



# PARISH OF RENHOLD



## Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm at Renhold Chapel, Woodfield Lane.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Councillors, , Mrs Dean, Mrs Gribble, Mr. McIver (Vice Chair), Mrs. Quince (Chair), Mr. Warwicker, Borough Councillor Moon, the Clerk and four members of the public.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minutes of discussions and resolutions</u>	<u>Actions and Responsibility</u>
1	<b>WELCOME BY THE CHAIR AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED</b> Borough Councillor Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant, Parish Councillors Susan Brunsden, Julian Polhill and Darren Rayner had sent apologies which were accepted.	Noted
2	<b>DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE</b> Cllr McIver declared an interest as RFO in Item 11(a), so will not vote when that item is considered. No other declarations were received for the meeting. The Chair adjourned the meeting for the next item.	Noted
3	<b>OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK</b> No public statements received. The Chair reconvened the meeting.	
4.1	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> To receive recommendations from the Planning Committee and to agree Council's response to the following applications:	
a)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01864/TPO</b> Walnut - Remove dead branches at The Cottage, 59 Top End - The Council unanimously agreed that there is no objection to this application as long as the work is carried out by a suitably qualified professional.	Clerk to submit
b)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01796/FUL</b> Erection of new three bay garage with internal electric charge points at North End Barn, The Grain Store, Renhold Road, Ravensden - The Council unanimously agreed that there is an objection to this application as it is proposing a large triple garage on this site, which is over development of the plot which is otherwise in open countryside. It will make the street scene look industrial, as the proposed materials are totally out of keeping with the adjacent historic, pan tiled, brick farm buildings. It is important that any structure on this plot is sympathetic both to the neighbouring property and its setting. The Council is also concerned that on the submitted plans, a structure is shown in situ which is misleading as not only is no such structure physically in place, but there is also no planning permission granted for such a sizeable structure. The Council would respectfully ask the Officer to be mindful of all the planning policy reasons within the refusal for 21/00036/FUL, which are also within the site curtilage, and that the same planning principles be applied to this application.	Clerk to submit
c)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01827/TPO</b> T1- Willow - 3 metre all round reduction - cavity at 6 metres reduction to reduce risk of limb failure at Oaklands, 60 Ravensden Road - The Council unanimously agreed that there is no objection to this application as long as the work is carried out by a suitably qualified professional.	Clerk to submit

d)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01784/FUL</b> Rear dormer and loft conversion with roof lights to front roof slope at Oakleigh, 33 Hookhams Lane - The Committee agreed to object to this application as it is overdevelopment and too overbearing for the neighbouring property. It is noted that in the pre-planning application advice it stated that 'should planning permission be required, it is not likely that the Local Planning Authority will support the current proposal owing to the design of the dormers - and it is overbearing on the adjoining property'. The Committee agrees with this statement as it is three storeys on this elevation and it will deprive the neighbours of their amenity. This house would now also become 4 bedroomed which will make parking a problem. The occupants already have to reverse out on to Hookhams Lane on a sharp bend, and there are, therefore, significant concerns about the proposed changes as they would cause an issue due to the insufficient provision of safe off road parking at this property if an additional bedroom facility were to be permitted	Clerk to submit
e)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01777/FUL</b> One and two storey rear extension and single storey front extension at 16 Church End - The Committee was mindful that a number of properties along Church End have carried out similar changes, and feels, therefore, that the proposal is in keeping with the precedent set within this street scene. The proposal seems to be tasteful and sympathetic to the neighbouring buildings, and there is minimal impact on the front of the property and the proposal does not impede on any other neighbouring property. If the neighbours have no objections, then the Committee agreed to no objection as long as the extension accords with Local Plan Policy and design and that it matches the rest of the properties along that section of Church End.	Clerk to submit
4.2	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> To consider the following Applications received since the last sitting of the Planning Committee and agree the Council's response to the Applications for: <i>Cllr. Cook declared an interest in the following items</i>	Noted
f)	<b>APPLICATION Nos: 21/01909/FUL</b> Demolition of a lean to conservatory and outbuildings and the erection of new detached garage and <b>21/01910/LBC</b> Internal changes to the existing kitchen and dining area, and changes to the fenestration both at 67 Church End - The full Council unanimously agreed that they had no objection to the applications and the proposed work.	Clerk to submit
g)	<b>APPLICATION No: 21/01996/TPO</b> T1 – Pines – Sectional fell to ground level in decline at 67 Church End - The full Council unanimously agreed to object to this application and reiterate their comments to the previous application <b>20/02790/TPO</b> . Therefore comments to be: The Parish Council understands that the application states the 2x Pines are 'dying'. It is understood that these trees were the subject of an order in 2016 to remove dead wood overhanging the highway. The Parish Council asks that the Borough Council ensures that there has been an independent assessment to confirm that they are dying. If they are dying, we would request that the trees be lopped and treated to save them, and if not, we request that the trees be replaced to maintain the environmental benefits. This agreement should be part of the conditions, if the application is granted.	Clerk to submit
h)	21/02045/FUL It was noted and time extension requested and agreed till September, 21/01730/FUL Time extension has been requested; awaiting agreement.	Clerk to monitor
4.3	<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> The full Council reviewed the previously circulated and updated Planning Committee Terms of Reference. It was unanimously agreed to approve the document. Resolution passed. Will be uploaded to the website.	Cllr Mclver to action

