



PARISH OF RENHOLD



Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors Mrs. Dean, Mr. Warwicker, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Cardinale, Mrs. Gribble (Chair), the Clerk, and two members of the public were present.

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE Cllr. Gribble welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mrs. Brunsden and Mr. Rayner. No declarations of interest received for the meeting other than noting JR and NG on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.	
2	IAIN BOOTH, BEDFORD BOROUGH MANAGER FOR HIGHWAYS IN ATTENDANCE A summary was provided on the work within the department relating to operational matters, there are thirty operatives within the team, with responsibilities outlined, such as: gully cleaning, enforcement, gritting. Planned maintenance work was detailed with this now being taken forward alongside planned drainage management with it being hoped to see an improvement with this approach over the winter months. Question on grips which are used as a natural soak away option, are they being installed by the local authority, noting that this method is used by the Council. Support sought with overhanging vegetation along the St Neots Road raised, to be looked into. Weed spraying is done regularly inside the 30mph, with the next visit due in the parish in the next 4 weeks. This is similar with the drainage/gully clearing, there is an annual programme in place, working closely with the street cleansing team at the local authority. It was welcomed to have this information shared to circulate amongst the local community to raise awareness of this work taking place. Some items raised from the Deputy Mayor visit walkround items, these included items in Green End and Top End, plus outdated A-frame signs that have been left in Water End. Question also received on filling in ditches with a blocked culvert, example by Green End bus shelter, item to be followed up after the meeting. <i>The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point</i>	To be followed up To be followed up To be followed up To be followed up
3	OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK No public statements received. <i>The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point</i>	
4 a)	FINANCE AND POLICY MATTERS TO INCLUDE Renhold Village Hall Management Committee in attendance to aid Council consideration of grant application – following application made and discussed at last meeting, representative invited to the meeting, welcomed and thanked for attending. Understanding the current support and plans for the premises were talked through. It was agreed to share contact details with the Village Hall of those who have expressed a wish to support helping the facility. The Parish Council offered to share information across local platforms to raise awareness of the facility, with there being ongoing liaison with the local authority regarding a directional sign, Iain Booth offered to follow this item up. The grant application discussions would be carried forward to the next meeting.	Clerk to action To be followed up Clerk to action

<p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p><i>FC left at this point of the meeting</i></p> <p>Quotations to be considered and agreed – Community defibrillator devices quotation had been shared in advance, Community Heartbeat guidance had been sought looking at options that included having an electric supply and not having such a supply. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the units, cabinets, including posts, at a total cost of £6,705.00 excluding VAT resolution passed. Cllr Gribble reported placing a memorial plaque on the bench on the Green, is ongoing. Green End bus shelter seat proposal circulated, it was unanimously agreed to arrange for the purchase of the seat at a cost of £349.59, resolution passed. Installation to be arranged through Mr Wallinger, Cllr. Gribble to liaise with contractor. Community safety camera SIM contract supporting information, market comparisons shared, it was unanimously agreed to ratify an unlimited data SIM only 24 month contract with Three charge of £7.50 excluding VAT a month, resolution passed. The camera has been installed, set up is being organized, awaiting invoice it was noted.</p> <p>Invoices to be paid Renhold Village Hall meeting hire charges September to July £252.00 BATPC membership renewal £706.00 Backlight Ltd Administration service July August £1448.92 British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 – NG declared an interest on this item so took no part in the vote. Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment. Resolution passed. It was noted that at the next meeting applications for Renhold Remembers to be considered.</p> <p>Financial monitoring review Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year, Clerk had sent clarity regarding community safety camera funding allocation within the budget plan.</p> <p>External audit feedback Awaiting audit report.</p> <p>Bedford Borough Council Special Area Expenses Review submission It was unanimously agreed to delegate this to the Clerk to complete the submission, resolution passed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Clerk to action Future item</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>5.1</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - for full Council to agree responses to: It was noted that information had been shared with all Councillors ahead of the meeting regarding applications and some Councillors had undertaken a site visit to some of the applications.</p> <p>APPLICATION NO:- 24/01547/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and dilapidated storage shed replaced with single storey rear extension and external window alterations at 17 Top End - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no objection, resolution passed.</p> <p>Bedford Borough draft Statement of Community Involvement submission of comments – information circulated, it was agreed to not submit comments.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – none received.</p>	
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Planning and Development: notification of appeal for 24/00864/FUL Replacement of existing double garage with 1.5 storey garage/store with office/storage over at Teazels Green Lane - no action required, previous submitted comments would be taken into account it was noted.</p>	
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group report Working Group report circulated to all Councillors. Request for allocation of funds to enable consultation on the draft Plan document to take place, it was unanimously agreed to allocate funding provision of up to £1500.00 for the associated production costs of the consultation material, resolution passed. Clerk to feedback.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>

