



PARISH OF RENHOLD



Minutes of RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7.00pm at Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Brunsdon, Mr. Warwicker, Mrs. Gribble (Chair), the Clerk, and three members of the public were present.

Item	Minutes of discussions and resolutions	Actions and Responsibility
1	<p>WELCOME BY CHAIR, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST FOR THE MEETING TO BE MADE</p> <p>Cllr. Gribble welcomed all to the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Cardinale, Mr. Rayner. No declarations of interest received for the meeting other than noting NG on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.</p> <p><i>The Chair adjourned the meeting at this point</i></p>	
2	<p>OPEN FORUM – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SPEAK</p> <p>Thanks given to Councillor Gribble for speaking so eloquently at Bedford Borough Council full Council meeting seeking a motion to hold East West Rail to account. Resident question regarding village shop notice board. Village circulation list clarity sought, website September 2024, January 2024 minutes need updating, Standing Orders under finance also noted.</p> <p>SID Ravensden Road remains out of action, follow up to be actioned. Average speed camera data request from local authority follow up, has been actioned, is being monitored.</p> <p><i>The Chair reconvened the meeting at this point</i></p>	<p>Clerk to action</p> <p>Cllr Warwicker</p>
3.	<p>EAST WEST RAIL NON STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION</p> <p>The draft response shared, was discussed, it was noted update to be placed in regarding further information that has come to light regarding Bedford Hospital, with this updated it was unanimously agreed to submit the document.</p> <p>Scoping opinion letter circulated from Planning Inspectorate, unable to engage meaningful due to the limited timescale of the consultation and the enormous volume of documents being done simultaneously with the non statutory consultation, response to submitted.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit</p> <p>Clerk to submit</p>
4.1	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - 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>a) APPLICATION NO:- 24/02405/S73A Installation of dormer window to side, flat roof dormer to rear and side, alterations to approved dormers to front, alteration to approved driveway (parking) layout and external alterations at Elmleigh 18 Wilden Road - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with this being overdevelopment of the site which is out of keeping with the street scene in this part of the village, resolution passed.</p> <p>b) APPLICATION NO:- 24/02374/FUL Replacement of flat roof to pitched roof at Byways 14</p>	<p>Clerk to action</p>

c)	Woodfield Lane - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no comment, resolution passed. APPLICATION NO:- 24/02117/FUL Single storey front extension at Grasmere 68 Hookhams Lane - - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with an objection as it will bring the building line of the street scene forward which will be out of keeping, setting a precedent, resolution passed.	Clerk to action
d)	APPLICATION NO:- 22/01468/EIAWM Proposed extension and consolidation of mineral extraction and the importation of inert material at Willington Lock Quarry at Land South Of St Neots Road, Bedford Incl. Land To North East And West Of Existing Willington Lock Quarry Extraction Area, The Existing Willington Lock Quarry And Mineral Processing Plant Site – re-consultation - - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no comment, resolution passed.	
e)	APPLICATION NO:- 24/02274/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and storage shed. Erection of a single storey rear extension and external window alterations, erection of detached garage and extension of existing porous gravel driveway at 17 Top End - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no objection, resolution passed.	Clerk to action
f)	APPLICATION NO:- 24/02059/S73A Change of Use of paddock land to residential curtilage land (development already carried out) at Hill Farm Barn Water Lane - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with it being unclear what the planning description meaning in real terms for so it is challenging for the Parish Council to engage fully without this understanding, having asked the Officer for clarity, and no response being forthcoming, resolution passed.	Clerk to action
g)	APPLICATION NO:- 24/02435/LBC and 24/02434/FUL Demolition of existing side extension and erection of new single storey extension at 1A Top End - the Council reviewed the application, it was unanimously agreed to respond with no objection, resolution passed.	Clerk to action
4.2	Planning and Development: to consider Applications and agree responses to Applications received after the publication of the agenda if applicable – 25/00032/FUL Demolition of existing side extension and erection of one and two storey front extension and two storey rear and side extension at 100 Wilden Road - the Council to carry forward to next meeting. 25/00050/FUL Erection of a detached self-build dwelling at Land Adjoining 56 Top End - the Council to carry forward to next meeting.	Clerk to action
4.3	Renhold Neighbourhood Plan public consultation update – document consideration Working Group report circulated, thanks given to all those involved in the Regulation 14 consultation. Parish Council response submitted ratified by the Council, resolution passed.	
5	BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT 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.	Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble Cllr. Gribble

