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Minutes of A MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 27th March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mr. Leydon, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Gurney, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. McDougall, Borough Councillors Moon the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and five members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED: - Mr. Slater and Mr. Andrews had sent apologies, in their absence it was agreed that Mr Leydon to lead the meeting. Borough Councillors Ellis had also sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-
There were no declarations of interest received.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

There was an update given with more information on the proposed village sign, it was outlined that it is hoped more detailed information would be known ahead of the May meeting. There was concerns raised over the faded road markings at the Hookhams Lane/Ravensden Road junction and that for motorists the preference is not clear, it was noted that better work is needed for repainting of lines to be done, Clerk to chase. It was raised by a resident that they felt a cherry tree at the front of Salph End Farm should have a TPO on it.

It was requested that the continued highways problems outside the school be a separate agenda item at the next meeting as it continues to be a very serious issue for the village.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th 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:-

The Village Hall Management Committee representative was discussed, it was noted that the Council hoped to appoint a member in spring 2014.

Other items to be covered during the meeting.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY UPDATE: -

It was noted that there had been no further communication received from the previous individual who had expressed an interest received. It was noted that the Council had received some further communications from another resident of the Spires area recently so the Clerk to inform them of the current vacancy.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: - Cllr. Moon gave an update that the work at the Meadow Lane site is going ahead and a recent appeal for a traveller site in Roxton was overturned and judged by a High Court judge that the needs for sites in the local area are being met. Cllr. Moon was aware that the owner of the Three Horseshoes has indicated that there are intending to imminently bulldoze the building which Cllr. Moon would be pursuing as a priority as this is a concern.

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It was reported that the Borough Council are intending to place extra funds towards broadband improvements, in order for Renhold to be moved higher up the list the parish will need to raise the profile is this issue with the Borough Council. A number of Councilors commented that the Borough Council have not met the minimum requirement of 2MB in the village yet.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE: -

a) Feedback from Highways Officer at Borough Council in regards to resident concerns regarding the Traffic Regulation Order – the Clerk had asked the relevant Officer the direct questions raised at the previous meeting, the feedback given in regards to resident concerns regarding the Traffic Regulation Order, detailed that it would not be possible for the TRO restricted area to be extended to the whole village or for Renhold residents to be exempt from the TRO. The Officer had given some supporting reasons as to why this would be including that the Borough Council would not support the extension of the TRO to the whole village as it would have an adverse effect on the surrounding road network and villages. The Clerk was asked to follow up with the Officer concerned to get some more detailed feedback.

b) Average speed cameras site survey update – the update on the average speed cameras site survey for Top End through to Green End was the Borough Council have now commenced the initial design process for the scheme, meeting with engineers from Siemens (the camera manufacturers) on site shortly to identify possible camera locations, and confirm some technical details. Once all parties are agreed on the scheme, including the Parish Council, the installation will commence late spring/early summer. At present there is no funding from the Borough Council for a scheme to also cover Ravensden Road; however, the Borough Council will carry out survey and scoping work shortly. The Parish Council agreed that they would make a donation and actively seek funding for a future scheme in Ravensden Road, which would need to be in the region of £18k to £35k.

It was agreed that there should be a request for a traffic survey to be undertaken ahead of the cameras being installed.

c) Update regarding the installation of the dragons teeth at Ravensden Road – the expected timescale of the 'dragons teeth' to be painted on Ravensden Road is work will be carried out in the summer months.

d) Other highways matters update - the possibility of having 'dragons teeth' to be painted at the entrance to Hookhams Lane is deemed not possible at this site as there is not enough room to successfully place dragons teeth in this location. The expected time-scale of the village gates at the Green End entrance to the village from the bypass as funded through the Borough Cllr Ward Fund, will be carried out in May / June. An update on the previously promised 20mph zone being placed outside the school the Clerk had been informed that this is being considered in the next financial year, with an assessment with a view to implementing an advisory limit in the school summer holidays.