6.	<p>BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble reported that daffodil bulbs available through the Ward Fund, had been ordered for Hookhams Lane. Silver birch replacement with a different species in Green End to be secured through the Ward Fund. The recovery truck parked off Norse Road has returned, follow up action has continued to be pursued. Bulky Waste collection discrepancy with Renhold village compared to other smaller rural parishes, Borough Councillor is following up on this. Solar panels now installed following rural grant secured for Renhold Charity Cottages. Local bus service updated timetable following changes had been shared across a range of different local platforms.</p> <p>Parish Councillor communication regarding Green End dog waste bin is being explored by Cllr. Gribble to try and get a better positioned bin for dog waste.</p> <p>Traffic flow through the parish discussed, check the traffic counts recently, agreed follow up was to ask local authority for data.</p>	<p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Clerk/Cllr. Gribble</p>
7.	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES</p> <p>No expressions of interests received, had continued to be shared across various local network platforms.</p>	
8.	<p>COMMUNITY MATTERS</p> <p>Village Magazine on website follow up actioned, latest versions online.</p> <p>Orbit communications remain ongoing and there is a site meeting schedule in early October.</p> <p>Clerk had sent communication to local ambulance service regarding the defibrillator matter previously raised, acknowledgment received but awaiting full response. Updated drafted policy document circulated to Councillors, it would be expanded further once ambulance response received and three additional units installed.</p> <p>New Headteacher at the school, invite to future Council meeting sent, awaiting response so follow up on issues being experienced at end of school day in Church End can be pursued.</p> <p>The improvement work on the path to the school was raised, getting a price for the work to be explored by Cllr. Gribble with the local authority as well as Cllr. Rayner and Cardinale to see if a Rural Prosperity Fund application can be made. Cllr. Gribble had actioned, will continue to try and pursue.</p>	<p>Monitor</p> <p>Monitor Monitor Cllr. Gribble</p>
9.	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The Council unanimously agreed to sign as a true and accurate record, the Chair signed the minutes from 30th July.</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To arrange meeting with Sports Field Trustees after publication of GI Survey for which still waiting, so remains ongoing. ▪ Payment of accounts issued ▪ Planning comments submitted ▪ JP communication regarding Jubilee celebrations edit actioned on Parish Council website. ▪ Awaiting copies of BFARe minutes to come through, have chased this last week with Ward Councillor for Wyboston. ▪ To arrange an invite to the local MP for the Cranbourne Gardens development, Cllr. Gribble had sent invite. ▪ It was agreed to explore options regarding the tree work at the War Memorial, Cllr. Gribble to follow up with landowner. ▪ The VAS data continues to be downloaded monthly, Cllr. Warwicker again thanked for all his efforts on this. ▪ Bank signatory work remains ongoing. ▪ Bin request for Water End followed up with Bedford Borough Council Officer this is the bin that is needed across the roundabout in the layby at Water End. Ward Fund purchase being arranged. ▪ Work on a village asset application for The Polhill Arms was ongoing, it was agreed that this to be followed up to check the stage of the application and support offered with this. ▪ BBC Chief Executive was going to take forwards request for planning training 	<p>Clerk/Gribble</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing Monitor</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>including information on enforcement for Councillors to receive in the near future, this training event has now taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clerk had attended a recent meeting with Chief Executive to discuss local authority workings . ▪ The additional location highlighted to the police during the January meeting in the village that had been flagged within a hot spot area, that could be used for carrying out speed checks – Community Speedwatch Coordinator to share details of suggested location with PC Napoli . ▪ Understanding the police resources available relating to enforcement of Traffic Regulation Orders as well as commercial weight restrictions in situ in Renhold with suggestion of using volunteer time to support with processing the follow up work generated, as well as offering volunteer time to do this. Appropriate safe access by a volunteer to the police database would be an item that would need clarifying to be followed up. ▪ The highways walkround with Borough Council Officer and Borough Councillor Jim Weir Deputy Mayor & Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways & Transport summary report to be done by Cllr. Gribble to go on the Parish Council website. ▪ Additional items raised during the highways walkround were: white markings had been placed in Green End seeking if these were related to forthcoming footway improvement works. It was noted the pile of earth is still on the verge outside the first bungalow as you enter the village from the bypass. With there also being some redundant work signs in Green End. Some of these items had been completed it was noted. ▪ Asset management document to be drafted. ▪ Monitor Ravensden Road entrance gate, and associated work including markings, work being carried out by local authority, has been chased in August. ▪ Adjacent landowner to community safety camera in Water End to be asked to cut back hedges nearby to make the camera more visibility. This will be done in due course when the camera has been installed. ▪ BBC Grass cutting contribution payment received, as has second half of precept. ▪ Code of Conduct document uploaded to website, redacted signature version ongoing, awaiting June absent Councillors signatures on document. ▪ Clerk had set up notification on local authority site to receive latest planning notifications for Hookhams Lane and Renhold to keep up with the all the proposed items, this is being monitored. ▪ Clerk had shared how to action the insertion of the email signature for Councillors, reminder that all Councillors need to update their signature. ▪ Planning Guide document had been published on website, also referenced in most recent magazine article. ▪ Clerk had responded to developer with wording as agreed at last meeting, final wording had been shared with Councillors. ▪ Police priority setting meeting presentation had been shared by the Clerk. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Cllr. Brunsden</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
10.	CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED	
	<p>NALC Events Bulletin emails</p> <p>BBC Planning weekly list email</p> <p>CPRE update emails</p> <p>Bank statements</p> <p>Crime statistics - forwarded to all</p> <p>ERTA Voluntary Transport email</p> <p>BBC Weekly Licensing list – Clerk has checked</p> <p>CPRE latest newsletter</p> <p>Renhold Magazine article submission and communications</p> <p>VAS summary data information – shared by Cllr. Warwicker to local stakeholders</p> <p>NBB Recycled Furniture promotional emails</p> <p>Crime statistics August 2024 - forwarded</p> <p>Website manager communication on Parish Council website regarding distribution list creation</p> <p>Councillor follow up communications on overgrown hedges in parish after Borough Council</p>	

