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Minutes of Renhold Parish Meeting

Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

PRESENT

Village Representatives: Chris Baldwin, Jill Barrell, Albert Browning, Lyn and Barry Dimmock, Anne Grant, Rod Jones, Wendie Nokes, Paul Sawford and Carolyn Smith
Parish Councillors, Sue Brunsden Richard Cook, Margaret Dean, Ian McIver, Julian Polhill, Amanda Quince and Martin Warwicker

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Village Representatives: Pauline Capell, Rosemary Godwin, Albert Gurney, Keith Herkes, Sue Levitt, Ian McDougall, John Nicholson, Yvonne Potter, and Andrea Ward and Parish Councillors Nicky Gribble and Darren Rayner

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr. Quince welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Everyone introduced himself/herself and indicated which of the village organisations they were representing

SUMMARY OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Woodcarving Club

Wendie Nokes

Has been running for 6 years. Now split into two groups as numbers have grown
Very keen to take part in VE Day celebrations
Annual membership £25 with nominal weekly charge for tea/coffee

Gardening Club

Chris Baldwin

Has been running for 4 months with 34 people now on the register
A full programme has been arranged right up until Christmas
Activities include speakers, visits to open gardens, discussion about allotments

Royal British Legion

Paul Sawford

Paul is Vice Chair of the Clapham Branch. There are 30 branches with 2,500+ members
Very keen to support VE day celebrations. Was an integral part of Renhold Remembers last year
Paul can supply wreaths to village organisations at a cost of £25.

Football Club

Lyn Dimmock

Renhold Football Club is 20 years old. Annual rent of field is £600. Referees paid £40 per match.
Age limit for players is from 16 to 40+-actively looking to recruit players from the village
Run by small team of volunteers who wash kit, maintain grounds, clean and decorate clubhouse etc

Good Neighbours

Rod Jones

Run by Rod and Pauline. Thanks were recorded to Keith Timms and Ian McIver for their help
Odd jobs, visits to hospital, doctor, dentist, Tesco, clear lofts, or pop in just for a cup of tea
7-8 clients this year with 5-6 jobs per month. Thanks recorded to Teresa Moon for her support

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Village Magazine

Anne Grant

1375 copies of 36 paged A5 magazine stapled and delivered to villagers by a team of 60 volunteers
Only outgoing is the JCB printing-cost covered 62% by ads, 30% by PC and the rest by donations
Always looking for new contributors and new suggestions

All Saints Church

Jill Barrell

Church has not had a priest since 2016, so congregation is grateful to team of visiting priests
Looking to recruit part-time priest to support small but strong band of volunteers
Strong links with school and proud that church is open to all every day

Renhold Baptist Chapel

Albert Browning

Grateful thanks to all who supported the fundraising for the doors
Go into school every Friday and have now been asked to go into Great Barford Primary as well
Regular coffee morning with 30-40 people in attendance

Reading Group

Pauline Capell

Long established group within village with 8 members
Rather than all discuss one book, each member gives a synopsis of their chosen book each month
Some of the recommendations are then mentioned in the village magazine

Women's Institute

Rosemary Godwin

An interesting range of speakers including an author, a royal footman, to a volunteer at Yarlswood
Clubs-lunch, craft, bingo and Book Babes and competitions-Jeanette Roberts runner-up in baking
Outings include Suzanne Charles, Howbury Hall, Oakwood Stores, village school fete and boot sale

Renhold Village Website and Social Media

Sue Levitt

Website, Facebook and Twitter promote the parish, local clubs, organisations and events at no cost to parishioners.
Website: 67% of views come from organic searches. Facebook has grown to 611 followers
Parishioners actively engage with their views, average post reaches 800 users, most popular being 6k (a drive through of the village.) Twitter has 99 followers.

