



# PARISH OF RENHOLD



**Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Councillors Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mrs. Cardinale, Mr. Rayner, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Gribble (Chair), the Clerk, and two members of the public were present.

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	<p><b>WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE</b></p> <p>Cllr. Gribble welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. Warwicker.</p> <p>No declarations of interest received for the meeting other than noting JR and NG on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.</p> <p><i>The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point</i></p>	
2	<p><b>OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK</b></p> <p>Distribution list update talked through.</p> <p>Parish Council website gaps in archiving of the minutes reported, Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Thanks to the Parish Council website administration for supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group with publishing the required information in such a timely manner. Thanks to be passed on by the Clerk for the support kindly provided.</p> <p><i>The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point</i></p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
3.0	<p><b>Renhold Primary School Headteacher in attendance</b></p> <p>Headteacher, Lisa Larham was welcomed to the meeting, 197 children on roll. Highways safety discussion, there is a soft start to the day to alleviate the congestion at the start of the day, with also different collection times as well. Breakfast club is also full with extended provision for after school till 6pm. Signed agreement with older pupils who have permission to walk home, reminders are sent out about parking safety.</p> <p>Pupil bollards suggestion for the bend to be explored by the school with the Parish Council offering support with this, posters could be placed on the bollards. Enforcement camera data to be sought from the local authority for sharing with the school and wider community. Making the area a red way could also be explored as a further solution. Idling car cards to be followed up by Cllr. Gribble. Clerk to share parking enforcement reporting information for the school to share.</p>	<p>Clerk to liaise</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Clerk to action</p>
4.1	<p><b>EAST WEST RAIL NON STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>The non statutory consultation had recently commenced, with Parish Council representation in attendance at the Local Stakeholder Group pre-meeting ahead of the launch of the consultation. Awareness of the public engagement events would be shared to encourage residents to attend and ask questions. Reading ahead of engaging is the suggested approach. The Parish Council response to be prepared and discussed at the next meeting once Councillors had had an opportunity to attend the public engagement events due to be held in the local area in the coming weeks so feedback from these can be incorporated into the Council’s response to allow digestion of the information.</p>	<p>Future Item</p>
4.2 a)	<p><b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b> - for full Council to agree responses to:</p> <p>It was noted that information had been shared with all Councillors ahead of the meeting regarding applications and some Councillors had undertaken a site visit to the application.</p> <p><b>APPLICATION NO:- 24/02057/S73A</b> Erection of brick boundary wall (Development already</p>	

<p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>carried out) at 62 Green End - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with an objection as there is concern it is out of keeping with the street scene in this part of Green End which acts as an entrance gateway to the village. The Council were disappointed at the removal of the natural habitats with the unnecessary destruction of the hedgerow. The Council feel the current gap left has no need to be retained, so if the application is granted that a condition should be applied that this area is fully enclosed resolution passed.</p> <p><b>APPLICATION NO:- 24/01253/FUL</b> Erection of ancillary residential outbuilding and equestrian storage at Dairy Farm Cottage, St Neots Road - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with concern over the purpose of this new building, with a worry that it could become a future standalone dwelling given it is being proposed as a residential outbuilding, the Parish Council would object to as it would set a precedent for such use and has seen a number of such applications refused in the parish recently. This is also appears to be an application for a residential outbuilding in open countryside as well which is a further concern for the Council, resolution passed.</p> <p><b>APPLICATION NO:-24/02115/LBC</b> Installation of door in the master bedroom wall to allow access into adjoining loft space. Loft space to be plastered with lime plaster, Installation of lighting and sockets. Existing radiator in master bedroom to be moved to the left slightly to allow for walkway at 33 Ravensden Road - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no comment, resolution passed.</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p><b>Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable –</b>  24/02190/FUL Two storey front extension with entrance relocation, roof extension over existing footprint, partial demolition of existing rear extension and addition of a new single storey flat roof extension to the rear at 51 Wilden Road - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with an objection as it is over development for the site, resolution passed.</p>	
<p>4.3</p>	<p><b>Renhold Neighbourhood Plan public consultation update – document consideration</b>  Working Group report circulated, and Regulation 14 consultation started, with information on the Parish Council website and literature shared through the parish. Information will be shared via the village circulation list shortly it is hoped. Parish Council response to be submitted it was agreed with Cllr Gribble and Clerk to action.  Increased printing costs outlined, £500 to be added to the Group budget to take up to March 2025, unanimously agreed by the Council, resolution passed.</p>	<p>Cllr Gribble/Clerk</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT</b>  Ward Fund update on silver birch replacement with a different species in Green End to be secured through the Ward Fund, this is with the Borough Council Officer and will include care for two years, awaiting to be planted.  Bulky Waste collection discrepancy with Renhold village compared to other smaller rural parishes, Borough Councillor is following up on this.  Parish Councillor communication regarding Green End dog waste bin is being explored by Cllr. Gribble to try and get a better positioned bin for dog waste, request has been sent to the local authority, Officer to inspect site it was noted. Bin request for Water End for across the roundabout in the layby at Water End which is to be installed, however as the local authority compound is within the current Cleat Hill cordon area this work has been delayed.  Traffic flow through the parish discussed previously with the most recent traffic flow counts to be checked, agreed follow up was to ask local authority for data, Andy Prigmore to be contacted.  Monitor Ravensden Road entrance gate, and associated work including markings, work being carried out by local authority, had been chased various times, the gates had also been chased. Latest was line painting crew are due to attend to this shortly Cllr. Gribble reported having attended a recent meet with Andy Prigmore, this is due to be done Christmas. It was noted the sunken section of the road along Ravensden Road remains an issue, Cllr. Gribble has reported.  Cleat Hill incident update, bore hole sealed, capped, levels of methane barely detected</p>	<p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble</p>

