

**7.11.19**

**Minutes of EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall**

**PRESENT:-** Parish Councillors: Mrs. Quince (Chair), Mr. Cook (Vice Chair), Mrs. Dean, Mr McIver, Mr. Warwicker, Mrs. Brunsten, Mr. Rayner, Mrs. Gribble, the Clerk Mrs. Barnicoat and twenty three members of the public.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED:** - Borough Councillors Tim Creswell, Phillipa Martin Moran Bryant, Stephen Moon had sent apologies, which were accepted.

The Chair thanked residents for coming and engaging with the planning consultation responses. It had been great to see so many residents from across the parish attending the open session as well as being engaged with the various activities throughout the village. It was noted that Borough Councillors Creswell, Moon and Bryant had also attended the open session during the day and our thanks were recorded to them for their continued support.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST TO BE DECLARED FOR THE MEETING:** - No declarations of interest were received for the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.

**3. OPEN FORUM:** -

A resident thanked the Parish Council, Clerk and helpers on behalf of residents who had seen the numerous efforts and communications that have taken place to alert residents to the planning applications in Hookhams Lane.

It was asked if the Borough Councillors would be objecting to the application. AQ reported that they had given useful comments and suggestions which the Parish Council might wish to include in their objection and Stephen Moon would be asked to give a presentation at the planning meeting.

Concern about the urban sprawl element of the development if granted, was raised. Residents were encouraged to highlight this in concern in their responses. Illustrations would be used to give Officers and elected Members visual representation of this.

It was asked if further planning applications could follow this one. Clarification was given on the planning process, confirming that amendments and additional applications can be made in the future.

Residents asked if:

- any positives would come from this application. The Community Infrastructure Levy monies (which) would be in excess of £300k.
- the Parish Council had considered engaging with an independent planning consultant to represent the Parish Council. Examples of how this has been done locally were detailed, and the idea would be considered by the Council.
- anyone has any knowledge of species of animals or plants that may be protected. This has already been investigated, though more information would be most welcome.
- the local MP could help the village out. With Purdah and the change of local representative this would not be an option in the immediate term.
- the Local Authority Education Officers had been engaged with this application given the proposal for a new primary school. The Parish Council is aware of the surplus primary places, so the school might never be needed. The Parish Council would encourage the village school to engage in the process.

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- concerns over highways had been raised. This concern forms a large part of the objection, but any further information that residents could add on this would be most welcome.

Residents were encouraged to sign up to the village circulation list to receive regular updates on this application and all other useful village alerts.

The Chair reconvened the meeting for the next item.

**4. 19/01974/MAO outline application with all matters reserved except access for up to 400 dwellings, land for a new primary school, open space, drainage, footpath improvements and vehicular access via 25 Hookhams Lane**

The open session held in the Village Hall ahead of the Council meeting saw in advance of hundred attendees which was pleasing. Councillors were thanked for giving their time to speak to residents during the day, and thanks were also given to the volunteers and helpers from throughout the village who have been raising awareness of this application and encouraging responses to be submitted. During this process, residents have been made aware of the two further planning applications for development in Hookhams Lane.

Since the last meeting CPRE have engaged with the application and lodged their objection to the development.

AQ would follow up with Crossways, Ravensden Parish Council and Renhold Primary to encourage them to engage fully in the consultation.

The initial draft of the Parish Council response had been circulated to Councillors and to the village circulation list. Further work had already started on expanding the objections. This would be shared with Councillors and then submitted shortly to the Local Authority. Updates would continue to be sent to residents.

The Clerk expressed the Parish Council's thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for accommodating them so well for the day.

At this point of the meeting the following payments needed consideration:

Chapter House donation for use of facility £50.00 to be reissued

Renhold Churchyard maintenance donation £1000.00 to be resissued

Renhold Village Hall hire £33.63

It was resolved to pay the above cheques.

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - To be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 starting 7.00pm to be held at Renhold Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.10pm**

Signed .....

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