

PARISH OF RENHOLD



Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

<u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Parish Councillors Mrs. Dean, Mrs Gribble (Chair), Mrs. Brunsden, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Warwicker, Borough Councillor Phillipa Martin-Moran-Bryant and Stephen Moon, the Clerk, and seven members of the public were present.

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	WELCOME BY THE CHAIR AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED NG welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Parish Councillor	
	apologies from Mrs. Roberts, Mrs Cardinale and Mr. Polhill, received and accepted. Borough Councillors Tim Caswell, Christine McHugh, had sent apologies which were accepted.	
	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE	
	There were no declarations of interest received for the meeting.	
	The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point	
2	OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK	
	VAS sign post at Green End/Top End boundary to be straightened up request to be sent to Highways Helpdesk, Clerk to report.	Clerk to action
	Village sign has a centaury WI sign, it was noted that Terry Stokes had instigated this. Renhold Village Hall looking for new Trustees it was noted, the Parish Council are engaging with the Management Committee.	
	Resident updated Councillors on tree planting in Cranbourne Gardens, feedback had been sought on social media for the local authority plans for planting. The community wish for an area to be covered had been fed back for acoustic benefit, with the local authority but the map had not been updated it was noted.	
	Ideas for the King's coronation raised, roses at War Memorial will be pruned shortly, the trees also need work carried out on them, could such works be carried out as well as bulb planting in the nearby vicinity. Also could consideration be given for a sign to mark the coronation being placed on the village sign. This would be covered under agenda item 9. a). VAS understudy to be referenced in next village article, full training will be given, Clerk to action.	Clerk to action
	Renhold school governor meeting feedback, if anyone has any time to listen to the children read, volunteers needed and welcome to come forward it was noted. It would be helpful to have information on how volunteers can sign up as the Parish Council would be happy to share information on various platforms.	
	The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point.	
3	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES	
	To date still no one has come forward to express an interest in the current vacancy. Preparation is already under way for the Parish Council elections in May 2023 with the local	
	authority sharing information with the Clerk who has also attended a local authority briefing session.	
	It was reported at the last meeting by the Clerk an invoice had been received for the	
	associated election charges from Bedford Borough Council, it had been confirmed the	
	amount owning totalled £141.97, payment to be arranged during this meeting.	

	The Clerk had referenced the cost implication of the uncontested elections in the latest magazine article, an update on the confirmed costing to also be added.	Clerk to action
4.1	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - for full Council to agree responses to: It was noted that information had been shared with all Councillors ahead of the meeting regarding applications.	
a)	APPLICATION NO: -: 23/00165/FUL erection of detached dwelling at land adjoining 56 Top End - the Council reviewed the application, being mindful of the previous application on this site and the Council's submitted comments. It was unanimously agreed to have objection reiterating comments previously submitted on this site that over development, out of keeping with street of scene, impact on nearby listed buildings. Councillors also wished to express that the draft Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2040, with the public consultation on which ended on 29th July 2022, there is no requirement or expectation for any housing development within the Parish of Renhold. As part of the Renhold Neighbourhood Plan process however, following an independent housing needs survey commissioned to inform the emerging Renhold Neighbourhood Plan it has indicated that a small number of mixed type housing units, may be required over the next 10 years, comprising in the main of affordable housing to meet an identified local need. This proposal is not therefore in keeping with the local planning policy or the emerging local policy. Clerk to share material planning matters document to resident.	Clerk to submit Clerk to action
b) c)	APPLICATION NO: -: 23/00151/FUL loft conversion including front and rear dormers with all materials to match existing at 24 Joyce Close - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to have no objection for the application in principle as precedent has already been set, though noted that the rear dormer is whole length of rooline that Officer be asked to take into consideration neighbouring comments on this element, resolution passed.	Clerk to submit
	APPLICATION NO: -: 23/00121/FUL Demolition of existing 2 no. bungalows and outbuilding and the erection of 2 no. 3 bedroom dwellings and 1 no. 2 bedroom bungalow and the creation of new access from the highway at 18 - 20 Woodfield Lane - the Council reviewed the application, being mindful of the previous application on this site and the Council's submitted comments. It was felt it continues to be over development of the site, with parking concerns also remaining, resolution passed.	Clerk to submit
4.2	Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – none to consider.	
4.3	Planning and Development: notification of application gone to appeal: 21/02819/FUL demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of replacement detached dwelling and garage at Hill Grove, Water Lane — Councillors reviewed the previous comments submitted to the original application as well as the local authority Officer report in full at the time of the decision to refuse. It was unanimously agreed to submit no further comments resolution passed.	
	Item raised that a development appears to be taking place different to the original plans, Clerk encouraged concerns to be raised and reported through the local authority planning portal.	
5	EAST WEST RAIL UPDATE	
	Attendance at the Local Representatives Group had continued, it had been felt useful to find a way to keep residents up to date on this important item. Work had taken place on collating information on the latest work along with a reminder that volunteers are welcome to come forward Cllr Gribble and Liguori had prepared this, thanks given to Peter Norris as well who had worked on this. It had also been agreed that the next step would be a to have a standalone webpage on the Council site as well through the various local platforms where this update would be shared. Website development meeting had been arranged for morning of 8 th February with this being one of the items to cover. Councillors asked how would transferring ownership of the Council website work going	Ongoing Clerk to add

