Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 26th March 2012** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Slater (Chair), Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsden, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Leydon and Mr. McDougall, Borough Councillor Stephen Moon, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and five members 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 Councillor Ellis, had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted and noted that Mr. Leydon to arrive late.
- **2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: -** Cllr. Gurney expressed an interest in agenda item concerning planning application at 7 Woodfield Lane, there were no further declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

A resident raised that the letter box near the notice board is being craven up to by motorists who are damaging the verge, so suggestion of kerb to reduce the impact. It was reported by a resident that there were 83 visual signs within the village alerting motorists to their speed, and that it had been noticed that since the Norse Road roadwork's had commenced there had been an increase in traffic in the village.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February had been circulated. The minutes were approved, unanimously agreed, resolution passed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:-

Cllr. Slater reported that following concerns raised at previous meeting regarding the usage of Thurleigh Airfield for aircraft, this had been researched and to date can find no evidence of any specific application regarding this, though noted that changes to allow jet aircraft at Cranfield have been approved.

The Clerk reported that the proposed new dog waste bin by the Village Hall to be paid through the Borough Councillor Ward Fund had not been agreed by the Borough Council as they deemed the site not suitable it was noted.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: -

Cllr. Moon reported that main item to report is the very recent granting of traveller encampment at Meadow Lane.

7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Feedback from Councillors who attended recent Community Speedwatch training event - Councillors Slater, Gurney and Dean along with resident Mr Herkes had attended the recent Community Speedwatch training event, feedback was given noting that part of the day was on first aid training, how to avoid conflict with motorists and the use of the new Speed Indicator Device machine. Overall, their was disappointment that the training had not been relevant to Cllr Ellis'

speed machine and that there still seemed to be no clear way forward. Cllr Slater had provided feedback and a number of questions direct to Borough Councillor Colleen Atkins who is involved with the Borough Steering Group on this matter. It was agreed that this matter would continue to be pursued as a priority by the Parish Council following the continual frustrations on this matter.

- b) Salph End Bridge works update It was noted that the Salph End bridge works had been postponed till later on in the year so the closures coincided with the school summer holidays.
- c) Update regarding heavy good vehicle movements in the village The Parish Council had been in contact with Inspector Jane Aspin and Simon Deards (Borough Council Officer) about bringing forward the proposed enforcement of the 7.5tonnes weight restriction in Hookhams Lane and the Traffic Regulation Order as soon as possible following the news about the Salph End bridge works timescale.
- d) Post Opening Project Evaluation A421 Great Barford Bypass consultation There had also been contact made with the Parish Council regarding a post opening project evaluation of the A421 Great Barford bypass, the request was for environmental feedback with two working days notice for the submission. The Parish Council had collated all the appropriate information within the tight deadline and submitted to the relevant organisation undertaking the review, it was agreed that Clerk to pursue the outcome of this.
- e) Other highways matters the Clerk continuing to pursue the village entrance gates, and the remarking of the 'H' bars.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

09/01841/MAR - Condition 1B planting proposals proposed erection of 321 dwellings - application for Approval of Reserved Matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Appeal Permission no. APP/W0205/A/06/2024529 (Planning Application No. 05/03325/OUT), dated 8th August 2007 – planning permission permitted.

- a) 12/00387/FUL erection of 1.9m high wooden fence extending from existing fence, installation of satellite mini dish on East facing wall or chimney breast at 3 Church Close, Church End the Council raised no objection to this application though suggested that the fence is sited behind the hedge.
- b) 12/00491/FUL new rear conservatory to link coach house to main dwelling at Castle Diary Farm, St Neots Road no objection raised to the application.
- c) 12/00253/FUL detached Garage, 31 Green End, Renhold the Parish Council had objected to this application as felt that the proposed garage is too large and constructed of materials that are not appropriate in this location, where it will be highly visible from Green End and especially when turning into Becher Close. It was noted that it is proposed to remove the existing conifers and to replace them with new shrubs, but these will take time before they screen the proposed garage. Scaling from Drg 12/002/001 the Council were not convinced, allowing for the proposed shrub planting strip, that there is sufficient width between the corner of the house and the property boundary for a vehicle to access the proposed garage.
- d) 12/00262/S73WM Variation of Condition 3 at Willington Quarry the Council raised no objection to this application.
- e) 12/00542/FUL two storey side/front and single storey rear extensions at 32A Church End no objection raised.

