Minutes of MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chair), Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsden, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. McDougall, Teresa Moon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and one member of the public.

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: Cllr. Slater welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, Borough Councillors Moon and Ellis, Parish Councillor Mr. Leydon had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.
- 2. TERESA MOON, VILLAGE AGENT FOR JUST ASK! SCHEME IN ATTENDANCE:- A background of the scheme from its pilot to present was detailed and that it is funded by the Borough Council to identify the needs of people living in the rural villages only and providing them with support and advice on a wide range of items. Councillors praised the scheme and received literature, thanking Teresa Moon for her time and talking through best ways to pulicise the information.
- **3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: -** No declarations of interest were received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

4. OPEN FORUM: -

There were no public statements received.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

6. MATTERS ARISING:-

It was noted that the new Hookhams Lane dog bin secured through Borough Councillor Ward funding had been installed very swiftly. The Clerk gave an update and progress on the anti social behaviour at Langlands Road including the ongoing actions of the police and Borough Council Officers.

It was reported that there had been no feedback received to date regarding the issue of the trees in Becher Close.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -

Cllr. Ellis and Moon's report detailed information regarding the gypsy and traveller site at Meadow Lane, ward fund, Localism Act, and Borough Council budget. The Council did note the new bollards installed along Norse Road to deter encampments on the grass verge.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Heavy Goods Vehicle movements – the Clerk had placed an item in the recent magazine article, and an overall feedback of the movements reported so far had been collated by Simon Deards. In

addition, the Clerk, Simon and the Police representative are liaising regarding dates for a get together to move this item of specific monitoring within the village forwards. It was noted that it had been stated that the Traffic Regulation Order would be included in the monitoring, of which Councillors were very mindful that any such monitoring must commence prior to the Salph End bridge works planned shortly.

- b) Work to Salph End bridge supporting information received from the Highways Officers had been circulated to Councillors, due to the length of time for the total closure expected to be 5 weeks as well as partial traffic light controlled closure, the Council were very aware that there would be considerable traffic displacement within the village. The TRO will become invalidated and it may impact on local business, so it was felt important that there is appropriate signage installed for them.
- c) Proposed changes to A4280 speed limit the supporting information had been circulated to all prior to the meeting and the proposals were noted.
- d) Borough's Capital Works Programme the programme had been circulated and Councillors considered and discussed the priorities to be fed back to the Borough Council, it was agreed that schemes 1148, 702 and 1149 be the priorities.
- e) Cranbourne Gardens the Clerk detailed to Councillors the latest on the adoption of this area, highlighting that currently there some problems with the sewers, the foul sewers have been adopted, but the surface water sewers have not, adding that a specific highways contractor has now been appointed by Persimmon.
- f) Other highway matters the Clerk reported that had continued to pursue however still no feedback regarding the speed device training, though the problem on Pinchcut Hill with the flowing of water on the road surface has been reported to Anglian Water. There had also been information received regarding a temporary road closure on 5th March in Wilden Road. Cllrs. Gurney and Dean had recently attended a drive round the village with the local Area Highways Technician Officer which both felt very informative and productive.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 11/02206/FUL 30 Thor Drive, two storey rear extension and front porch extension – planning permission granted.

11/02183/FUL 2 West Close, Woodfield Lane, single storey front extension – planning permission granted.

11/02147/S73WM Willington Quarry, Dairy Farm variation of Condition 6 of Planning Permission 41/2006 to amend the phasing of operations – planning permission granted.

11/02291/FUL 12 Baldur Close, single storey rear extension – planning permission granted. A letter had been received by the Parish Council from the Case Officer explaining the reason for the decision.

11/02297/FUL 4 Odin Close, repositioning of garden boundary wall – planning permission granted. A letter had been received by the Parish Council from the Case Officer explaining the reason for the decision.

11/02330/FUL 7 Woodfield Lane, erection of 3 detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow – planning permission refused.

- b) 11/02332/FUL single storey rear extension at 15 Asgard Drive the Council viewed the plans and considered them, raising no objection to the proposal.
- c) 11/02650/FUL erection of detached timber garage in rear garden at South Cottage, 47 Green End the Council had viewed the plans and had no objection to the large garden shed, though would concur with the thoughts of the neighbouring properties if they chose to object to the application.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - Cllr. Slater report on recent CPRE training event attended to be discussed at the next meeting.

10. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: - The Council noted that a meeting was to be held on

18th January meeting to discuss this item further with invites having gone to a number of village organisations.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget):

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service (December) £424.17

Bedford Borough Council election charges £215.83

It was unanimously agreed by all those present to pay the above invoices presented, resolution passed.

12. PRECEPT CONSIDERATION 2012/13:-

Cllr. Andrews reported on the discussions regarding budget consideration by the Finance Committee, and supporting budgetary information had been circulated as well. The committee had also discussed the estimated carried forward figure with the expected expenditure to occur during the remainder of the current financial year. The reserve levels held and allocated funding provisions were considered in depth and Councillors were particularly aware of the budget cuts being carried out by the Borough Council as well so the greater responsibility that may be placed on the Parish Council in the coming year. The Finance Committee recommendation to full Council being the precept be reduced to £17,000 for 2012/13, noting the parish is growing and that the estimated increased expenditure will be subsumed by the carry forward. It was proposed by Cllr. Gurney that the Council set a precept of £17,000, seconded by Cllr. Dean, unanimously agreed by all, resolution passed. Chairman and Clerk completed Bedford Borough precept request form.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin (Renhold not included)

NALC Events Bulletin emails

CPRE Campaign email updates and Countryside Voice magazine

BBC Standards Committee meeting information

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Rural Affairs meeting information

Clerk's Champion meeting correspondence

Lloyds bank statements

BBC Planning weekly list email

BBC Town and Parish Network meeting information

Journal of Local Planning update and localism email updates

Resident correspondence regarding Becher Close trees

Email correspondence regarding a proposed traveller site in Stevington

Beds and MK Waterway newsletter

Local Council Review magazine

Resident and police correspondence regarding anti social behaviour at Langlands Road

BATPC information regarding excessive rise in Council Taxes

BBC 2012/13 Highways Programme

Anglian Water local promotion regarding water meters

BBC release regarding Council services during periods of snowfall

BBC request for copies of the full electoral register

BATPC Buckingham Palace party invites email

Dynamic Fireworks promotional letter

BBC Planning Officer letter regarding Baldur Close response to Parish Council's comments

Renhold Charity Cottages Trustees report and accounts

Adult Learning posters

Highways letter regarding proposed changes to the A4280 speed limit

BBC letter regarding litter pick events

Natwest banking promotional letter

CPRE magazine

BBC letter regarding Jim Leydon's register of interest form

CPRE planning booklet

BBC planning notification regarding Harrison Hill Farm

Highways correspondence regarding Salph End Bridge

Police Authority Budget survey – forwarded to all

BATPC information on update to model contract

BBC Broadband newsletter

BBC Temporary Road Closure notice of Wilden Road 5th March

BBC New Activity for over 50s promotional email

Correspondence with Simon Deards regarding the HGV movements in the village and way forward

Minerals and Waste Core Strategy on 'soundness' public consultation

Renhold Highways Liaison meeting Cllrs Dean and Gurney attended

Village Agent communication and Cllr Gurney discussion

BBC liaison regarding Hookhams Lane dog bin

CPRE update email

Briefing on changes to Parish Council gratuities

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on Tuesday 21 ⁸¹ February 2012	2 at 7.30p	m
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Meeting closed at 9.00pm		
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