	Hookhams Lane verge the local authority have supported and followed up with enforcement it was noted. Lighting in Hookhams Lane discussed, Borough Councillor NG has written to landowner, the matter is being followed up through local authority Officers.	Clerk/Cllr. Gribble
6	PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES No expressions of interests received, had continued to be shared across various local network platforms.	
7	FINANCE AND POLICY MATTERS TO INCLUDE	
a)	Grant applications for consideration: Renhold Magazine - documents circulated, it was unanimously agreed to award a donation of £929.13 to the Magazine, resolution passed. Renhold Churchyard – this item to be carried forward. Renhold Village Hall - the local authority have installed directional signs it was noted, at no cost to any organisation.	Clerk to action Future Item
b)	Quotations to be considered and agreed – Cllr Gribble reported placing a memorial plaque on the bench on the Green, is ongoing. Grass cutting price for 2025 to be confirmed it was noted.	Cllr. Gribble Clerk to action
c)	Financial monitoring review Clerk had shared the report, all items inline with expenditure at this point of the year it was noted.	Future Item
d)	Invoices to be paid Backlight Ltd Administration service November £724.46 Backlight Ltd Administration service December £724.46 British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 2023 British Legion Dday wreath £25.00 2024 Bolnhurst Old School Donation NP board usage £10.00 Mazars external audit fee £378.00 Three SIM card payment £9.00 direct debit Three SIM card payment £9.00 direct debit Councillors unanimously agreed to resolve the above items for payment. Resolution passed. Mr Wallinger Green End bus shelter seat installation awaiting invoice, Bill Peet and grass cutting invoices to be future item alongside Amanda Quince reimbursement of associated NP expenses it was noted.	Clerk to action
e)	Budget considerations and agreement for 2025/26 to include funding opportunities for village projects - at this point of the meeting Councillors reviewed a number of supporting documents, including the draft budget plan, which was worked through in depth with consideration of the main focus areas of expenditure for the Council in the coming year. Clerk to update. It was unanimously agreed to approve the budget for 2024/25, resolution passed.	Clerk to action
f)	Precept considerations and agreement for 2025/26 - The Borough Council had advised of a change in tax base within the parish for 2025/26. The Council considered different options, being mindful of wishing to move forwards with continuing to progress a number of improvements for the parish. It was unanimously agreed by those present to request a precept level of £27336. Resolution passed. Clerk to submit.	Clerk to action
8	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING The Council unanimously agreed to sign as a true and accurate record, the Chair signed the minutes from 21 st November. Matters arising were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Payment of accounts issued ▪ Planning comments submitted ▪ JP communication regarding Jubilee celebrations edit actioned on Parish Council website. ▪ Awaiting copies of BFARe minutes to come through, having recently chased with Ward Councillor for Wyboston, no progress. ▪ To arrange an invite to the local MP for the Cranbourne Gardens development, Cllr. Gribble had sent invite. ▪ It was agreed to explore options regarding the tree work at the War Memorial, Cllr. 	Ongoing Monitor Cllr. Gribble

	<p>Gribble to follow up with landowner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bank signatory work remains ongoing. ▪ 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 . ▪ 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. ▪ The highways walkround with Borough Council Officer and Borough Councillor Jim Weir Deputy Mayor & Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways & Transport summary report to be done by Cllr. Gribble to go on the Parish Council website. ▪ 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. ▪ Asset management document to be drafted. ▪ Code of Conduct document uploaded to website, redacted signature version ongoing, awaiting June absent Councillors signatures on document. ▪ Further reminder for all Councillors to insert their email signature as previously agreed. ▪ 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. ▪ 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. ▪ 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. ▪ Village circulation list update provided by Clerk ▪ 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. ▪ Parish Council website gaps in archiving of the minutes reported, Clerk to follow up. ▪ 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. ▪ It was noted asset register to be updated by Clerk. 	<p>Cllr. Gribble Clerk</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>
<p>9.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION RECEIVED</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</p>	

