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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 6th January 2016** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

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

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-

There were no declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

There was reported around the green there are a large number of cars dropping children off for the school bus, which is causing congestion, it was agreed that this should be monitored.

It was also detailed that the 'not suitable for HGV' signs at the bypass entrance to the village, have suddenly disappeared, these to be reported by the Clerk.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 30th November 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 police report received detailed nine crimes in the previous months and it was noted that PCSO Jones was moving on from his role as PCSO, those present were saddened to hear this as he had been very helpful and supportive to the village. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - The Borough Councilors report from Cllr. Uko detailed that there is now mobile CCTV cameras in the Goldington Ward, and these can be moved accordingly around the ward as needed. The consultation period for parking restrictions on Maskell Drive has finished, so these will be installed shortly.

Borough Councillors Moon and Corp detailed that they welcomed any further Ward Fund applications for items to be purchased.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Update on average speed cameras – there had recently been two electric columns installed at Top and Green End, which it was noted is in readiness for the installation.

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b) Update on extension of double yellow lines at Church End – the Clerk had fed back the Council's preference from the last meeting, and it was detailed that the extension to the double yellow lines at Church End would be installed in late January/early February due to the busy current workload of the Borough Council.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 15/02927/M73 variation of condition 4 at land north of Norse Road - the Council have no objection to the application

b) 15/02986/FUL replacement roof to existing annexe/store at 21 Ravensden Road - the Parish Council support this application as it seeks to improve the appearance of the property

c) 15/02014/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of one detached infill dwelling at 29 Top End - The Parish Council had received further revised plans, the latest plan showed a reduction of parking for six vehicles, however, did incorporate more green space. The Council agreed to comment that they did support the displacement of parking on the second version, though did welcome additional green space which had been created.

The Councillors had seen a third version, which had been received from the applicant and not the local authority, it was noted there had been some miscommunication to date. In regards to the third version of the drawing, the Council continued to welcome the additional green space and that 6 parking spaces that had been lost on the 2nd plan have been re-provided within the site, albeit with restrictions when the dray is delivering. As long as an additional house is included in the scheme, which we understand relates to viability considerations, there's a limit to what can be provided on the site.

The Council also agreed that if it is the intention of the Officer to grant permission for this application, then the application to be 'called in' to full Committee and Cllr. Slater agreed to attend the meeting to speak on the application.

d) Local Plan 2032 submission of Council's comments - there was confirmation the Council's comments to the most recent Local Plan 2032 consultation had been received by the Borough Council.

e) Other planning matters of interest – It was noted that the application relating to 29 Top End had been refused. The application regarding 21 Embla Close, discussed at the last meeting, had been called in. There had also been some information on the Borough Council running neighborhood planning workshops for parishes, specific dates would be circulated in February and it was felt it would be useful for some Councillors to be in attendance at this.

At this point of the meeting a planning representative addressed the Councilors with a proposal for a 15 retirement dwelling plan at 17 Brook Lane, noting the site has been put forward as a Local Plan 2032 Call for Site, and may be brought forward to planning sooner. The outline was for the dwellings to be single storey, two bedroom dwellings with a cafe or day centre on site for the local community use. At present there are no specific designs, though it was detailed that a walkaway the site would hopefully be included and it would be intended that the properties are offered to the nearby residents first for a fixed period, prior to being on the wider market. The Council discussed the principle, the idea of retirement properties for local residents is positive for the village. However, this scheme would introduce increased traffic movements to a quiet residential lane, and there appeared to be limited access and parking provision on site. Whilst there could be potential improvements made to Brook Lane the Council highlighted that currently the village has no street lights.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS:

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The meeting with interested individuals to look further at village website options is scheduled for the following week it was noted.

The Borough Council had declared a tree by the War Memorial to be diseased and expressed that it needs removing, quotes had been obtained for this week and the Clerk had been pursuing clarification on whether this is a Parish Council responsibility or not. This item it was agreed to put on hold until the Borough Council has confirmed.

It was noted that Footpath 12 and 30 remain temporarily closed, there was an update that the dead trees in Cranbourne Gardens would be replaced within this planting season.

