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Minutes of the VIRTUAL MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors: Mrs. Quince (Chair), Mr. Cook (Vice Chair), Mrs. Brunsdon, Mrs. Dean, Mrs Gribble, Mr McIver, Mr. Warwicker, Mr. Polhill and the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat. Borough Councillors, Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant 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. Parish Councillor Mr. Rayner, Borough Councillors Tim Creswell and Christine McHugh 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 were received for the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

A resident commented on a planning application, and it was outlined that the new vehicle activated signs have reduced speeds.

The Chair reconvened the meeting for the next item.

4. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 20/01606/FUL Removal of existing rear conservatory and erection of new single storey rear 'winter garden' extension, front porch extension and front bay at Carlyon House, Ravensden Road - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to have no objection to this application.

b) APPEAL SUBMISSION for 18/02496/MAF - demolition of one dwelling and erection of 14 dwellings at 27 Hookhams Lane following Bedford Borough Council's refusal – the Parish Council had submitted the response, and circulated the statement to the village circulation list. The Clerk was thanked for the comprehensive work done on this document.

Cllr. Polhill joined the meeting at this point

c) APPEAL SUBMISSION planning for 19/01974/MAO up to 400 dwellings at 25 Hookhams Lane following Bedford Borough Council's refusal – The draft Parish Council response had been circulated, there would be some further amendments before the submission deadline and residents would be kept up to date via the circulation list.

d) Other Salph End planning applications update: 19/02194/MAO up to 28 dwellings at Land East of Hookhams Lane – no update to report.

e) 20/01871/FUL Proposed single storey side extension at 20 Top End Renhold - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to have no objection to this application.

f) 18/01390/FUL Proposed log cabin for recreational use at Plot C, Water Lane amendment - The Parish Council unanimously agreed to continue to object to this application as they have a number of concerns. The original application stated, and it is maintained also for this application that there is no foul water, however, the drawings clearly show the provision for a wet/laundry/jacuzzi room so there does need to be a suitable provision for foul water at the site. There is also a bedroom referenced in the supporting drawings which shows an intention for this to be more than for just recreational use. The Council remains concerned about additional vehicle movements down this small, narrow lane which from the amended application is clearly being intended as use for residential purposes. The Council does not feel the drawings are a true representation of what is currently on site and are considered that the further changes are over development on a small rural site. The Parish Council feels that robust and strict conditions must be

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applied to this application if the Officer is minded to approve it in particular to ensure there is no residential usage of the site.

g) 20/01608/FUL Garage conversion including external alterations and repositioning of part of boundary wall to accommodate additional vehicle parking at 50 Lady Mayor Drive - The Parish Council unanimously agreed they are concerned that the proposal to convert the garage will reduce the off-road parking provision in an area where there are already many documented issues with parking. If this application is granted, it will set a precedent and the Council also feels that the proposed changes would cause nearby properties to be overlooking parked cars.

h) 20/01589/TPO T1 Ash Laterally reduce by removing up to 4 metres from the lineal spread. T2 - Ash Reduce the northern lateral limbs by up to 2 metres at 11 Becher Close - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to have no objection to this application.

i) 20/01588/TPO T1 - Ash- laterally reduce the northern stem by up to 3 metres at 10 Becher Close - The Parish Council unanimously resolved to have no objection to this application.

j) 20/01581/FUL Two storey side and rear extension following the demolition of the existing single storey side/rear projection and the erection of a detached garage and parking to front at 83 Ravensden Road - The Parish Council unanimously agreed they have no objection to the proposed demolition part of this application. However, they are concerned about the installation of a detached garage as it is significantly in front of the building lines. This would impact negatively on the street scene given that it is currently an area of green expanse. The Council also notes that there has been no detailed information of the proposed garage included in the application so it is difficult to understand the perspective of what is being proposed. The Council therefore resolved to object to the installation of the garage.

k) To agree a response to Bedford Borough Council Public Consultation - Possible change to the Self-build & Custom Housebuilding Register - the Parish Council noted the consultation. No response to be sent.

l) Pre-application consultation - revised scheme for approved dwelling at Greenacres, 63a Wilden Road, Renhold – The Parish Council unanimously agreed that it is important that any development on this site ensures that habitats are maintained and wherever possible wildlife corridors are enhanced.

m) Bedford Borough Local Plan Review issues and options consultation, Parish Council response to be agreed – The Parish Council's drafted response was outlined; Councillors had all had the opportunity to input into the response. It was agreed that greater emphasis to be placed on the importance of any urban based growth not impacting on the important rural buffer of Salph End. It was agreed that this would be included when the Council's comments were submitted.

