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Minutes of **MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 3RD October 2017** at 7.40pm in the Main Hall of Renhold Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Parish Councillors, Mrs. Brunsden, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Polhill, Mrs. Gribble, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Gurney, Borough Councillor Jade Uko, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and nine 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; Parish Councillor Mrs. Quince, Borough Councillors Sheryl Corp, Stephen Moon and Anthony Forth had sent apologies for absence, these were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:-

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr. Gurney relating to agenda item 5.a), there were no further declarations of interest received for this meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.

3. OPEN FORUM: -

A resident felt that there needs to be more focus of the Council's time on the Local Plan 2035, it was detailed that there are a range of different items being pursued regarding this, all of which were explained. It was agreed that this needs to continue to be highlighted to residents through the magazine article, so Clerk to do.

The Chair reconvened the meeting for the next item.

4. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY:-

The Clerk outlined the process and associated cost that is incurred to the Parish Council at every stage. Given that no one had come forward the next notice advertising the vacancy and call for election would be posted at the end of October. This information would be circulated as widely as possible in the timescale.

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: -

a) 17/02621/FUL erection of detached car port and store at Church Farmhouse 66 Church End – Cllr. Gurney took no part in the discussion. The Council had no objection to this application it was agreed.

b) 17/02174/FUL demolition of existing single garage and erection of new double garage at 2 Brook Lane- The Council had no objection to this application it was agreed.

c) Further update from meeting Councillors attended to discuss with other local parishes that would be adversely affected by the significant proposed housing growth in the north of Bedford Borough – the Clerk had ensured the Council's names was included as a joint signatory to the letter was sent to the Mayor Of Bedford. There was expected to be a joint resident meeting, however, this had not been able to be arranged. Therefore the Parish Council would await to see the feedback from the Mayor to the recent letter sent which was asking for a meeting to take place. The Council had also received some more information relating to the proposed development sites in the parish, which it was should all be included in the next Council article to raise awareness with residents. There also is a Town Centre consultation document which outlines the potential for houses to be built in the town, the Council would be responding to this.

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6. FINANCE MATTERS: -

The latest transaction report was circulated.

The Council agreed to not issue a cheque to Anglian Water. The Council had received the Renhold Charity Cottages full report.

The following outstanding invoice was presented (it was noted they were all in the budget)

Barnicoat Ltd clerking service September invoice £585.15

A R Worboys grass cutting £238.00

BDO LLP external audit £120.00

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

The Council then reviewed the grant application made by the Village Magazine, it was agreed that the magazine is an informative resource for villagers and it was resolved to make a donation of £2,113.00 to the Magazine.

Cllr. Gribble had undertaken a survey of the facilities in the parish following the items raised at the last meeting regarding seating. Ravensden Road and by the Green have no such facility so these areas should be considered as well as a litter facility nearby.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - to be Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Dated