

Minutes of the Fourteenth (Virtual) Meeting of Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Friday 18th March, 2022 at 7.00pm.

N.B. – To save space, Actions to be taken are highlighted in Turquoise

Present:-

Amanda Quince (Chair), Ian McIver (I.T.), Keith Herkes (Treasurer), Jooles Roberts (Minutes Sec), Claudia Dietz, Nicky Gribble, Sarah Mitchell-Wood, Peter Norris, and Paul Sawford.

Apologies:- Tony Ploszajski, Kirstin Rayner and Denis Ivins

1. Welcome (AQ). AQ welcomed everyone to the meeting. A short silence was held in support of Kirstin who had suffered a family bereavement.

It had been a very busy few weeks with regard to Parish matters and for several attendees this was the third evening meeting in a row this week.

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial interest for the meeting (AQ/All). None.

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising (all).

N.B. Most matters arising appear on this Agenda, with the following additions:

- a) Little & Early Grove – Both will appear in the list of LGS, if BedsRCC agree this.
C/fwd: AQ to speak with Mike & Cliff at BedsRCC
- b) A zoomed, segmented, more focused map showing the designated aspirations, the Ends, new estates etc. – this will be done when time allows. PN needs more direction from the group - future agenda item.
C/fwd: ALL
- c) Input from local businesses – KR sent some examples to AQ who has been working on this subject, and will be talking with the Chairman of Ravensden's Neighbourhood Plan Group before finalising.
- d) Natural capital – It was agreed at the recent P.C. meeting to focus on the Renhold NP Objectives first, and to work with Ravensden P.C., once our Plan is complete before contacting the Water Warden at the Wildlife Trust. All
- e) Update on TPO applications. A plan is to be put together by KH & NG
- f) Feedback on Listed Buildings. Confirmation from DI required as to whether the document was now headed Renhold, and the word Renhold removed from each individual entry.
JR confirmed that the name Blue Cottage had been formally changed to Little Thatch, but Historic England had not taken up her suggestion that it be known as Little Thatch, formerly Blue Cottage.
- g) Feedback on village history. Speak with archivist. C/fwd: Also speak with resident who may have photographs AQ.
NG confirmed that the forge had been demolished to make way for a new house.

It had come to the attention of the Group that Appleby Farm with 35 acres of pasture land at Church End was being offered for sale. This was considered to be a valuable and unique meadowland, an asset to Renhold which needs protection. AQ has emailed BedsRCC on this subject.

4. Vision and Objectives – residents' survey (SMW)

SMW shared the draft survey she had created on screen, making amendments suggested by the Group as she went along, and was thanked for her excellent work. SMW to send the amended document to AQ & IM to do the layout and compare to the original survey to ensure consistency.

IM to ask the editors whether the survey could be inserted as a flyer into the March edition of the Parish Magazine. If not, a door to door drop would be required. As before there will be boxes put into strategic points throughout the Parish for the return of the survey forms. IM to create a link to the survey on the P.C. website.

The survey needs to be printed by end of March and the invoice received, or Locality money would need to be returned & then requested again in the next funding year.

NG suggested if the survey could be delayed that a stand could be taken at the Jubilee event and the School fete in June. AQ said that as the next meeting of the RNPWG will be a public, face-to-face, meeting that would be a good opportunity to speak with anyone who had not completed the survey, and that the aforementioned 2 events would be a good opportunity to follow up anyone who had still not done so. The Visions & Objectives will be a dynamic document which will inevitably change over the course of time so a short delay would not cause a problem.

5. Feedback from visit to Norse Road Cemetery for LGS research (PN/AQ) This subject had been delegated by BedsRCC back to RNPWG. PN/AQ met with Roddy McGinney, who has held the post of Bereavement Services Officer for 5 months. His superior, who is based at BBC, did not attend.

AQ read out the Key points to note:

- 1 The land is owned by Bedford Borough Council and no formal planning permission is required
- 2 The land is to be kept as arable land in perpetuity unless or until it is needed for burials
- 3 The open green space is open to all until the gates are shut in the evening
- 4 The land is not consecrated as it is a multi faith burial ground
- 5 It has an existing row of trees with TPOs and they are looking to plant more trees-particularly weeping willows along the brook
- 6 Roddy would be delighted with a Local Green Space designation and is keen to work with the Renhold NP group. He will provide a digital map of the extension once it is done. AQ to ask Roddy for a copy of the wording in number 2 for our records.

6. Next Steps (All)

Survey to be printed & invoice received by end of March. KH confirmed that there is enough money available to pay for a good quality document.

Follow up on BedsRCC G.I. survey AQ

Drop in public meeting to be arranged for Weds 4th May 5pm-8pm, with a "rehearsal" on Tues 3rd May 7pm (all subject to availability of the Village Hall main room) AQ. Members of RNPWG to staff the event on a rota system

7. Next Steps (All)

In preparation, review what has been done & prepare notes to focus on:-

Gaps policy CD

Initial Survey TP

BedsRCC Housing & GI

Vision & Objectives

Listed Buildings, heritage & history

Ask Ravensden PC whether display boards can be borrowed and enquire what donation the Church will require for their use PN.

Speak with Jonathan at JCB to enquire the max size to which they can print posters, if they cannot do A2 it is possible Stonebridges will. IM

AQ to source & allocate various existing NPs to guide members of the Group so that they can look at best practice examples.

CD confirmed that she did not think anything had been missed. PS suggested a practice run through on Tuesday May 3rd.

Once gathered together for the meeting on May 4th, all the information can be retained for future consultation and the Referendum

7. Next meeting date & agenda 3rd May 7:00-8:00 pm and 4th May, drop in 5pm – 8pm public meeting, subject to availability of the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm.

POST MEETING NOTE: Village Hall not available on 4th May, so next Meeting for run-through at 5:00pm and public 'Drop-in' session at 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Village Hall both on Tuesday May 3rd.