Cllr. Moon at this point of the meeting updated all on the local planning system changes.

n) Update on East West Rail route recent communications – Councillors Quince and McIver had attended the online meeting. Following the information provided there were a number of concerns expressed regarding lack of transparency by those in attendance. A group of individuals from local organisations were looking at ways to work collaboratively together to ensure that East West Rail are challenged appropriately. Ravensden Parish Council are leading this and three Renhold Parish Councillors are fully engaged in this process.

o) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group first meeting –Feedback was given from the first meeting held. It was agreed that Parish Councillors Quince, McIver and Gribble would be Parish Council representatives and liaison with the Group. To enable the process to move forwards, the parish boundary needs to be designated which is a process that the local authority undertakes once there has been a formal resolution. The Parish Councillors considered this, and unanimously agreed to resolve for the application to go to the Borough Council so that the whole of the Renhold Parish is designated for the Plan. The Group were working towards an initial questionnaire for all residents to engage with and they are making progress with a grant funding application for their activities.

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5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:- It was resolved to approve the minutes of 27th July and 17th August. Minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Clarity on final version to be placed on website.

Cllr. Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant took leave at this point of the meeting

6. UPDATE ON DATA RECEIVED FROM RECENTLY INSTALLED VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL SIGN(S) AND POSTS FOR THE PARISH:- The poles had been installed free of charge by the Local Authority, the signs were now mounted as well. A resident communication was received and responded to regarding the Ravensden Road sign. It was agreed that Cllr. Warwicker would take monthly downloads of data from the signs. It was also agreed that reporting the data collected would be kept simple and meaningful, and once data has been downloaded it would be deleted from the device. There is to be liaison to see if the Speedwatch team can use the sign and data collected for notifying the Police of speeding vehicles for them to send letters to. There was a suggestion that any future signs should include a post and sign in Green End to monitor local traffic as well as a further sign in Hookhams Lane, with investigation to be done into bilateral multi directional signs.

Cllr. Stephen Moon took leave at this point of the meeting

7. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS: STANDING ORDERS TO INCLUDE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY :- The Council unanimously agreed to resolve to approve the model NALC Standing Order document. It was unanimously resolved to appoint a Planning Committee with the members to be: Cllrs Dean, Brunsden, Polhill with Cook and Quince as ex-officio members. It was unanimously resolved to approve the Committee Terms of Reference and delegation of authority.

8. FINANCE

a) Invoices:

Barnicoat Ltd Clerking service July £618.92

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A R Worboys Grass cutting (cut 4) £160.00 plus VAT SI1335

A R Worboys Grass cutting (cut 5) £160.00 plus VAT SI1363

JCB Printing July Village Magazine stapling costs July and August £100.00

Andy Muskett Ltd vehicle activated signage installation £60.00

Julie Betts Internal audit £135.00

Unanimously agreed and resolution passed for the payments to be made.

b) Review of Council expenditure to date for financial year 2020/21 including budget review of budget plan for 2020/21 - Transaction report and budget analysis for 2020/21 financial year had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. No items of concern noted. It was unanimously resolved that there should be no specific breakdown of any village groups' or organisations' allocated funds within the Parish Council budget. Clerk to update.

c) External audit – all items had been submitted to the external auditors. Councillors had received a copy of the information as well.