At this point of the meeting Cllr. Gurney left the room for the following item. f) 12/00530/FUL 7 Woodfield Lane, erection of 2 detached dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow. – it was agreed that the Parish Council objects to this proposal, whilst most of the land in question lies within the adopted SPA, both the Parish Council and the Borough Council have approved changes

to the SPA boundary, as shown in the Allocations and Designations Plan for Submission Maps [September 2011], which would take part of the area out of the SPA, in order to retain the openness of this area and the view to open countryside from Green End. The Parish Council still considers this to be over-development, and given that adjoining properties to the north are bungalows, and the existing dwelling is also a bungalow, and 2 storey dwellings are therefore considered to be inappropriate. Subject to detail, the Parish Council might support replacement of the existing bungalow with a single bungalow, but not the present proposal. The Parish Council also requested that this application be called in if the Officer if mindful to grant approval to this application.

At this point of the meeting Cllr. Gurney re-joined the meeting

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS: - A resident enquiry regarding car port in Thor Drive and planning law had been received with the response given outlining permitted development laws that are applicable.

9. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: -

There was a further update on the recent meetings held and the schedule of events within the village to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee including a Barn Dance and scarecrow competition. Cllr Gurney had researched the benches available and the Council discussed purchasing an appropriate bench as a permanent celebration, it was unanimously agreed to purchase a Cavendish Oak bench for £760.00, resolution passed. It was also noted that the Clerk had sought insurance clarification which is contained within the correspondence folder.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS:-

These included updates regarding anti social behaviour on Langlands Road, Footpath 15 stile damage, Asgard Drive adoption update still not progressing, Orbit Homes at Aspire litter complaints which have now been resolved, and the willow trees at Gadsby Brook in Water Lane being maintained by the Borough Council. It was also noted the communication regarding the seat in the church yard which was damaged

At this point of the meeting Cllr Leydon arrived.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The following outstanding invoices were presented (it was noted that all contained within budget): Barnicoat Ltd clerking service (February) £412.70

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

12. NOTIFIED CHANGES TO THE COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT:-

All Councillors had received a copy of the NALC Legal Topic concerning this matter and when new version received from local authority the Council would consider for adoption in time for 1st July. The Councillor Training information had been received and circulated to all Councillors as well.

13. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

Bedford Borough Rights Of Way Improvement Plan – the Council agreed that this document was clear and concise, so agreed that clerk to submit comments as feedback.

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin

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 and police correspondence regarding anti social behaviour at Langlands Road

Highways correspondence regarding Salph End bridge

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

BRCC e-bulletin

CPRE update emails

Arien Sign promotional email

Major Roadwork's bulletin list

Age Partnership email promoting services

BBC Rural Affairs meeting information

BRCC e-bulletin

Commontree email magazine

BATPC Beds Bugle

Beds and MK waterway talk evening 24th April email

BATPC information on Clerk's salary

Rights of Way contact regarding seasonal vegetation clearance

Parish and Town Network Conference information

BATPC Code of Conduct information

BBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee items for discussion feedback welcome

Citizens panel recruitment information email

BATPC Councillor training information

BATPC Traffic in communities

BATPC Anglia in Bloom training information

BBC Flood risk enquiry letter

Clerks and Council Direct magazine

BDO Audit briefing

BBC letter regarding PC involvement at River Festival

LGA Section 137 level notification for 2012-13 at £6.80 an elector

Local Council Review magazine

CPRE Annual meeting information

Natwest promotional banking letter

A421 Post Opening evaluation consultation correspondence

Planning application communications with resident and Planning Officer regarding application for garage at 31 Green End

Resident enquiry regarding car port in Thor Drive and planning law

Village newsletter copy

Online playgrounds promotional information

A R Worboys copy of public liability insurance received

BBC Home to School transport policy letter Communications regarding Councillor Ward Fund and installation of the dog waste bin

Communication regarding the seat in the church yard which was damaged

13.	FUTURE	AGENDA	ITEMS: -
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Matters that arose during meeting to be included and future annual parish meetings.

14.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	- on Tuesday 1	st May 2012 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.	
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