessing gypsy and traveller needs

BBC Heritage Day posters

BBC letter to report that under Officer delegation the Water Lane eco house has been refused – to be noted at meeting

Renhold Sports Club application for £500

BBC letter regarding 11 Brookside was refused under Officer delegation

Renhold Sports Club Annual report

Countryside Voice magazine

Resident concerns regarding application for a nursery on Ravensden Road

Contact from applicants for the proposed nursery

Came and Co insurance newsletter

BBC confirmation four places have been booked on planning training

BBC email regarding Special Area Charges

Internal Drainage Board watercourse maintenance schedule

Confirmation Ravensden Road dragons teeth have been done

Communication with Officer regarding yellow lines at Church End

Organisation of the village website meeting

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NALC email regarding re accreditation  
BBC Local Green Spaces communications in response to consultation  
Resident enquiring regarding tendering processes and job description for items  
Village Magazine grant application  
Feedback from BBC about Footpath 12 bridge  
Confirmation of village sign details  
Feedback from resident regarding annual report  
Churchyard application for financial assistance  
8 Home Close hedge update

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -**  
Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: -** on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm  
Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed .....

Dated .....