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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 20th May 2020 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors: Mrs. Quince (Chair), Mr. Cook (Vice Chair), Mrs. Brunsdon, Mrs. Dean, Mrs Gribble, Mr McIver, Mr. Polhill, Mr. Warwicker, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat. Borough Councillors Tim Creswell, Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant Christine McHugh and Stephen Moon and nine members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - The Chair welcomed all attendees and set the expectations for an online virtual meeting, outlining how to keep the meeting courteous and efficient. A moment of reflection was held following the passing of Sue Gregory.

Parish Councillor Mr. Rayner had sent apologies for absence which were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST TO BE DECLARED FOR THE MEETING: - No declarations of interest received for the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

Resident requested update on planning application for 6A Green End and feedback on increase in numbers on village circulation list since magazine article.

Resident concerned about speed of vehicles along Green End. He feels that the average speed cameras currently in operation are ineffective. Clerk to request police monitoring camera for Green End by bus stop, more proactive engagement from local Police Officer, and for a local authority speed vehicle to visit the area.

Persistent speeding in Ravensden Road was also raised as a significant problem. New vehicle activated signs have been purchased for Ravensden Road and Hookhams Lane, but are in storage during lockdown. Speeding will be a future agenda item so that locations of VAS and feedback from Green End communications can be reviewed.

Dual purpose waste bin requested for Pegasus crossing to be chased.

Access issues from back of church to public right of way alongside Great Early Grove raised for those in wheelchair as new post has been cemented into the ground so that the gate is inaccessible and does not fully open. Cllr. Quince to raise resident's concern with landowner.

The Chair reconvened the meeting for the next item.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) Salph End planning applications update: 19/02194/MAO up to 28 dwellings at Land East of Hookhams Lane, 19/01974/MAO up to 400 dwellings at 25 Hookhams Lane, 20/00349/MAF up to 13 dwellings at Thistledown 27 Hookhams Lane. The planning consultant continues to review all the applications in depth. The above applications were not at the Borough Council May Planning Committee meeting. Next Committee meeting is 22nd June. Parish Council will monitor agenda closely. Cllr. Moon fed back on liaison with Planning Officer.

b) 20/00799/FUL: One and two storey front, side and rear extensions with new cladding and render and link to existing outbuilding at 30A Church End - the Council agreed to object to this application given that the proposals are in very close proximity to the neighbouring properties and there concern with it being so close to the side boundaries.

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- c) Pre-application consultation for revised scheme for approved dwelling at Greenacres, 63a Wilden Road, Renhold. The Parish Council reviewed the information. It was asked to improve the environmental friendly nature of this application to include hedgehog highways, swift boxes and further such items to promote wildlife habitats.
- d) Bedford Borough Council request for information to inform next Local Plan - the Borough Council have started the information gathering process for the next Local Plan. The Parish Council reviewed the facilities in the village that the Borough need to be notified of and agreed that Dennis O'Meara Sports Pavilion in Fiona Way be included. Clerk to update and submit.
- e) East West Rail Bedford to Cambridge route. Latest feedback from East West Rail reviewed. Several attendees raised concerns that not all residents are aware the preferred route is very likely to travel through the parish. Cllr. Quince to circulate copy of document received from a Ravensden resident.
- f) Neighbourhood Plan raising awareness in the parish. Much information has been published encouraging residents to become involved. Articles placed in village magazine, parish website and Annual Report. Three individuals to be booked to attend free webinar on this subject.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-It was resolved to approve the minutes of 16th April. Minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

6. TO CONSIDER USE OF .GOV.UK ADDRESS

Cllr. McIver and resident with specialised knowledge in GPDR outlined the benefits of moving to .gov.uk for Parish Council website and Parish Councillor email addresses. It was resolved to look into more detail for both of these and to obtain associated costs, so that they could be reviewed at next meeting.

