



PARISH OF RENHOLD



Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2025 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

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

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	<p>WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE</p> <p>Cllr. Warwicker welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Parish Councillor apologies received and accepted from Mrs. Cardinale and noted that Cllr. Gribble to arrive late.</p> <p>No new declarations of interest received for the meeting.</p> <p><i>The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point</i></p>	
2	<p>OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK</p> <p>Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group thanked the Parish Council for adopting the draft document. Summary of the next steps, including timescale as the Plan goes to examination outlined, noting expected approval early in 2026. Request made that Parish Council responses to applications align to the Plan document policies to add more planning weight. The whole village would receive a leaflet regarding the next Plan consultation to as always encourage engagement.</p> <p><i>The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point</i></p>	
3.1 a) b)	<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:-25/01308/EIASCR Request for Screening Opinion in respect of proposed residential development at Land Off Hookhams Lane – <i>NG arrived at this point of the meeting.</i> Councillors noted the developer communication, expressing disappointment with the statement within the issued communication to the local community. The Parish Council acknowledged that a meeting would be prudent to hear what the developer has to say, Clerk to respond.</p> <p>Work to be done on collating a response to the application, highlighting the heritage assets great crested newts, red kites, and skylarks as just some examples of the important species that are on this site. Clerk to action liaison with Clr. Gribble.</p> <p>APPLICATION NO:-25/01289/S73A Erection of a single storey front extension, raising of bungalow roof and installation of dormer windows and roof lights to facilitate loft conversion and associated works including alteration to driveway and external alterations (Revised scheme, development already commenced) at Elmleigh 18 Wilden Road - Councillors reviewed the documents, unanimously agreed to raise concerns regarding over development, reflecting the comments previously submitted to this large development, resolution passed.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr. Gribble to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
3.2	<p>UNIVERSAL STUDIOS APPLICATION TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT – it was agreed the Council to submit a formal response to the application expressing concern over the impact on the</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>

	A421 bypass corridor and in turn the local highways network. Clerk to draft response.	
3.3	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION REGARDING REGULATION 16 STAGE:-</p> <p>Report shared in advance. It was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council to incorporate a statement in the Parish Council responses to planning application going forwards, asking the local authority to give due consideration to the local planning policies as set out in the submitted Neighbourhood Plan, resolution passed.</p> <p>Plan had been submitted by WG for Regulation 16 stage.</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Working group, membership details to be updated.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
3.4	<p>Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – Twinwoods Solar Farm</p> <p>application details had been circulated, concern over the impact on the local highways network given the proximity of Renhold to the development site, with there being an issue during the construction phase, as well as the loss of breeding habitat for skylarks and red kites in the local area.</p>	Clerk to action
4.	<p>BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT</p> <p>Work items that remain ongoing noted:</p> <p>Ward Fund update on silver birch replacement with a different species in Green End to be secured through the Ward Fund, this is with the Borough Council Officer and will include care for two years, awaiting to be planted, no update.</p> <p>Green End dog waste bin being better positioned and bin request for Water End for across the roundabout in the layby at Water End which is to be installed, this has been chased.</p> <p>Traffic flow through the parish discussed previously with the most recent traffic flow counts to be checked, agreed follow up was to ask local authority for data, Andy Prigmore had been contacted.</p> <p>Monitor Ravensden Road entrance gate, and associated work including markings, work being carried out by local authority, had been chased various times, the gates had also been chased. It was noted the sunken section of the road along Ravensden Road remains an issue, Cllr. Gribble has reported.</p> <p>The bridleway at the top of Markham Rise needs to be revisited by the local authority as there are some issues at present. There was a Councillor request for a walkround of Cranbourne Gardens to look at local issues, Cllr. Gribble to follow up.</p> <p>Suggestion of having signage at Church End traffic lights to notify road users you need to pull up close to the lights to trigger the sensors.</p>	<p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p>
5.	<p>FINANCE MATTERS TO INCLUDE</p> <p>a) Grant applications for consideration - Renhold Churchyard - Renhold Chapel - completed application considered, follow up action, Clerk sek confirmation on the breakdown of the total project costs, on the level of funds being sought, including clarity on alternative funding sources that have been explored such as Rural Grant money, plus contribution level from the Chapel.</p> <p>b) Quotations to be considered and agreed –</p> <p>Memorial plaque on the bench on the Green, remains ongoing.</p> <p>Council communication system options it was agreed to be explored, noted that £2.50 a month for a virtual landline, with a suitable email circulation function to also be looked at by Clerk. Clerk was asked to explore different website management systems and associated costs.</p> <p>c) Invoices to be paid</p> <p>Ltd Design Consultants NP update work £120.00</p> <p>BATPC Membership renewal £730.00</p> <p>Backlight Ltd Administration service June £753.48</p> <p>British Legion Dday wreath £25.00</p> <p>Three SIM card payment £9.40 direct debit</p> <p>Wave Business water charges £23.07</p> <p>Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment and the ongoing</p>	<p>Clerk to feedback</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>