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	forwards. At previous meeting Borough Councillor was going to seek clarity on how the A428 highways improvements at the Black Cat roundabout being led by Highways England and how this significant work will potentially be impacted by East West Rail as this was raised as a concern by those present. This had been followed, with a public inquiry having been requested relating to the Black Cat roundabout. It was noted there is a remote Richard Fuller MP which has been set up regarding this EWR topic and it was detailed that purdah starts shortly as well.	
6	HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS IN THE PARISH UPDATE	
	Anglian Water project works had continued to progress, with the road closure being bought forwards which had been promptly communicated through various local outlets. There had continued to be a regular dialogue between the Parish Council and the Anglian Water representatives. Cllr. Gribble had updated the lead engineer and linked with the Church to keep dates updated regarding the work planned at the Church. There was a further Borough Councillors update awaiting regarding confirmation on when the surfacing work will now be programmed in for Church End and Wilden Road as the scheme should not be lost as a result of the pipe replacement work. This clarification had been confirmed by the Anglian Water representative as being placed on hold to allow	
	settlement of the works before resurfacing. Borough Councillors agreed to follow up with the local authority, with Clerk sharing a copy of the communication. The road closure link shared by Borough Councillor with Clerk for circulating had been actioned.	Borough Councillors
	It was pleasing to report the concerns relating to parking matters in Aspire had resulted in Orbit funding and installing a knee rail to improve the issue at no cost to residents plus the damage has been repaired. This was update was provided in the village article. This work had been completed, pictures circulated so also to be shared in next village article. Meeting with Orbit is taking place on 1 st March at 11am, all invited.	Clerk to action Cllr. Gribble
	The Clerk had reported the overgrown hedgerow on the path from Langlands Way onto the public right of way with the local authority and has been cut which is pleasing. The planning status of the Orbit site is with the local authority, awaiting feedback, remains ongoing.	Clerk to monitor
	The Parish Council had continued to be kept up to date on the tree planting scheme being led by Bedford Borough Council Officers to plant trees in Cranbourne Gardens. Average speed camera data continues to be received from the Borough Council and shared with Councillors, this would be part of the forthcoming website development meeting taking	Clerk to arrange
	place shortly. There had also been a communication between meetings from the Police Chief Constable after they received a complaint, a detailed response was given and data from the VAS units is now being sent to another police contact monthly. Speed enforcement is continuing in the village it was noted with the police and local authority vehicles visiting, Clerk to ask for feedback on recent enforcement action in the village. There is an issue with	Clerk to follow up
	the data being corrupted on download of one of the VAS devices which has been reported to the associated technical support. The Renhold Community Speed Watch signage invoice had been requested, Councillors agreed that the payment £309.76 excluding VAT to be issued on receipt of a valid invoice from the Speedwatch sign people and paid between meetings to ensure the signs are placed	
	on the units as soon as possible. Cllr. Gribble was unable to attend the event at Borough Hall looking at support in rural areas with well being, isolation, and other services it was noted.	
7.	VILLAGE ENGAGEMENT to include Village Hall liaisons and meeting for residents with	
	Richard Fuller MP Cllr. Gribble gave an update on the recent communications with the Village Hall Management Committee representatives. It was noted that part of the ongoing discussions will include how to improve the communications between the Committee and the Parish Council. There had also been a meeting arranged to be held on 23 rd March for residents to meeting	Cllr. Gribble
	with Richard Fuller MP, with the Parish Council unanimously agreeing to fund the cost of the	
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	hall hire, resolution passed. This event had been shared on various village platforms. It was discussed that an invite should be extended to the local MP for the Cranbourne Gardens development, this to be followed up. Coronation event ideas and thoughts were discussed, it was unanimously agreed by the Council to spend up to £350 on bulb planting to be sourced locally, resolution passed. Local authority to be asked also if any forthcoming bulb giveaways. Wood carving to be asked for the village sign to mark the occasion. It was agreed to explore options regarding the tree work at the War Memorial, Cllr. Gribble to follow up with landowner. Clerk to place information in the next village article asking for ideas and volunteers to come forward, with Cllr. Gribble to check if Village Hall have any plans.	Clerk/Cllr Gribble Clerk/Cllr.Gribble Cllr. Gribble Clerk/Cllr. Gribble
8.	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP presentation of Green Infrastructure Plan for Parish Council to consider endorsement The Working Group had shared the Plan with Councillors ahead of the meeting, the Council expressed their grateful thanks to all those who had worked tirelessly on the production of a very comprehensive document. It was unanimously agreed to endorse the document Councillors resolved.	
9 a)	Quotations to be considered and agreed – There had been communications with the grass cutting contractor to review Water End site, awaiting confirmation of quote from Worboys still, alternative contractors discussed. Had been chased. Cllr. Polhill to be contacted to check if enquiries made regarding the maintenance in this area. The latest on the current quote for the bench and bus shelter was shared with Councillors. The bus shelter down pipe has been repaired and so far, has not been removed again and after removing the bench it was discovered to have significant rot on the legs when removed. Councillors unanimously agreed to approve the £400 quote for the repair and bench removal, and that it covers the new bench installation, resolution passed. It was noted the Clerk to share recycled bench options with Councillors for a replacement, noting the memorial plaque has been retained, and then once a preferred bench is agreed application to be made to the Mayor's Community fund. It was noted the installation cost is covered in the Tim Wallinger quotation just accepted. Laptop quote information had been shared to all Councillors, options included refurbishing or a new more appropriate installation with discussion on this, and further quote to be sought for a new device as Councillors felt as a Parish Council getting functionality longer term.	Clerk to chase again Clerk to follow up Clerk to follow up
b)	Invoices to be paid Backlight Ltd Administration service January £619.63 Renhold Village Hall hire for February meeting through till July £198.00 Renhold Village Hall hire for March MP meeting £30.00 Bedford Borough Council uncontested election charges £141.97 A R Worboys Ltd grass cutting SI1930 £735.00 Anglian Water Wave Business water charges £29.20 Amanda Quince Renhold remembers posters printing £10.74 Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment. Resolution passed.	Cllr. Warwicker Clerk to action
с)	Contract for services review The War Memorial and other village maintenance quotation from Bill Peet & Son had been shared ahead of the meeting, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for £1648.57, resolution passed. Clerk to notify. Clerk had alerted A R Worboys to the grass cutting arrangements for the 2023 season.	Clerk to action
d)	Financial monitoring review Ahead of the meeting Councillors had received an updated financial transaction report against budget, it was noted there were no areas of concern, expenditure inline with expectations. The Clerk confirmed the parish precept form had been submitted to the local authority.	Clerk to action