7. FINANCE: -

Transaction report, budget analysis for 2020/21 financial year had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. No items of concern noted.

a) To review quotations received for maintenance

No items to consider, but awaiting quote from Terry Nokes for repair of village sign by church

b) Invoices to be paid

Barnicoat Ltd Clerking service April £618.92

BATPC membership renewal £681.00

Came and Company insurance renewal £923.12

A R Worboys Grass cutting (cut 1) £192

JCB Printing April Village Magazine stapling costs £50.00

P L Chambers bench maintenance repairs £358.56

E Barnicoat Reimbursement of Information Commissioner Officer Membership renewal £40.00

Resolution passed for the payments to be made.

c) Revised financial form for consideration - The Council agreed to include a flow diagram, to make some minor adjustments to the checklist and guidance notes documents before circulating to all village organisations in receipt of financial support from the Parish Council. It was resolved to use this new process for the financial year 2020/21, and to review at year end. An accompanying letter to be included, Clerk to arrange.

d) Year-end accounts – currently with the internal auditor.

e) COVID-19 support to village groups – Clerk has alerted village community premises to the grant available to rural facilities. There has been no feedback to the Parish Council as to whether any of those groups have been successful with their application. Clerk to issue a communication

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to all village organisations informing them of the range of funding opportunities for groups impacted by the lockdown period. Information to be placed on parish website.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

NALC Events Bulletin emails

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Planning weekly list email

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments

BRCC e-bulletin newsletter

CPRE update emails

Bank statements

Crime statistics - forwarded to all

ERTA Voluntary Transport email

Beds Police newsletter

BBC Officer communications regarding Hookhams Lane commissioned highways work

BBC Weekly Licensing list

BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments

Cranbourne Gardens bench location communications with contractor

Clerks and Council Direct magazine

Village magazine article communications

Resident added to the village circulation list – responded to

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Grass cutting contractor communications regarding expectations this season

Read our new Came & Company Local Council Insurance newsletter

BATPC financial impact survey

Continued communications from NALC and BATPC information and updates on the coronavirus situation and how this impacts local councils

BBC Thurleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan latest

BBC Local Plan information request

BATPC Bugle – circulated

Emergency Fund available across Bedfordshire

Notification of local government boundary review postponement

BATPC home working allowance

Beds Police crime statistics – circulated

BATPC completion of the AGAR 2020/21

Communication and clarity concerning 19/02182/LDP Netherwood Farm

A R Worboys grass cutting contractor copy of public liability

Resident feedback from April remote Parish Council meeting – responded to

Resident enquiry regarding remote online April parish Council meeting – responded to

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Resident communication regarding Church End zebra crossing – responded to
BBC Bletsoe Neighbourhood Development Plan latest
Renhold Chapel thank you letter
Borough Councillor communications regarding calling in of applications and planning concerns in the parish
BBC communications regarding grass cutting contraction for 2020 season
Resident communication feedback to the village circulation update from Parish Council – responded to
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Parish Council annual report communications
Renhold War Memorial communications with contractor ahead of VE Day
BBC Management of closed or partially shut down Community Facilities
East West Rail team communications following submission of Parish Council response
Pre-application consultation revised scheme for approved dwelling at Greenacres, 63a Wilden Road, Renhold
Planning consultant communications regarding Hookhams Lane applications
Resident communications regarding planning responses to applications at Hookhams Lane
Resident enquiry regarding Water End and nearby quarry works - responded to
Copied into feedback to Renhold Magazine April edition
Resident request for local Police contact details – responded
Resident communication regarding grass cutting along Ravensden Road – responded to
Resident communication regarding Hookhams Lane bridleway – responded to
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Clerk outlined some items for information only:

- Planning responses submitted
- Continuing to work with local volunteers to help co-ordinate access to support for those self isolating and vulnerable during the Covid-19 lockdown
- Annual Parish Council report printed and currently being delivered. Huge thanks to the Village Magazine delivery team for assisting with this
- Neighbourhood Planning and East West Rail added to become standing agenda items
- Parish Council questions on behalf of residents have been raised with Senior Borough Officers regarding the zebra crossing installation at Church End. The responses have been received and circulated to all those concerned.
- Grass cutting contractor communications confirming work agreed for this grass cutting season, and link made with Cllr. Gribble.
- Grass cutting contribution agreement returned to Bedford Borough Council for the 2020 cutting season
- Bill Peet and Son contractors for the War Memorial thanked for their work to ensure the area was looking great for the recent VE Day celebration
- New Police Inspector for the local area. Police inspector to be invited to future meeting. Clerk to action.

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- Liaison with residents who are concerned about an encroachment on to the bridleway along rear of properties in Hookhams Lane. Bedford Borough Council Officers have visited and are following the matter up
- Local government ward boundary consultation review has been placed on hold.

Clerk to follow up drainage and planning breach at Church End again with the local authority.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - To be held on 24th June 2020 starting at 7pm. Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed

Dated