5	<p><b>BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN 2040 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE</b></p> <p>Leaflet distribution completed to all households. Cllrs. Quince and McIver attended Parish workshop event led by Borough Council, presentation circulated to all. Cllr. Gribble will be attending next workshop shortly. Councillors discussed the consultation options and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to respond to include feedback on all 7 strategic growth options</li> <li>• Of the Borough Council's focused option, (No 2) listed in publicity material, the Parish Council's preference at this stage is for 2c, with 2d being the least preferred</li> <li>• Evidence given of Borough Officer's comments clarifying that Renhold is NOT included in the transport corridor will be included in the PC response</li> <li>• Need for Salph End protection to be reiterated, details of two inspection decisions relating to Hookhams Lane will form part of the evidence</li> <li>• Focus on urban area boundary protection</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan protection of open spaces and distinct 'ends' shaping the future of the Parish to be highlighted</li> <li>• Reinforcement of sites within the Parish which are not suitable</li> <li>• Details of the previous Parish Council submissions to the Local Plan will be included</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that a village drop in session to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup> (if Village Hall is available) avoiding the Bank Holiday. Councillors agreed to fund the cost of Village Hall hire for such an event and the cost of a leaflet drop to all residents in the Parish to raise awareness of the session and to offer help and support.</p> <p>All Councillors are asked to submit comments and evidence of ideas to form part of the Council's response.</p>	<p>Cllr. Quince to book V. Hall &amp; manage leaflet distribution</p> <p>All Cllrs to feedback</p>
6	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATE</b></p> <p>Summary report provided on the continued work on the Plan. Thanks again expressed to all those involved and, in particular to Keith Herkes. Green Infrastructure Survey completed, Groundworks grant received and Housing Need Survey being moved forwards for September distribution.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
7	<p><b>EAST WEST RAIL UPDATE</b></p> <p>Cllr. Gribble explained that EWR CEO Simon Blanchflower and his Team are visiting the Parish of Renhold tomorrow with Richard Fuller MP to look at two specific points along Route E. BFARe, and other local Parish Councillors, are meeting at different locations along the proposed route. Huge thanks to Peter Norris for his sterling work and support on this.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
8	<p><b>TO FORMALLY AGREE NEXT STEPS IN RELATION TO BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE PARTIAL FUNDING AWARD FOR ADDITIONAL AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS AND WAYS TO FUND THE SHORTFALL TOWARDS SECURING FURTHER CAMERAS FOR RENHOLD</b></p> <p>Police funding confirmation letter received. Cllr. Quince followed up next steps with Borough Council Officer, trying to secure further Average Speed Cameras for the Parish. Response circulated and discussed. It was felt that given the funding gap, that it should be followed up with the Borough Council Highways Officer to determine what other speed reduction options would be doable along Ravensden Road such as road humps and cushion tables for example. Will also ask for clarity as to whereabouts on the priority list for new Average Speed Cameras Ravensden Road is.</p> <p>The grant funding acceptance forms to be completed. Clerk had sought clarity from PCC on who these need to be sent to.</p>	<p>Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Clerk &amp; Cllr. Quince to arrange</p>
9	<p><b>TO REVIEW ROLES FOR ASSET INSPECTIONS AND TO CONSIDER ADOPTING TWO NEW VILLAGE ASSETS</b></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to put the newly refurbished Festival of Britain sign on the Council's asset register and adopt the sign. Thanks to Terry Nokes for his superb craftsmanship</p> <p>Further improvements are required to the Aspire noticeboard before the Council will consider taking it on. Orbit have been asked to make improvements to the board, so any move to adopt it is currently on hold. This matter will be revisited at our next PC meeting, together with clarification on the roles and responsibilities of the asset inspections.</p>	<p>Cllr McIver to arrange</p> <p>Cllr. Rayner monitoring</p> <p>Clerk to arrange</p>