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING To review and consider any matters arising and resolved to sign as a true and accurate record a) once amendment made to include Mrs Roberts to be added to the list of attendees,. The Clerk to edit Council then agreed to approve the minutes of full Parish Council Meeting on 4th January, b) minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Chair to sign Matters arising were: Council planning comments submitted To arrange meeting with Sports Field Trustees after publication of GI Survey for Monitor which we are still waiting remains ongoing. To be assigned – Following the Clerk sharing a copy of the application made by Great Denham Parish Council for a community asset. Work on a village asset application for The Polhill Arms was ongoing, Clerk had shared information with IM. Monitor BATPC Finance training attended by GL on 6th December. Three spaces secured on the CPRE Planning workshop in November, FC, JR and SB attended and shared workshop presentation. Councillors to be given support with new email addresses. **Ongoing** Payment of accounts issued Approved previous meeting minutes signed BBC Officer communications regarding verge planting in Renhold, funding bid submitted for this project, now Ward Fund monies confirmed for this, Officer has been informed so project will be commenced in autumn, Officer chased and has confirmed planting has taken place. Request had been sent previously to ask Borough Councillor Martin-Moran-Bryant if Parish Councillor training on permitted developments is something the local authority could assist with. Borough Officer had replied, seeking clarity on what would be useful. Feedback has been provided by the Clerk on this. Follow up had been chased previously and Borough Officers are looking to engage with a suitable training provider for this. To note that the local authority have issues a helpful guide **Ongoing** to using the online Planning System, to be shared more widely through various platforms by the Clerk, this is ongoing. Clerk to review the drafted document to guide the neighbouring property owners through the process of responding to a planning application, whether it be for permitted development, planning enforcement or any other type of development. This item is on hold, remains on hold, will be revisited. Clerk Cllr. Cardinale Register of Interest paperwork to be forwarded to Monitoring Officer. This has been completed, Officer noted some pages missing so ongoing. **Ongoing** Clerk had requested to collect the Aspire board keys, being monitored. Handover not to be actioned as board remains a risk to anyone operating it. The contractor has been chased again for a quote for the grass seeding needed at Becher Close. Cllr. Gribble to follow up by checking with Cllr. Moon and BBC Officer to get this moving forwards. **Ongoing** Green End bus shelter downpipe repair quote has been completed. The War Memorial bench repositioning work has started. Monitor JP communication regarding Jubilee celebrations to be reviewed and a thanks to be Clerk shared with the parish. BFARe minutes circulated to Councillors, NG had followed up. Awaiting copies of Monitor minutes to come through but correct contact details now on the BFARe website. Permission request from WI to replace a tree at the War Memorial, Councillors unanimously agreed to grant permission for the tree to be replaced noting ongoing maintenance arrangements have been made for the new tree. Clerk had fed back. Cllr. Warwicker had collated some information for a specific webpage to showcase the work done on speed reduction in the village, circulated to Councillors and shared for placing on Council website. **Ongoing** BBC Officer had been asked if application for ASC was completed in light of new policy by the local authority would that strengthen outcome for Ravensden Road ASC application, this request has been chased again. Clerk Request sent from the Parish Council asking for the 30mph sign in Ravensden Road to the village boundary, as discussed during the VAS site visit with the Borough Council Highways Office, had been followed up again. **Ongoing**

