



# PARISH OF RENHOLD



**Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road**

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

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	<b>WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE</b> Cllr. Gribble welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Parish Councillor apologies received and accepted from Mr. Sawford, Mrs. Cardinale not in attendance. No new declarations of interest received for the meeting. <i>The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point</i>	
2	<b>OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK</b> No public statements received. <i>The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point</i>	
3.	<b>PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY</b> No further communications received.	
4.1	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> - 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) <b>APPLICATION NO:-25/01308/EIASCR</b> Request for Screening Opinion in respect of proposed residential development at Land Off Hookhams Lane – following meeting with site promoter, feedback had been received on amendments made to the site proposals. Developer engagement continued and a further informal meeting with the Parish Council due to take place. No update on the planning application at present.	
4.2	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION APPROVAL AHEAD OF REFERENDUM:-</b> Report shared in advance. The Working Group had submitted formal response. Parish Council unanimously agreed to approve the final document for approval for submission to the local authority Bedford Borough Council for taking to local referendum, resolution passed.	
4.3	<b>Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – 25/02227/FUL</b> single storey front extension to integral garage, with a pitched roof and rooflight at 10 Becher Close – Councillors reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed that no objection to the application, resolution passed. <b>25/02243/TPO</b> T1 Crack Willow Fell to ground level at 4 Ravensden Road – Councillors reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed that no objection to the application, resolution passed.	
5.	<b>BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT</b> Ward Fund update on silver birch replacement with a different species in Green End to be	

	<p>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, update that weekly litter picks at Water End being carried out by local authority. The Green End bin by the bus stop is to be moved to Woodfield Lane and new larger bin is to be installed at Green End, confirmation received that this is going next week it was noted.</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 organising a meeting with new Head of Planning for local Parish Councillors, date being arranged.</p> <p>Through the Borough Ward Fund bulb planting taking place. Path repairs and pot hole repairs have been followed up as well by Cllr. Gribble.</p>	Cllr. Gribble
6.	<p><b>FINANCE MATTERS TO INCLUDE</b></p> <p><b>Quotations to be considered and agreed –</b></p> <p>Council communication system options explored, included Eyelid Productions website set up £650 verbal 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 as well as seek written quote for circulation. The £2.50 a month for a virtual landline option remained an option it was noted as well.</p> <p>Polhill Arms defibrillator pads due to expire, one adult and one child set to be purchased, Councillors unanimously agreed to authorise up to £150 expenditure on this to be actioned between meetings for new pads, resolution passed.</p> <p>Church End bench quotation to be sought.</p> <p><b>Invoices to be paid</b></p> <p>Backlight Ltd Administration service October £753.48</p> <p>British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 reimbursement to N Gribble on behalf of the Parish Council</p> <p>British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 reimbursement to N Gribble on behalf of the NPWG</p> <p>M Dean reimbursement for AG memorial plaque £30.00</p> <p>A Quince reimbursement for Renhold Remembers grant for NPWG £9.00</p> <p>A Quince reimbursement for Renhold Remembers grant for Reading Group £9.00</p> <p>Three SIM card payment £9.40 direct debit</p> <p>Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment and the ongoing Three direct debit. Resolution passed.</p> <p><b>Financial monitoring review</b></p> <p>Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year it was noted.</p> <p><b>Initial budget discussions and consideration for 2026/27 to include service contract reviews</b></p> <p>– grass cutting and village maintenance contract quotes from current contactors to be sought.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>
7.	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously agreed to sign as a true and accurate record, the Chair signed the minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Payment of accounts issued</li> <li>▪ Planning comments submitted</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NALC Events Bulletin emails</li> <li>▪ BBC Planning weekly list email</li> <li>▪ CPRE update emails</li> <li>▪ Bank statements</li> <li>▪ Crime statistics - forwarded to all</li> </ul>	Monitor
8.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED</b> NALC Events Bulletin emails BBC Planning weekly list email CPRE update emails Bank statements Crime statistics - forwarded to all	Cllr. Gribble

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  
PS Apologies for the November 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  
Manor Oak Homes communications proposed residential development - Land between Hookhams Lane and Ravensden Road, Ralph End, Renhold, Bedford – circulated, responded to, agenda item  
NPWG access to online mapping system communications – responded to  
Councillor feedback from Rural Police Crime conference  
Application for Renhold Remembers reimbursement from NPWG – circulated, agenda item  
Advertisement interest expressed in Renhold Magazine – responded to, forwarded on  
BBC letter for Planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/02243/TPO - circulated, agenda item  
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BBC Confirmation of Councillor List for Renhold Parish Council - responded to  
NPWG report update – circulated, agenda item  
NPWG copied into communications regarding referendum  
Application for Renhold Remembers reimbursement from Reading Group – circulated, agenda item  
War Memorial contractor communications  
Anglian Water Keysoe works update – placed on website  
Communication regarding placing notices on noticeboards – responded to  
Resident communication regarding draft minutes – responded to  
Copied into NP Examiner communications  
Renhold Village Hall - Receipt for your Payment

Councillors JR, NG, PS attended the PCC Rural Police Event recently, feedback circulated.  
Councillors PS, SB, MW, NG attended site meeting at Church End pumping station along with Richard Fuller MP and five Anglian Water representatives.

Planning application decisions to be noted:

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 – Permitted  
25/01656/S73A Change of use of land to garden and the erection of outbuilding (Development already carried out) at Oaklands 60 Ravensden Road – Permitted  
25/01620/S73A Single storey front and rear extensions, garage conversion with raised roof height and render and insulation to existing walls (development already carried out) at Grasmere 68 Hookhams Lane – Permitted  
25/01464/FUL Alterations to existing highway crossover at Greenacres 6A Green End - Permitted

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Close of Meeting</b> The next meeting to be Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.15pm.	
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