<p>10</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p><b>FINANCE MATTERS TO INCLUDE</b></p> <p>Quotations to be considered and agreed The Becher Close vegetation still requires clearing. It was agreed that Bedford Borough Council to be asked to review the area. Cranbourne Gardens' bin repair identified recently. Contractor has been asked to review and quote for repair. Invoices to be paid</p> <p><i>N.B. Cllr Mclver declared an interest in this item as RFO and did not vote on any item.</i></p> <p>E Barnicoat June salary £114.74 Backlight Ltd administrative service June £897.67 Renhold Chapel donation for hire for Planning Committee 20<sup>th</sup> July meeting £25.00 Renhold Chapel donation for hire for full Council 28<sup>th</sup> July meeting £25.00 Terry Nokes Festival of Britain Sign refurbishment £227.00 JCB Printing Village Magazine stapling July £50.00 JCB Printing EWR posters £85.00 Bickerdale Allen Partners LLP noise consultant work for EWR consultation £3,420.00 A R Worboys Ltd grass cutting SI1583 £384.00 A R Worboys Ltd grass cutting SI1590 £198.00 JCB Printing Neighbourhood Plan printing £154.00 – it was confirmed this payment is from the Parish Council allocation. Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above items. Resolution passed.</p> <p>Consideration of a Grant application from Renhold Chapel for roof replacement work Outline of planned work given including quotations. It was unanimously agreed to approve a PC donation of £1,200 to contribute towards the work. Resolution passed. The Council encouraged the Rural Grant application to be increased to 50% of the total project cost.</p>	<p>Cllr. Gribble to arrange Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk to allocate To be paid</p> <p>Cllr. Quince to liaise with and support Chapel</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>To review and consider any matters arising and resolve to sign as a true and accurate record. It was resolved to approve the minutes of full Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. It was resolved to approve the Planning Committee Meeting minutes from 17<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedford Borough Council bin installation at Pegasus crossing – credit note issued, not a Parish asset, Borough Council owned.</li> <li>• VHMC representative update. Information received for putting someone forward, circulated to all.</li> <li>• Council planning comments submitted</li> <li>• Planning Committee Terms of Reference edit completed &amp; to be uploaded to website</li> <li>• Planning Committee: 26 Home Close enforcement response received, circulated – Borough Cllr Moon offered to review this; LB to forward documents to him.</li> <li>• .gov.uk website - next stage of development is being planned</li> <li>• VAS data circulation completed</li> <li>• Grass cutting contribution monies received £1164.01</li> <li>• Police ASC grant money future agenda item completed</li> <li>• Tree in the brook at Brickfield Road reported, IDB are aware, Cllr. Gribble is monitoring.</li> <li>• New Council headed paper and updated methodology for the production of Council meeting agendas and minutes implemented.</li> <li>• Renhold Gardening Club grant application feedback given</li> <li>• Electronic banking online access view only for Clerk successfully completed</li> <li>• Festival of Britain Sign repairs completed</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan Working Group grant received. Separate spreadsheet to be arranged</li> <li>• Concerns communicated to Anglian Water regarding the numerous issues in the Parish with the water supply and constant repairs; Cllr. Gribble is monitoring</li> <li>• Village walk communication with BBC Tree Officer completed.</li> <li>• Tree Preservation Order application process better understood. Cllr Gribble monitoring</li> </ul>	<p>Chair to sign</p> <p>Chair to sign</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllr. Mclver</p> <p>Clerk to action Cllr. Mclver</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p>

12	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED</b></p> <p>NALC Events Bulletin emails  Age Partnership email promoting services  BBC Planning weekly list email  Village Magazine copy received  Online playgrounds promotional information  BRCC e-bulletin newsletter  CPRE update emails  Bank statements  Crime statistics - forwarded to all Councillors  ERTA Voluntary Transport email  Beds Police newsletter  BBC Weekly Licensing list  BBC letter acknowledging receipt of planning comments  Village magazine article communications  Beds Police crime statistics – circulated  NFP Workshops bid writing information  Garden Club grant communications – responded to  Various East West Rail consultation communications from residents raising awareness with individuals and organisations as part of the campaign  Neighbourhood Plan Working Group communications  Renhold Parish VAS data summary for June 2021  BBC Planning Officer communications regarding extension for Parish Council comments submission – Planning Committee notified  ERTA Voluntary Transport email communications – forwarded relevant ones on to Councillors  Communications regarding Aspire noticeboard  Communications regarding quotation for Becher Close vegetation clearance  Communications regarding Hookhams Lane grass cutting  Email - OPCC Newsletter June 2021 – circulated  Bedfordshire Police Fund application communications  HMRC PAYE communications  Resident concern over tree falling into Brook by Brickfield Road - reported  AGAR submission communications  BBC Planning enforcement communication</p>	Clerk to arrange
13	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>  <b>Next meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7:00pm at Renhold Village Hall.</b>  The Meeting closed at 8:50pm</p>	