	recently so hoped it will reopen shortly.	
6	<p><b>PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES</b></p> <p>No expressions of interests received, had continued to be shared across various local network platforms.</p>	
7	<p><b>FINANCE AND POLICY MATTERS TO INCLUDE</b></p> <p>a) <b>Renhold Magazine application to Council for grant application consideration – this item to be carried forward.</b></p> <p>b) <b>Quotations to be considered and agreed –</b> There had been ongoing liaison with the local authority regarding a directional sign, Iain Booth followed this item up, with Andrew Prigmore, has been chased. £200 to be installed, one outside and one double sided on Wilden Road was suggested with the feedback now received to be shared with the Management Committee. Cllr Gribble reported placing a memorial plaque on the bench on the Green, is ongoing. Contractor had looked at the guttering on the Green End bus shelter when installing the bench, repair being carried out.</p> <p>c) <b>Invoices to be paid</b> Mr Wallinger Green End bus shelter seat installation awaiting invoice noted so future item. Backlight Ltd Administration service October £724.46 British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 2023 British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 2024 JCB Printing Renhold remembers posters £12.36 JCB Printing RNWG printing expenses £1342.00 Three SIM card payment £9.00 direct debit Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment. Resolution passed. It was noted asset register to be updated by Clerk.</p> <p>d) <b>Financial monitoring review</b> Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year it was noted.</p> <p>e) <b>Initial budget 2025/26 considerations</b> The next meeting would be a detailed budget discussion, Councillors welcomed to think of items to bring forwards for consideration.</p>	<p>Future Item</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble to action</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Clerk to action</p>

