

PARISH OF RENHOLD



Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Parish Councillors Mrs. Dean, Mr. Warwicker, Mr. Sawford, Mrs. Gribble (Chair), the Clerk, and three members of the public were present.

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and
1	WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND	Responsibility
1	PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE	
	Cllr. Gribble welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Parish Councillor	
	apologies received and accepted from Mrs. Cardinale, Mr. Rayner, Mrs. Brunsden, Mrs.	
	Roberts.	
	No new declarations of interest received for the meeting.	
	The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point	
2	OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK	
	No public statements received.	
	The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point	
3.	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY	
	Clerk had followed up with one expression of interest received between meeting.	
4.1	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.	
a)	APPLICATION NO:-25/01308/EIASCR Request for Screening Opinion in respect of proposed	
,	residential development at Land Off Hookhams Lane – response had been submitted.	
	Meeting had taken place with site promoter, four Councillors and Clerk present. Request had	
	been made for overall number of houses to be reduced, no dwellings over two storeys, 20%	
	bungalow allocation requested as well as increased landscape buffering along Ravensden	
	Road.	
b)	APPLICATION NO:-25/01755/FUL Proposed removal of an attached single storey	
	garage/stores/porch, erection of a single/two storey side and attached single storey front	
	extension to accommodate a porch. Installation of new windows and doors in the existing	
	dwelling and render to the existing front elevation at 27 Green End Renhold - Councillors	
	reviewed the documents, unanimously agreed no comment.	
4.2	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION REGARDING REGULATION 16	
	STAGE:- Report shared in advance. Examiner comments received, drafted response had	
	been shared, local authority were supportive of feedback comments being proposed. It was	
	unanimously agreed by the full Council for the drafted response to be formally submitted,	WG to action
	resolution passed. It was unanimously agreed to ratify the Terms of Reference document for	
	the Working Group that had been updated, resolution passed.	
4.3	Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications	
	received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – none received.	

5.	BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT	
٥.	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	Cllr. Gribble
	for two years, awaiting to be planted, no update.	Cirr Cribbic
	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, update that weekly litter	
	picks at Water End being carried out by local authority. The Green End bin by the bus top is	
	to be moved to Woodfield Lane and new larger bin is to be installed at Green End.	
	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	Cllr. Gribble
	contacted.	CIII. GIIDDIC
	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
	Cllr. Gribble has reported.	
	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	Cllr. Gribble
	Cranbourne Gardens to look at local issues, Cllr. Gribble to follow up.	
	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.	
	Local Plan document formally withdrawn. Cllr. Gribble organising a meeting with new Head	
	of Planning for local Parish Councillors.	
6. a)	FINANCE MATTERS TO INCLUDE Grant applications for consideration - Renhold Churchyard -	
a,	Renhold Chapel – this item to be removed.	
	Renhold Remembers – request for support on behalf of village organisations to mark the	
	occasion, it was unanimously agreed to award up to £10 per organisation so up to £200	
	allocated, as well as poster printing and cable ties £20 allocated, resolution passed.	
b)	Quotations to be considered and agreed –	Cllr. Gribble
",	Memorial plaque on the bench on the Green, remains ongoing.	
	UK Power Network electric connection quote received for Water End, circulated, there would	
	be additional work needed from a local contractor, site meeting with Andy Muskett Ltd on	Cllr. Warwicker
	hold it was noted. Cllr. Warwicker continuing to pursue a suitable resolution.	
	Council communication system options explored, included Eyelid Productions website set up	
	£650 quote plus on top domain name and hosting charge separately, this facility includes a	
	self sign up subscription list. Councillors asked Clerk to clarify how Parish Council documents	
	could be transferred if needed.	Clerk to action
	The £2.50 a month for a virtual landline option remained an option it was noted as well.	
c)	Invoices to be paid	
	Backlight Ltd Administration service September £753.48	
	British Legion Dday wreath £25.00	
	Renhold Village Hall hire charge £224.00	
	A Quince NP expense reimbursement £120.00	
	Three SIM card payment £9.40 direct debit	Clerk to action
	Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment and the ongoing	
d)	Three direct debit. Resolution passed.	
	Financial monitoring review	
	Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year it was	
e)	noted.	
	External audit report Feedback received, circulated, no matter arising it was noted, conclusion notice issued.	
7.	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The Council unanimously agreed to sign as a true and accurate record, the Chair signed the	
	minutes from 18 th September.	
	Matters arising were:	
	 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.
- New Councillor paperwork issued to Paul Sawford, new email address arranged.

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Cllr. Gribble

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8. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED

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, DR, JR, SB apologies for the October Parish Council meeting – noted

NBB Recycled Furniture promotional emails

Communication with contractor regarding CCTV Community Safety Camera for Water End copied into

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

Manor Oak Homes communications proposed residential development - Land between Hookhams Lane and Ravensden Road, Salph End, Renhold, Bedford – circulated, responded to, agenda item

Resident communication regarding village gates – responded to

War Memorial maintenance contractor communications ahead of remembrance

Copied into poster displayed on village noticeboard

New Councillor email address communications

Councillor communication on PC entry for Scarecrow Competition

Borough Councillor NG communications regarding meeting with Head of Planning – responded to

CPRE Planning workshop invitation - circulated

Local authority communication regarding a Parish Council matter – circulated

BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/01755/FUL – circulated, agenda item

Invoice from LTD design Consultants - agenda item

Mazars Renhold Parish Council Audited AGAR 2024_25 - circulated agenda item

Councillor communication copied into regarding UK Power Networks communications relating to Water End – agenda item

BBC Minutes for Standards Committee, Wednesday, 17th September, 2025, 7.00 pm

Borough Councillor NG update on Green End litter bins

Christmas lights column testing promotional communication

Richard Fuller MP Officer checking contact details – responded to

Borough Councillor NG Preparations for potentially significant rainfall across the Anglian region

Renhold Remembers communications – agenda item

Resident communication regarding Cardington Life communications – responded to

PC Napoli Police attendance at Parish Council meetings – responded to

From the Office of Richard Fuller MP (Case Ref: RF37307) - responded to, circulated, representatives invited to site meeting at Church End to look at pumping station

BBC Renhold grass cutting contribution

Mazars Client Satisfaction Survey

Renhold NPWG Terms of Reference and meeting report communications – agenda item

BBC New procedure for dealing with complaints against Councillors – circulated

BBC Accounts remittance enquiry received – responded to

Borough Councillor NG Anglian Water - Keysoe water main replacement update

Request for notices on noticeboards – responded to

Planning application decisions to be noted:

25/01572/FULReplacement agricultural storage building (development already commenced) at Castle Dairy Farm St Neots Road – Permitted

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 - Permitted	
9.0	Close of Meeting The next meeting to be Thursday 20 th November 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 7.55pm.	