	•	Bus service issues recently had been followed up by Cllr. Gribble, at the last meeting it was raised that feedback from operator includes checking on the telephone number of any disruption to service on the day of planned travel. Concerns were again expressed at the meeting, check in with Cllr. Martin-Moran-Bryant on any feedback from raising this at local authority level to look in more detail at the service level agreement.	Ongoing Clerk monitor
	•	Website developer and Clerk only to have access to website and social media	
		settings.	
	•	Cllrs. Guido and Warwicker to set up their addresses to then enable others to benefit	Clerk monitor
		from their experience.	Clark
	_	Contact will be made with the Church End barn owner to outline the decommission of noticeboard once a new board and location has been agreed.	Clerk
		Once MW, FC and GL confirmed as being added that then AQ to be removed then	Ongoing
		electronic banking authority will then be proceeded with given Council had	Origonia
		unanimously agreed to also appoint GL as a signatory to the Parish Council account.	
	•	Cllr. Gribble had arranged for wreath to be laid.	Ongoing
	•	Council policy update agreed at last meeting, revised document Complaints Policy to	
		be uploaded to website.	Clerk
	•	In regards to document storage it was agreed to deposit previous meeting minutes	
		with the Archive department at the local authority and Clerk to liaise to understand what back storage is available via the Council website.	Ongoing
		To contact the Church to notify them of the decision for new board to be placed to	Origoning
		the right of the existing bench by the front of the Church between the sign and	
		bench. Clerk to order recycled material board from Greenbarnes and seek	
		testimonials of the board selected.	Cllr. Dean
	•	Cllr. Dean to check with resident if refurbishment of board at Post Office remains	
		ongoing.	Ongoing
		Feedback to Village Magazine and Churchyard applications at last meeting. Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group application £1,000.00 allocated to	
	_	budget complete.	
10	CORF	RESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED	
	NALC E	vents Bulletin emails	
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BBC Parish and Town Council Network Agenda - 26 January 2023

