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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Thursday 8th September 2016** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Gregory, Mrs. Quince, Mrs. Gribble, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon and Mr. Polhill, Borough Councillor Jade Uko and Stephen Moon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and eight members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Cllr. Harrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular new Councillor Nicky Gribble, and thanked everyone for attending; Parish Councillors Mr. Gurney, and Mr. Slater had sent apologies which were accepted. The Borough Councillors Anthony Forth and Sheryl Corp had also sent their apologies.

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: -

It was raised by some residents present regarding the recent hedge works to land at the rear of Ravensden Road, the land owner has stripped all the hedges away and this was of great concern to residents, in particular the loss of habitat for the wildlife. It was understood that some residents had alerted the Borough Council and Forestry Commission of the works, as well as the Internal Drainage Board. The Councillors commented they would discuss this matter during village matters on the agenda.

There was a request for the hedge at Ravensden Road by the stables to be cut back, this to be reported to highways via the Clerk.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting for the next item.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th 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 Clerk had reported the number of tatty road name signs that were detailed at the last meeting. The Clerk had followed up the feedback to the grass contractor regarding the verges in Hookhams Lane, which will be covered in more detail under village matters. The Clerk had updated the Parish Council website with the new Councillor details as well as updated the information in the village magazine. The Clerk did follow up the offer of Cllr Quince to be a school governor, the Headteacher had advised that she would be contacted shortly by the school and welcomed as a non voting governor. The community noticeboard champion idea had been publicised on the Council website and in the circulation list, this update to be covered during village matters. Cllr. Harrison had been in communication with Officers trying to locate the Section 106 and management plan for Spires Estate, and it is unclear whether there is a planned noticeboard for the Aspire estate. The Clerk had circulated the hedge growing letter to all Councillors and booked Cllr. Slater to attend the PCC Forum meeting in September.

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6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -

There was an update from Cllr. Uko on the recent bin collection consultation that would result in a reduced collection service. The school transport consultation had been determined and included a positive solution for parents in the parish, and there was feedback from the public open spaces consultation relating to the Spires development. The sports pitches at Aspire are being completed and the MUGA will be opened shortly too it was added.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: - The Council had been notified of recent speed enforcement data in the village taken along Ravensden Road, this had been circulated through the village circulation list and included in the recent newsletter article.

The Police crime data it was noted had been circulated as well and showed two crimes in August.

There was a summary of the recent Community Speedwatch action in the village and the number of vehicles found to be exceeding above the speed limit, with the Police taking appropriate action from the information provided by Speedwatch. New volunteers were most welcome to join.

The Parish Council then went on to review the objections forwarded by the Borough Council at the end of the public consultation period for the proposed extension to double yellow lines on Church End. Cllr. Gregory expressed a wish to abstain from the discussion and vote on this item. The Council agreed to confirm their support for this additional linage due to the positive impact it would have on highways safety which is of paramount importance. The Clerk to respond.

There was a query raised from a member of the public over the legality of the double yellow lines regarding dropping off, it was asked that this item to be clarified by the resident and supporting information sent to the Clerk.

There had been a concern raised between meetings by a resident who reported parking problems being experienced along Ravensden Road. This had been brought to the attention of the police and the Clerk asked to follow up on this matter.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 16/02334/FUL single storey rear extension at Oddacres 39A Hookhams Lane – Cllr. Dean declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion. The Council had no objection to this application.

b) 16/02362/FUL single storey rear/side extension including basement area and new pitched roof to existing flat roof area at 2 Home Close - the Council objected to this application on grounds of over development and being out of keeping with the street scene. The plot is not sufficient size to take such extension as proposed, given this would make the bungalow a five bedroom property which is significantly larger than any neighbouring properties, and there has been no increased off road parking provision. The Council would not wish to have cars parked on the road as this is dangerous given the proximity to the nearby junction.

c) 16/02316/TPO various works to trees at 67 Church End - the Council have no objection to this application

d) 16/02288/FUL single storey rear extension at 41 Hookhams Lane - the Council are concerned that there is no inclusion on the submitted plans for the development that has taken place already at the front of this property, so the plans presented are misleading. The Council feel that correctly drawn plans of the dwelling need to be submitted showing the previously granted work in addition the new proposal in order for them to make an informed comment.

e) Other planning matters – there had been further clarification received between meetings relating to 16/01185S73 variation of condition application for the removal of agricultural occupancy condition at 63 Wilden Road, the Parish Council had agreed to update their response to no

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objection in light of the additional information. The application relating to 11 Brookside had been granted permission it was noted. Cllr. Moon added that at a recent meeting where the Local Plan settlement hierarchies were discussed it was noted that parts of Renhold had been downgraded to a lower group size.

9. VILLAGE MATTERS:-

It was agreed that due to the number of communications between meetings relating to grass cutting of the village, that there needs to be a detailed revision of the specification going forwards. The Clerk to work on.

Cllr. Gregory provided an update on broadband and ongoing liaison with the Borough Council Officers regarding the commitment to superfast broadband in the parish. There is fibre installed for the Ravensden 2 cabinet already, with Ravensden 1 which serves Ravensden Road expected in June 2017. The Great Barford cabinet 1 is due in the New Year and at present Water End and St Neots Road are not in the plan. There was a suggestion that there may be grants available for satellite broadband, which the Clerk to follow up.