The Clerk detailed that is aware that discussions are taking place between Highways and Rights of Way Officers regarding a scheme as part of the Orbit Homes section 106 commuted sum to provide the path up to the school, and co-ordinate a scheme that would allow for a safe crossing.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 14/00470/MAF re-location of football pitch, pavilion, waste recycling facilities and associated landscaping infrastructure and car parking at land north of Norse Road – a formal planning application had now been received and also the details from the individuals who met with the Council in February. The Council agreed to object to this relocation of the playing field beyond the

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bridleway due to the precedent it would set and that the parish already has sufficient sporting facilities.

b) Notice of proposal for a TPO revocation at Salph End Farmhouse – the Parish Council had been informed that the Borough Council is in the process of reviewing its Tree Preservation Orders and it has been identified that TPO 7/190/2/71 at Salph End Farmhouse no longer accurately reflects the condition of the site today and those trees which are in good health and have amenity value. On 28th April 2014 this TPO is going to the Planning Committee with two others for approval to be revoked. A copy of the draft report had been provided to Parish Councillors should they wish to comment. Bedford Borough Council will serve a replacement TPO immediately following revocation of the existing one to ensure that there is no break in the protection to those trees which merit it was noted.

c) 14/00383/FUL demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of one detached infill dwelling at 29 Top End – the Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that the proposed dwelling is larger than the existing footprint, it would set a precedent, is an infill development and would have a detrimental effect on the street scene.

d) 13/01243/FUL change of use of existing public house to residential and erection of two detached houses with detached garages and parking at Three Horseshoes, 42 Top End – there is no formal confirmation of a decision to date, however, update from planning department was given

e) Other planning matters of interest such as notice of any decisions – the Clerk had submitted the Council's comments regarding the Local Plan 2032 consultation, a resident had expressed concern regarding the new car wash site off Norse Road where work to the area had commenced.

The Council noted that the applicant regarding a previous application that was refused for 10 Beecher Close had gone to appeal. The application at 9 Top End for a replacement dwelling that had been approved by the Borough Council, which the Parish Council objected to, the Case Officer had written to explain why the application had been approved.

The Borough Council had written to all parishes about appropriately responding to retrospective planning applications.

10. VILLAGE MATTERS: -

Cllr. Slater had provided feedback from the Town and Parish Network meeting to other Councillors and Cllr. Gurney also gave an update.

The Council had received further information regarding the anti social behaviour issues in Langlands Road, the Council were sympathetic to the problems that are ongoing and were supportive of receiving information on a collective scheme regarding CCTV in the local area.

11. FINANCE MATTERS: -

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

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service February £495.24

BATPC membership renewal £513.00

CPRE membership £29.00

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

The Clerk had informed A R Worboys they had been successful with the contract and given them the points of contact.

It was approved that Gill Wiggs to undertake the internal audit work for the 2013/14 financial year and noted that the audit pack had been received.

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12. CORRESPONDANCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED: -

BBC Current Roadwork Bulletin (Renhold not included)
NALC Events Bulletin emails
CPRE Campaign email updates and Countryside Voice magazine
Age Partnership email promoting services
BBC Rural Affairs meeting information
Lloyds bank statements
BBC Planning weekly list email
Major Roadwork's bulletin list
Village newsletter copy
Online playgrounds promotional information
Came and Company Parish Matters newsletter
Crime stats data
Email from resident requesting being added to the circulation list
BBC strategy on sports pitch maintenance consultation
BBC Final hard copy of the Allocations and Designations Plan document
BBC letter from Planning Officer setting out why the application at 9 Top End for the replacement dwelling was permitted
A number of communications with Highways Officer regarding the TRO, average speed cameras and other highways matters
Communication from resident regarding the lack of interested residents relating to improving broadband speeds in the village
TPO application – to be discussed at the meeting
Planning documents and information from Orbit homes planning consultants following up from discussions at the last meeting
Zurich insurance information
Local; Council Review magazine
Clerks Direct magazine
Resident enquiry regarding work at Norse Road for the hand car wash facility
BBC letter and report regarding proposed TPO revocation for a tree ref 7/190/2/71 at Salph End Farmhouse
BATPC Training Programme
Town and Parish network meeting feedback
Resident enquiry regarding slow down for wildlife signs
NHS England healthcare review public meetings
BATPC Draft Transparency code email
BATPC Financial Briefing information
Email from resident regarding broadband service in the village
Police letter regarding NHW
BBC Flood Risk consultation
BBC email regarding representations on planning application

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: -

Matters that arose during meeting to be included.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - on 1st May 2014 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

Dated