Carpet Bowls Club

John Nicholson

Field a team in the Bedfordshire County League Competition
Programme of friendlies with other clubs from Beds and Cambs
Would welcome new members from the village. Details on www.renholdvillage.co.uk

Village Hall Management Committee

John Nicholson

Hall is well used by village clubs and locals for parties and receptions-rate frozen until 2019 end
Continuous improvement programme to reduce costs eg heating and alarm systems controlled by app
Bookings can be made online and payment can be made with credit and debit cards or cash

Speedwatch

Albert Gurney

Small team operating under new rules with a time limit of one hour and not in the same location
5 sessions held mostly in Ravensden Road and Hookhams Lane. 55 offenders reported
44 commercial vehicles, breaking the TRO recorded at Green End on 28th May and 45 on 23rd July

Village Website

Ian McIver

Website has attracted 174 new users since Ian's last report

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Visitors from far and wide including Hong Kong, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia
Features include photo gallery, Renhold School activities and links to local services

Charity Cottages

Margaret Dean

There is one cottage vacant at the moment. There is a plan to build two more in the distant future
If you have connections to village and are in need of accommodation, please let Julia Eros know
Properties are alarmed, but there is no medical support available

Renhold Sports Club

Ian McDougall

Playing Field is privately owned by Renhold Sports Club and administered by four Trustees
Facilities hired by AFC Kempston and Bedford College who praise playing surface and hospitality
Renhold United will play home games there next season-new visitors' car park behind lower goal

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding applications can range from £20 to £20,000, so please feel free to speak to the Parish Clerk, Lizzie, or a Councillor to understand which funding opportunity might be best suited to your project.

Renhold Parish Council has a budget allocation to support work done for the benefit of the electors

Borough Councillor Ward Fund can be used for capital expenditure to benefit people in the local Ward area.

Borough Council Rural Grant to support rural organisations and facilities

Other Borough Council grant funding available with the Community Chest for grants up to £1,000 and also House of Industry.

Housing development monies – there are monies when any new dwelling(s) are built in a parish, that the developer has to pay a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment to the local authority. Some of these monies are then paid to the Parish Council, and are set aside for items that will be of benefit to the community.

Wixamstree Trust provide support to community organisations

Tesco provide funding for various different projects or works in the local area through their scheme Groundworks

Harpur Trust welcome applications and can make significant grants

Entrust provides information on local landfill sites which have to provide support to their local communications and so to search the community funds that can be used for a range of items

Gale Family Charity Trust donates funds to charitable causes in Bedfordshire

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation is a grant maker supporting local community groups and charities

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Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust make grants to churches and chapels in the two counties for urgent and essential repairs

Current Fundraising Projects

Members of the WI have completed an application form for financial support to reproduce their fifty-year-old magnificently handmade Renhold scrapbook, in a form so that it can be handled and displayed in village locations such as Church, Chapel, Village Hall, and School

Renhold United Football Club are looking for help in building a dug out. The Parish Council has given them an application form

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ABOUT VE DAY VILLAGE FAYRE

Date	May 10 2019
Time	12-5 (preparation/set up from 9:00 onwards)
Venue	Howbury Hall, MK41 0JB
Purpose	To encourage all residents, village clubs and organisations of Renhold to take part in the 75 th commemoration of VE Day

Ideas so far	Teas on the terrace Stalls/competitions on the front lawn Games on the park in front of the house Dog Show on the park in front of the house Street party for children in the black barnyard Period dress parade on the front lawn Classic cars and army trucks on gravel in front of the house Piper to open proceedings at front door Fynnius Fogg-local band already booked-in marquee in southwest corner of front lawn
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All clubs and organisations will receive an invite and a form to complete to indicate how they would like to be involved and how the Parish Council can help by way of equipment etc

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that our next meeting would be held in April 2020 at 7.30pm at Renhold Village Hall. Date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30

Amanda Quince thanked all present for their attendance and their lively contributions to discussion and thanks were recorded for the detailed reports received from those who could not attend

Renhold Parish Council value your opinions. We want to be inclusive and proactive, so do come and speak to us.