There was a detailed discussion on broadband upgrade, there had been some work done to the local exchange during December, however, it was noted that whilst the service has been improved for some of the village, the more remote parts have still not been included in the upgrade. It was discussed how these areas could be included on the plan. There are two new boxes located at Ravensden Road, not only have telephone changes been made to the boxes but fibre optic is now available and at the end of the month this is expected to be done for Salph End. It was felt there needs to be a clear approach from local small businesses who may be able to qualify for a grant, and that by forming a Working Group of interested parties this may be a way to work out how to bring a better service to the village to the areas which still have limited access. AG agreed to collate responses, with the Clerk to create a piece for the next newsletter.

10. LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME UPDATE:-

The documents are in the process of being uploaded to the Council website and then the Clerk will inform BATPC when this has been done so re-accreditation can commence.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The Council considered the parish precept for 2016/17, the estimated carried forward figure with the expected expenditure to occur during the remainder of the current financial year had been circulated. The reserve levels held and allocated funding provisions were also considered in depth, with it being agreed that the General Reserves of the Council be increased up to £18,500. It was unanimously agreed that the precept contribution per household remain static with a precept of £18,869 for 2016/17. The Clerk to submit the precept request form and the Council approved the budget for 2016/17 as well, with a review of income and expenditure received to date against the budget, noting all was inline with expectations.

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

A R Worboys grass cutting £746.64

A R Worboys grass cutting £630.36 (last invoice for the season)

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service November and December £986.10

Anglian Water £23.78 and £4.54

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

It was discussed the grass cutting contractor for 2016, the price was reviewed and it was agreed that A R Worboys continue with the fixed price contract.

The Council had to date still not received a third quote for the War Memorial maintenance, as the two received to date were very different it was felt a third is needed so this item would be bought forward to the next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

NALC Events Bulletin emails

Age Partnership email promoting services

Lloyds bank statements

BBC Planning weekly list email

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Major Roadwork's bulletin list
Village newsletter copy
Online playgrounds promotional information
Crime stats data – to be noted at meeting
Borough Cllr report November
Local Council Review magazine
Countryside Voice magazine
BBC letter regarding refusal of 29 Top End infill dwelling
Communication with Officer regarding yellow lines at Church End
Communications regarding average speed cameras
Copy of the Borough Council's budget saving proposals
CPRE promotional information
Renhold magazine
Resident communications regarding village website
BBC additional orange sacks for residents have arrived
Email from the Bedford Forum Chair regarding the Local Plan 2032 consultation
BATPC information on Council Tax Support grants and CIL
BBC consultation on changes to Rural Grants Criteria
BBC Draft Homelessness Strategy
BATPC information on Transparency Fund Grant applications
Email from BBC regarding Parish Council Register of Interest forms
BATPC affiliation fees email
Email from Keith regarding Demand Reduction Community Consultation Event
Resident request to see PC's Local Plan 2032 response
BATPC Transparency Grant Fund applications
BBC email regarding emergency assistance centres
Resident communication regarding a street lamp out in Tolkein Close
BBC Planning Officer letter regarding planning application outcome
Bartlett War Memorial tree work quote – to be discussed at the meeting
Circulation of PC meeting dates for 2016
Request for speeding on Cranbourne Gardens to be on agenda
Email from individual regarding giving PC's the right to appeal planning appeals
BATPC email regarding A1 in the East of England next stage of works/surveys
Beds on Sunday wanting to contact the family of Mrs Rose
Mr Smith quote for removing War Memorial tree
Apex quote for removal of War Memorial tree
Christmas card from Alistair and Eve Burt
BBC letter confirming receipt of PC submitted comments to planning applications
Copy of Renhold Sports Club letter stating no objection to the The Three Horseshoes application
BBC email asking if we request electoral register copies
BATPC Briefing note on government spending review
BATPC fees notice of £577.00
Email regarding healthcare commissioners publishing new timeline
Anglian Water bills
BBC email regarding temporary closure of footpath 12 and 30
Email from PCSO Paul Jones to say he will be moving on
Confirmation of Renhold's submitted response to the Local Plan 2032 consultation
Email to confirm new lines at Church End will be done in February time

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BBC Local Plan 2032 information pack
Cecil Higgins information
Poppy Appeal confirmation of order
BBC communication regarding additional orange sacks for residents
Resident communications regarding village website
BATPC AGM info
BBC letter regarding changes to council tax support grants
Project Involve workshop next information event

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included and it was asked if the Council would consider celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, it was reported the bus driver is missing a bus stop out on their route and contractors rubbish on the new bridleway to the school needs to be followed up.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

Dated