<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously agreed to sign as a true and accurate record, the Chair signed the minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Matters arising were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Payment of accounts issued</li> <li>▪ Planning comments submitted</li> <li>▪ JP communication regarding Jubilee celebrations edit actioned on Parish Council website.</li> <li>▪ Awaiting copies of BFARe minutes to come through, having recently chased with Ward Councillor for Wyboston, no progress.</li> <li>▪ To arrange an invite to the local MP for the Cranbourne Gardens development, Cllr. Gribble had sent invite.</li> <li>▪ It was agreed to explore options regarding the tree work at the War Memorial, Cllr. Gribble to follow up with landowner.</li> <li>▪ Bank signatory work remains ongoing.</li> <li>▪ The additional location highlighted to the police during the January meeting in the village that had been flagged within a hot spot area, that could be used for carrying out speed checks – Community Speedwatch Coordinator to share details of suggested location with PC Napoli .</li> <li>▪ Understanding the police resources available relating to enforcement of Traffic Regulation Orders as well as commercial weight restrictions in situ in Renhold with suggestion of using volunteer time to support with processing the follow up work generated, as well as offering volunteer time to do this. Appropriate safe access by a volunteer to the police database would be an item that would need clarifying to be followed up.</li> <li>▪ The highways walkround with Borough Council Officer and Borough Councillor Jim Weir Deputy Mayor &amp; Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways &amp; Transport summary report to be done by Cllr. Gribble to go on the Parish Council website.</li> <li>▪ Additional items raised during the highways walkround were: white markings had been placed in Green End seeking if these were related to forthcoming footway improvement works.</li> <li>▪ Asset management document to be drafted.</li> <li>▪ Code of Conduct document uploaded to website, redacted signature version ongoing, awaiting June absent Councillors signatures on document.</li> <li>▪ Further reminder for all Councillors to insert their email signature as previously agreed.</li> <li>▪ Highways Officer in attendance at previous meeting, had followed up overhanging vegetation along St Neots Road, it was noted this clearance had not been completed so Officer was contacted to follow up. The drainage/gully clearing, maintenance schedule dates for the parish had been shared with a revisit requested, these had now been cleared. The items raised from the Deputy Mayor visit walkround items, these included items in Green End had not had 30mph painted on the floor, Officer was chased.</li> <li>▪ Green End bus shelter seat installed.</li> <li>▪ Clerk had sent communication to local ambulance service regarding the defibrillator matter previously raised, remains unchanged, acknowledgment received, awaiting full response, has been chased. Therefore, drafted policy document work remains on hold it was noted.</li> <li>▪ Renhold Primary School Headteacher invited to November meeting completed.</li> <li>▪ Good Neighbours Scheme communication through BRCC placed on Parish Council website to help raise awareness.</li> <li>▪ The improvement work on the path to the school was raised, getting a price for the work to be explored by Cllr. Gribble with the local authority as well as Cllr. Rayner and Cardinale to see if a Rural Prosperity Fund application can be made. Cllr. Gribble had actioned, is still pursuing.</li> <li>▪ Community police engagement event on rural crime held in Thurleigh, attended by Cllrs. Roberts, Brunsdon, Roberts, feedback given, request made for an event to be held more locally with the PCC offering to attend a ward event. Traffic monitoring was highlighted as a concern.</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing Monitor</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble Clerk</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Cllr. Brunsdon</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble</p>
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<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED</b></p> <p>NALC Events Bulletin emails  BBC Planning weekly list email  CPRE update emails  Bank statements  Crime statistics - forwarded to all  ERTA Voluntary Transport email  BBC Weekly Licensing list – Clerk has checked  CPRE latest newsletter  Renhold Magazine article submission and communications  VAS summary data information communications  NBB Recycled Furniture promotional emails  Website manager communication on Parish Council website regarding distribution list creation  BBC Parish and Town Council Update – circulated  BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL EXPENSES REVIEW 2024 report received  RNPWG communications copied into regarding Regulation 14 public consultation – agenda item  BBC Officer follow up communications regarding directional sign for Village Hall  East of England Ambulance Service follow up email regarding defibrillator  Community Heartbeat defibrillator communications regarding new devices  Copied into community safety camera communications with contractor  Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group report – circulated, agenda item  MW apologies for the November Parish Council meeting – noted  Three account communications regarding payment – agenda item  Advertising in monthly magazine communication – followed up  Borough Councillor NG Stagecoach public transport services depot meeting communications copied into  Renhold Primary School communications – responded to, agenda item  National Highways Important roadworks information: A421 eastbound lane one closure – drainage improvement work  Borough Councillor NG communication regarding tree on Lady Mayor Drive copied into  Member of the public communication regarding if potential for an agricultural land for sale in parish  BBC Service report that War Memorial cleaning request had been carried out  BBC Cleat Hill Incident Update information  Speed Indicator Device downloading communications  Speed Indicator Device on Ravensden Road follow up communication on device displayed  Speed Indicator Device communications with traffic data during Cleat Hill road closure  Borough Councillor NG gully cleaning communication with BBC Officer  Crime Report October 1-15 October 24  Resident communication regarding speeding – responded to  Borough Councillor NG communication regarding Anglian Water - investment in your area  BBC Guidance on Spotting Bluetongue in Cattle and Sheep  BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/01253/FUL - circulated, agenda item  SAVE THE DATE - OPCC NFU Rural Crime Event 2024 - Scald End Farm - Wednesday 6</p>	
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November 2024 booking communications and feedback  
 Crime statistics Oct. 16th to 29th.  
 Resident communication regarding overgrown tree in Becher Close – responded to  
 Renhold Village Hall booking of hall for NPWG drop in event in December  
 East West Rail – seeking your views on our proposals, confirmation of non-statutory consultation dates - circulated  
 Launch of A428 Legacy Funding: Social Value and Community Funds - 3rd Funding Round  
 Borough Councillor NG Stagecoach East's Behind the Buses event in Bedford  
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02057/S73A - agenda item, circulated  
 Borough Councillor NG Cranbourne Gardens roundabout communications  
 Cantamus chamber choir Christmas music at All Saints Renhold Tuesday 10 December 7.30pm – responded to  
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02115/LBC – circulated, agenda item  
 BBC Planning Application 24/01825/FUL – circulated, agenda item  
 Crime Statistics 30th Oct to 12th Nov.  
 Village Magazine request for grant application form – responded to  
 Renhold Churchyard request for grant application form – responded to  
 Office of Police Crime Commissioner meeting 06.11.24 notes from Councillor  
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02190/FUL – agenda item  
 Resident communication regarding verge parking in Hookhams Lane – responded to, verge follow up with Iain Booth  
 Resident communication suggesting a village calendar online  
 2024.11.19 RNPWG update report for PC – circulated  
 Resident communication regarding Ravensden Road speed indicator device display – responded to  
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 Promotional communication from grass cutting contractor  
 Resident communication regarding verge cutting in Hookhams Lane and speeding vehicles – responded to  
 Borough Councillor NG communication regarding The Bedfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

**Planning application decisions to be noted:**

24/01883/AOC 20/00672/FUL - Condition 3 - Archaeology (part discharge of condition) at Land Adjoining 56 Top End - Part Approved  
 24/01784/FUL Installation of an air-source heat pump. Main unit to be mounted to the east-facing wall at 2 Lady Mayor Drive – Permitted  
 24/01716/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 9 - Noise Impact Assessment (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Permitted  
 24/01718/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 11 - Bin Storage (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Permitted  
 24/01711/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 3 - Vehicular Access (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Refused  
 24/01717/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 10 - Obscured Glazing (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Permitted  
 24/01714/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 7 - Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Permitted  
 24/01715/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 8 - Boundary Treatments (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane – Permitted  
 24/01713/AOC 23/00121/FUL - Condition 6 - Landscape Works (discharge of condition) at 18 Woodfield Lane - Permitted

10	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b>          The next meeting to be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	
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