BBC Minutes for Rural Affairs Committee, Tuesday, 24th January, 2023, 6.30 pm

BBC Local Plan communications regarding inspection

BBC Parish and Town Council Network - Presentations - circulated

Parish Council asset report circulation

BBC clarification regarding planning management of Aspire development

Resident request for copy of latest Anglian Water letter – responded to

Councillor communication regarding device to support VAS data collection

Community Speedwatch and Bedfordshire Police communication regarding Green End VAS

unit and resident communications to the Police – responded to

Borough Councillor Moon apologies for January meeting

East West Rail information for parish website communications

BBC Officer communication regarding Renhold verge planting scheme

Anglian Water communications regarding Anglian Water - Early Wilden Rd Road Closure Wed 11th January

BBC communications regarding Struttle End question

Resident request to be added to village circulation list – actioned

Resident concern with Anglian Water lorry noise – forwarded on

Parish Council website - RNPWG section communication - followed up

BBC Planning enforcement communications

CSW Signage order for Renhold communications

Councillor feedback from recent BATPC training

Resident communication regarding community right to bid application Polhill Arms

Liaison with Orbit home representative regarding Aspire site meeting

Village maintenance contractor communications

Bedfordshire Archive communication regarding Parish Council minute deposit

Churchyard grant thank you received

BBC work regarding 30mph sign that had turned sideways

EWR Co Bedfordshire Local Representatives Group — Materials available from meeting #7 and confirmed date for meeting #8

Copied into resident raising concerns regarding Wood Lane - footpath signs

Councillor communications regarding Parish Council website

BBC Independent Remuneration Panel communication

Survey for residents - BLMK Digital Strategy

Fiona Way parking issues update from Orbit homes – forwarded

BATPC Finance Training Programme – Updated

Resident concern with bikers going through the churchyard

Arrangements for village drop in session with Richard Fuller MP

Councillor query regarding Water End property

Village Hall liaison regarding meeting date bookings

BBC precept acknowledgement communication

EWR Co Bedfordshire Local Representatives Group – Agenda and Action tracker for

Meeting #8

Updated quote for bus shelter and bench work received

Resident concern regarding anti social behaviour in Spire's development

Draft Green Infrastructure Plan document received from RNPWG – circulated

Resident and BBC Officer communications regarding tree planting at Thor Drive – responded to

Planning application decisions to be noted:

22/02449/FUL Two storey front extension at 14 Wilden Road – Refused

22/02407/LBC Replacement of 2 chimney pots at 33 Ravensden Road – Permitted

22/02382/TPO T1 - Acer - Remove major deadwood throughout whole crown area (Deadwood > 25mm in diameter) Crown lift to 2.2m from ground level. Prune to allow 1m clearance of the BT wire at 4 Becher Close – Permitted

22/02375/FUL Removal of shrubs and repositioning of boundary wall with new planting at 41 Maskell Drive – Refused

22/02128/FUL Loft conversion including rear shallow cat-slide type dormer, three No. apex dormers to front elevation and additional window to north gable at 40 Appledine Way –

Permitted

22/01961/FUL Erection of garden building, construction of outdoor pool and associated landscaping and hardstanding at Church Farmhouse 66 Church End – Permitted

22/01944/FUL Alterations to dormer, new porch extension and erection of detached double garage to rear at 62 Green End – Permitted

22/00561/AOC 18/02565/FUL Condition 6 - Fencing Method (Discharge of condition) (approved under Appeal ref APP/K0235/W/19/3237737) at Land To The Rear Of Wentworth House Ravensden Road – Permitted

22/00562/AOC 18/02565/FUL Condition 7 - Fencing Method and Detail (Discharge of condition) (approved under Appeal ref APP/K0235/W/19/3237737) at Land To The Rear Of Wentworth House Ravensden Road – Permitted

22/00560/AOC 18/02565/FUL Condition 3 - Vehicle Access and Junction (Discharge of condition) (approved under Appeal ref APP/K0235/W/19/3237737) at Land To The Rear Of Wentworth House Ravensden Road - Permitted

14/00238/AOC 12/01073/FUL - Condition 4 surface water drainage - Two storey side extension with single storey link to main dwelling (amended design) at 2 Brook Lane - Disposed of

11 Close of Meeting

Next meeting to be 21st March 2023 at 7pm at Renhold Village Hall. The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.