officer feedback received
 Beds RCC communications regarding Neighbourhood Scheme – responded to
 Renhold Magazine copies electronically shared with website
 Borough Councillor NG copied into follow up for installation of highways pole for community safety camera at Water End
 BBC Parish and Town Council Update – circulated
 Local Police Priority Setting Meeting presentation – circulated
 BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL EXPENSES REVIEW 2024 communications
 Bedfordshire Festival of Autumn Walks poster – displayed on notice boards
 Charity Cottages notification solar panels installed
 Post Office response regarding enquiry for rural community service in Renhold
 BATPC membership renewal invoice and letter – circulated, agenda item
 Resident concerned regarding overgrown tree in Becher Close impacting on property – responded to, followed up and reported to local authority
 BBC Officer communication regarding overgrown tree in Becher Close reported – updated resident
 RNPWG communications copied into with AECOM and Locality – agenda item
 BBC Officer sharing signage for Water End copied into
 Borough Councillor NG copied into communications with BBC Officer regarding new path in Renhold follow up – agenda item
 BBC Planning Training for Parish Councillors – circulated
 Message from PCC John Tizard: What do you want to see in Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Plan for a safer and fairer Bedfordshire? - circulated
 BBC remittance advice for grass cutting contribution and second half of precept
 Rural Transport timetables WEF 1st August 2024 - Service 27 - circulated
 Communications with Planning Enforcement Officer regarding planning matter in Green End – responded to
 Parish Council meeting dates communications – confirmed, venue booked
 Unresolved issues on Aspires development follow up communications – copied into
 Councillor communication with resident regarding local matters
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/01547/FUL - circulated, agenda item
 Renhold Village Hall contract for hiring – completed
 BBC Highways helpdesk communications regarding directional sign for Village Hall
 East of England Ambulance Service feedback from email submitted regarding defibrillator
 Councillor clarity on community safety budget reference followed up
 Councillor communications on email signature setting up
 Community safety camera SIM card option communications with Three – circulated, agenda item
 Renhold Village Hall Management Committee application for grant follow up communications – agenda item
 Councillor SB apologies for the September Parish Council meeting
 Councillor communication regarding reporting dead trees – responded to
 Community Speedwatch communication on latest with Ravensden Road village gate and signage – responded to
 BBC Emergency Road Closure Ravensden Road Renhold 2024 -091
 Communication regarding latest stage neighbourhood Plan is at – forwarded, response sent
 Community Heartbeat defibrillator communications regarding quotation – circulated, agenda item
 BBC Officer meeting invite communications for September Parish Council meeting – agenda item
 Parish Council Accounts Software promotional communication
 BBC Notification of Green Hill Solar Farm Application Response
 Councillor communication regarding Green End dog waste bin – responded to
 Member of the public allotment enquiry – responded to
 BBC Planning Appeal Consultation letter - circulated, agenda item
 BRCC Bedfordshire Rural Affordable Housing Needs Survey
 BBC new rules for bird keepers – circulated
 Support Marie Curie
 Village Magazine advert communication – responded to