In regards to the Norse Road developments, Spires is already superfast enabled, Aspire is ready to be connected and whilst areas of Cranbourne Gardens has access to fibre broadband, BT has agreed to do a full survey of what is within that specific area.

It was reported that highway hedges at the entrance of Hookhams Lane and along Wilden Road on the left hand side travelling up the hill are in need of cutting back as they are encroaching on the footpath.

There had been some residents come forward to undertake the role of community noticeboard champion, it was felt that in order to ensure it is clear of what the role is, that it would be helpful for the Clerk to collate a specification.

The Clerk asked for assistance with collating the website Working Group meeting dates to inform the Village Hall Management Committee for billing purposes.

There was a letter received from a resident regarding the local websites, the Council agreed that moving forwards it was hoped any website would be of value to the village and highlighting the parish.

It was agreed by Councillors that they wished to collate a letter to the landowner of the area where the hedges had been completely removed at land at the rear of Ravensden Road, Cllrs. Quince and Gribble agreed to collate.

The circulated letter regarding hedges encroaching footways was agreed that these also need to be distributed around the village, the Clerk to resend.

There was a request for a siting of a bench in the churchyard, Cllr. Quince agreed to make enquiries regarding the best possible location, which the Clerk to feedback.

There was a report giving an update on the village website as well.

There had been an update received from the craftsmen of the village sign which detailed the work is ongoing.

10. TO CONSIDER HOW TO DEVELOP THE PLAY PROVISION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE:-

There are a number of areas off Norse Road where children can visit a play area, however, within the older part of the village this is not available. It was felt that the Parish Council should explore the possibility of such a provision, gauging interest for such a facility. The Clerk to include in the next newsletter article and ask for individuals to come forward who may wish to join a Working Group to focus on this.

11. UPDATE ON QUALITY STATUS RE-ACCREDITATION:-

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There had clarification received that BATPC are awaiting to receive the application, which had been sent in some time ago. The Clerk is pursuing.

12. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service July and August £1114.72

A R Worboys Ltd grass cutting £461.45

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

The Council reviewed their actual expenditure and income to date against the budget for the year, there were no areas of concern it was noted.

There had been no external audit feedback received to date. There had been two grant applications received which it was agreed to carry forward to the next Finance Committee meeting which the Clerk would arrange and feedback to the applicants. The quote received for the noticeboard refurbishment work had been received and would be discussed in detail by the Finance Committee. The full Council agreed to a letter being sent to Lloyds TSB to notify them of the address change for the Council, the Clerk to arrange.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

NALC Events Bulletin emails

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Planning weekly list email

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

Resident letter regarding village website and confusion of there being more than one

BATPC Bugle

BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments

ERTA Voluntary Transport email

Beds and MK Waterway newsletter

Circulation of 2016/17 meeting dates to all

Luton and Dunstable NHS Trust confirmation of contact details

Crime statistics circulated

BBC early travel consultation

BBC Draft Learning Disabilities Accommodation Strategy consultation

BATPC information on transparency grants

BATPC email regarding community led housing

BBC Community Archives poster

Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation notification of purpose of charity

PCC July newsletter

BATPC Legal Topic Notes

Renhold Sports Club funding application for grant

BBC letter regarding the planning permission given to 11 Brookside application

Copy of letter sent to resident from Alastair Burt MP regarding speeding

Apologies for September meeting from Ian

Resident raising concerns regarding the felling of a number of trees in Renhold Brook along Ravensden Road end of the village

Resident request for Cllr Gribble contact details

Resident forwarding a potential contractor from the village who would be interested in quoting for the grass cutting

Resident raising concern at parking in Ravensden Road

Various communications relating to the recent Speedwatch activity and publicity in the village

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Communications with grass contractor regarding the grass cutting in Hookhams Lane
Communication with resident regarding grass cutting in Hookhams Lane
Residents alerting me to having two meeting entry dates for April 2017's meeting
Communications with village sign craftsmen
Copied into communications from a resident to the village magazine who raised concern regarding copyright law
Resident seeking clarification over Wentworth Drive closure and the Hookhams Lane weight restrictions
Communications updating the village magazine list of Cllrs contact details
Copied into response Stuart received which detailed the developer is not even sure if there is a notice board planned for the Orbit Aspire site
Resident request for the Parish Council July meeting draft minutes
PC website admin user request received
Request for the Borough Councillor reports within the village magazine received
Resident communication regarding recent speed checks in Ravensden Road
Website Working Group meeting dates need to be confirmed
Email from Renhold Sports Club regarding rumoured housing development on the field
A R Worboys invoice
Resident enquiry regarding broadband infinity being rolled out in parish
Resident copying me into an article that was being sent to the village magazine regarding the balance of Councillors on the PC
Confirmation that Ian is booked on the BBC Planning Workshop
Information of police speed enforcement checks on Ravensden Road
Resident request for memorial bench to be located on vergeway
BBC notification of uncontested election notice
It was agreed that a cheque be issued for £25 to be made payable to BATPC for Councillor induction training for Cllr. Gribble.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included and Cllr. Moon sent his apologies in advance.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Dated