<p>d)</p> <p>e)</p>	<p>Three direct debit. Resolution passed.</p> <p>Financial monitoring review Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year it was noted.</p> <p>Parish Councillor vacancy – vacancies remain.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>6.</p>	<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 19th June .</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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, having recently chased 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. ▪ Bank signatory work remains ongoing. ▪ 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 , this had been actioned. ▪ 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. ▪ Asset management document to be drafted. ▪ Further reminder for all Councillors to insert their email signature as previously agreed. ▪ Highways Officer in attendance at previous meeting, had followed up overhanging vegetation along St Neots Road, it was noted landowner had been contacted to clear the area. The items raised from the Deputy Mayor visit walkround items, these included items in Green End had not had 30mph painted on the floor, Officer was chased. ▪ Clerk had sent communication to local ambulance service regarding the defibrillator matter previously raised, remains unchanged, acknowledgment received, awaiting full response, has been chased. Therefore, drafted policy document work remains on hold it was noted. No response after being chased. ▪ Making the Church End area by the school a red way could also be explored as a further solution. Idling car cards to be followed up by Cllr. Gribble. ▪ Community safety camera, new device waiting to be installed, with regular contact with supplier being maintained. ▪ Defibrillator units what three words location shared, training event feedback to Community Heartbeat actioned. ▪ Alternative Speed Indicator Device supplier units being explored. Noted Ravensden Road device would be moved in a few weeks to enable an active sign in this important location. ▪ External audit paperwork submission completed. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Cllr. Brunsden</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Monitor</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual electors meeting took place. 	
7.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED</p> <p>NALC Events Bulletin emails BBC Planning weekly list email CPRE update emails Bank statements Crime statistics - forwarded to all ERTA Voluntary Transport email BBC Weekly Licensing list – Clerk has checked CPRE latest newsletter Renhold Magazine article submission and communications Various communications with website developer FC apologies for the July Parish Council meeting – noted NBB Recycled Furniture promotional emails Communication with contractor regarding CCTV Community Safety Camera for Water End copied into Your Zurich Parish policy renewal communications BBC Parish and Town Council Update - circulated Three Your bill’s ready communication invoice – agenda item National Highways UPDATE Important roadworks information: A421- Noise barrier replacement Councillor communications regarding Aspire April walkround copied into Renhold Chapel grant application communications – circulated, agenda item RNPWG invoices – agenda item, circulated Resident communication regarding grass cutting verge in Becher Close – discussed, agreed Clerk to feedback that this section to be added to the Council contractor schedule. Grass cutting communication regarding vergeways in Hookhams Lane – to be fed back Resident communication regarding Parish Council website – responded to, actioned Renhold Annual Electors meeting communications IDB Maintenance Programme 2025-26 - circulated BBC Highways Helpdesk broken street sign communication Invoice AFF078 from Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils – agenda item War Memorial land ownership resident communication – responded to Renhold Churchyard Grant application – actioned BBC communication regarding community safety cameras – responded to NPWG consultant invoice for work – agenda item Mazars AGAR submission reminder BBC Renhold grass cutting contribution – responded to Neighbourhood Planning - End of Grant Report - Underspend Repayment NPG-14310 BBC Reminder! Parish and Town Council Network - Thursday 10 July – circulated Free Family Friendly Community Event 2nd August 2025 Resident communication regarding overgrown tree Becher Close – responded to, followed up Borough Councillor NG Anglian Water - investment in your area communication BBC planning letter 25/00845/FUL – circulated, agenda item BBC planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/01289/S73A - circulated, agenda item BRCC Neighbourhood Plan funding communication Borough Councillor NG Consideration of Twinwoods Solar Farm Planning Application - agenda item Manor Oak Homes communication proposed residential development - Land between Hookhams Lane and Ravensden Road, Salph End, Renhold, Bedford – circulated, responded to, agenda item BBC Letter about Decision of Planning Application 25/00894/FUL Letter about Decision of Planning Application 25/00050/FUL Rushden Football Club communication regarding football pitch availability – responded to BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/01419/TPO Renhold Chapel grant application communication – agenda item</p> <p>Planning application decisions to be noted:</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>

25/00982/LBC Replacement of rear door and window with French doors on the extended part of the cottage at 8 Green End – permitted
25/00894/FUL Erection of double garage with hobby room over to front of property at 82 Hookhams Lane – refused
25/00845/FUL render and insulation to existing walls at Grasmere 68 Hookhams Lane - withdrawn
25/00050/FUL Erection of a detached self-build dwelling at and Adjoining 56 Top End - Refused

8	Close of Meeting The next meeting to be in September, Thursday meeting schedule to continue at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.20pm.	
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