Copied into community safety camera communications with contractor
 Councillor communications on village grass cutting
 Councillor communications on seat in Green End bus shelter – agenda item
 Thurleigh Parish Council Vehicle Activated signs- blue signs underneath communication – responded to
 Reporting Back: Liberal Democrat Group PTCN September 2024 - circulated
 Police and Crime Commissioner's Challenge and Accountability Meeting - 18th September 2024
 Renhold Village Hall CCTV policy – circulated
 Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group report – circulated, agenda item
 Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group consultation production cost quote – agenda item
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Planning application decisions to be noted:

24/01452/CWS 94/01533/OUT - S106 Compliance Check at Land Adjacent Mfi Land In Renhold Parish Accessed From Norse Road - Response Sent
 24/01405/TPO Ash (T1) - historic pollard, prune to reduce height by 3m and lateral spread by 1.5m to reduce the risk of structural failure at 24 Becher Close – Permitted
 24/01229/FUL Installation of air source heat pump at 4 Lammerside – Refused
 24/01227/FUL Single story rear extension at 86 Thor Drive – Permitted
 24/01005/FUL Replacement fencing at 33 Ravensden Road – Permitted
 24/00861/FUL Single storey rear extension and single storey garden room at rear garden over existing plinth slab. Replace tarmac driveway with block pavers. Hardiplank cladding over existing garage and rendering to the external walls of the dwellinghouse at The Willows 1 Hookhams Lane - Permitted

11	Close of Meeting The next meeting to be Thursday 10 th October 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.40pm.	
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