9. 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

BRCC e-bulletin newsletter

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CPRE update emails
Bank statements
Crime statistics - forwarded to all
ERTA Voluntary Transport email
Beds Police newsletter
BBC Weekly Licensing list
BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments
Remembrance bench manufacturer promotional information
Planning consultant communication regarding land off Brook Lane being put forward for next Local Plan
Village magazine article communications
Continued communications from NALC and BATPC information and updates on the coronavirus situation and how this impacts local councils
Beds Police crime statistics – circulated
Borough Officer communications regarding Church End zebra crossing and associated path improvement works – ongoing
Vehicle Activated Sign communications with contractor
Resident concerned about vehicle parking on verge way in Brickfield Road – responded to
Resident and Borough Councillor communication regarding dual purpose bin by Pegasus crossing
BBC Local Plan options and issues consultation and call for sites communications – response being collated
Borough Officer communications confirming request for dog waste bin at Water Lane approved – followed up
BBC Special Expenses review information
Highways England notification of roadworks A421 Marsh Leys to A4280 – circulated
Communications regarding Appointment of Trustees for Renhold Charity Cottages
Village Magazine communications regarding stapling
CPRE magazine
Latest Bedford Borough Coronavirus information – placed on noticeboards
Speedwatch communications regarding vehicle activated signs
Bedford Borough Council Playing pitch and outdoor sport study survey -
Resident communication regarding Hookhams Lane appeal – responded to
Resident communication regarding East West Rail latest regarding proposed route – responded to
Request for copy of parish boundary – responded to
NHS Survey for sharing with local residents – circulated
Ravensden Parish Council communication regarding East West Rail
Bedfordshire Bugle - September 2020 & MHCLG's Planning consultations – circulated
LGA Code of Conduct consultation
Resident communication regarding 20/01606/FUL – responded to
Resident communication regarding leaflet from local business – responded to
Richard Fuller MP communication regarding Local Plan 2040 – forwarded
Resident communication regarding Ravensden Road vehicle activated sign installation – responded to
External auditor communication regarding AGAR 2019-20 - approaching deadline - 31 August 2020
Parish Council website communications uploading documents
East West Rail Co - Let's restart the conversation – circulated and responded to
Bedford Borough communication regarding Government's White Paper 'Planning for the Future' - circulated
Borough Council Officer communication regarding tree protection Renhold
Bedford Borough Officer request for information regarding old knee rail by Home Close – responded to
BATPC Amended meetings regulations information – circulated

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Bedford Borough Council Minutes for Standards Committee, Tuesday, 28th July, 2020, 6.30 pm

Communications regarding work to parish asset water fountain

Resident communication regarding changes to the current planning system August 2020

Bedford Borough Council Made Order for the Diversion of Part of Footpath 39 in Renhold - circulated

Bedford Borough Council Public Consultation - Possible change to the Self-build & Custom Housebuilding Register

Read the latest insights from Came & Company Local Council Insurance

Bedford Borough Council statement for 18/02496/MAF appeal

Copy of resident submission to 18/02496/MAF appeal

Pre-application consultation - revised scheme for approved dwelling at Greenacres, 63a Wilden Road, Renhold - circulated

Confirmation of Representation(s) for APP/K0235/W/20/3253651 – appeal submission

Resident communications regarding Hookhams Lane planning applications – responded to

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Resident communication regarding Land at front of 43 Hookhams Lane – responded to

Communications regarding Aspire dog bins

Resident reporting Fly Tipping - Top End, Renhold – alerted Bedford Borough

Bedford Borough Officer communication regarding Church End bus shelter anti social behaviour

Planning application decisions to be noted:

20/00585/S73 - Condition 7 - Energy Statement (Discharge of condition) Land At Former Site Of The Three Horseshoes Top End - Permitted

20/00349/MAF Demolition of one dwelling and erection of 13 dwellings at Thistledown 27 Hookhams Lane - Refused

20/00289/FUL Demolition of existing timber barn and erection of steel framed store barn and timber framed stable. Change of use of agricultural land to Use of land for the keeping of horses incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling at 9 Top End - Permitted

Clerk outlined some items for information only:

- Planning responses submitted
- Borough Officer ongoing communication regarding the improvement works planned to the path to the school from the new developments,
- Communications regarding Appointment of Trustees for Renhold Charity Cottages
- Bedford Borough Council Playing pitch and outdoor sport study survey
- Borough Council officer communication regarding tree protection Renhold
- Brook Lane meeting 7th September SB and AQ
- Response submitted to Bedford Borough Council Draft Housing Strategy 2021-2026 consultation
- Bedford Borough Special Area Charges review response submitted
- Green End speeding communications
- Water End bin installation completed
- Play area signage has been installed in Cranbourne Gardens
- Resident communications regarding telecommunications recent installation at Hookhams Lane roundabout
- Village organisations received new grant application information
- Future dates: Wednesday 14th October, Thursday 26th November, Wednesday 6th January, Thursday 11th February, Wednesday 17th March, Wednesday 21st April, Wednesday 19th May, Wednesday 23rd June, Wednesday 28th July

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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - To be held on 14th October 2020 starting at 7pm.
Meeting closed at 9.00m

Signed:

Dated