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
 RNPWG communications copied into regarding Regulation 14 public consultation
 Community Heartbeat defibrillator communications regarding new devices
 Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group report – circulated, agenda item
 FC apologies for the January Parish Council meeting – noted
 National Highways Important roadworks information: A421
 Village Magazine grant application form – circulated, agenda item
 BBC Officer communication regarding verge parking in Hookhams Lane –ongoing
 Resident communication regarding village calendar online – to be placed on PC website Clerk to action
 Promotional communication from grass cutting contractor
 Borough Councillor NG new footpath in Renhold follow up communication copied into
 Borough Councillor NG parish precept clarity email follow up communication copied into
 Borough Councillor NG follow up clarity with BBC Highways Officer communications copied into
 North Herts Council Renhold Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation response copied into
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02059/S73A - agenda item
 Communications regarding vehicle activated device in Ravensden Road
 Healthwatch Festive lunch invitation - Parish Councils
 BBC Glass bottle and jar recycling trial communications
 Communications regarding camera at Water End
 Renhold Churchyard grant communications – responded to, agenda item
 JR apologies for January Council meeting - noted
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02274/FUL -agenda item
 Renhold Village Hall April 2025 meeting date – clashes with WI on 3rd April, Parish Council to go to Chapel Clerk to action
 BFARe communication regarding EWR Non-Stat Consultation - Mitigations - circulated
 Crime Statistics for Nov 13th to 30th 2024
 Resident communication regarding Ravensden Rd , gates, signage, CSW/SID copied into
 BBC Planning Re-consultation letter – agenda item
 BBC CIL Parish Transfer December 2024
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02117/FUL – agenda item
 Resident communication regarding subscription list – responded to
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 Resident communication regarding subscription list – responded to
 Renhold Good Neighbours communications – responded to
 Forvis Mazars - Invoice 2449912 - Due : 10 Dec, 2024 - Renhold PC - agenda item
 Zurich Prepare for winter at your council with these top tips
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02374/FUL - agenda item
 Parish Notice board- Village Shop communication from resident, Cllr Gribble to review
 Fwd: Contribution for the Bolnhurst Display Boards communication
 BBC Letter about Decision of Planning Application 24/01825/FUL
 Borough Councillor NG Ravensden Town Hall meeting
 BBC Confirmation of Provisional Tree Preservation Order 7 of 2024 - Land at E On, Caxton Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK41 0HT - circulated
 Crime Stat's for 1st Dec to 17th Dec 2024
 Resident communication regarding Top End average speed cameras – responded to, followed up
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 Resident communication regarding police speed warning signs – responded to
 SIDs and ASC Biddenham Beds Ini report 2024.12.19 information from resident
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02405/S73A - agenda item
 Reporting Back: PTCN December 2024

Resident communications regarding reduce speed sign
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02434/FUL - agenda item
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 24/02435/LBC - agenda item
 East West Rail scoping report consultation - agenda item, circulated
 Resident communication regarding Water End waste bin copied into
 Crime Statistics Dec. 18th to 31st 2024
 Rights of Way and EWR communication – responded to
 Councillor communication on overgrown hedges Thor Drive and Asgard Drive
 Parish and Town Council Network Meeting details
 Planning consultant copy of response to Renhold Neighbourhood Plan
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/00050/FUL - agenda item
 BBC Planning Parish Consultation letter for 25/00032/FUL - agenda item
 Emailing: 2025.01.13 RNPWG update report for PC
 Copied into BBC holding response to Renhold Neighbourhood Plan
 Copied into BBC response to Renhold Neighbourhood Plan
 Aspire Estate outstanding items follow up communication copied into
 Crime Stat's for 1st Jan to 14th Jan
 Resident feedback on Borough Councillor NG at full council BBC meeting
 Member of the public looking for Renhold residents
 Renhold Sports Club communication regarding Green Infrastructure Plan 2022 - circulated

Planning application decisions to be noted:

24/02171/CWS 03/02144/FUL - S106 Compliance Check at Sundorne 27 Wilden Road - Response Sent
 24/02073/TCA Rear Garden: T1 - Walnut - Sectionally fell .T2 - Greengage - Reduce in height by 2m at The Old Vicarage 65 Church End – Permitted
 24/01825/FUL Conversion of garage and outbuilding into Annexe associated with main dwelling at The Old Forge 33 Top End – Permitted
 13/01056/AOC 09/01841/MAR Conditions 17 visibility splays - Proposed erection of 321 dwellings - application for Approval of Reserved Matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Appeal Permission no. APP/W0205/A/06/2024529 (Planning Application No. 05/03325/OUT), dated 8th August 2007 at Land North Of Norse Road - Disposed of
 13/00977/AOC 09/01841/MAR Conditions 1 landscaping - Proposed erection of 321 dwellings - application for Approval of Reserved Matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Appeal Permission no. APP/W0205/A/06/2024529 (Planning Application No. 05/03325/OUT), dated 8th August 2007 at Land North Of Norse Road - Disposed of
 13/00043/AOC 09/01841/MAR Condition 18 sections and plans of road - Proposed erection of 321 dwellings - application for Approval of Reserved Matters in respect of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Appeal Permission no. APP/W0205/A/06/2024529 (Planning Application No. 05/03325/OUT) dated 8th August 2007 at Land North Of Norse Road - Disposed of
 12/02042/AOC 05/03325/OUT Condition 10 phase 2 drainage works (plots 98 - 118 and 208 - 212 only - Residential development (approx 320 dwellings) together with new roundabout junctions on Norse road, extension to cemetery and landscaping. Appeal ref App/W0205/A06/2024529) at Land North Of Norse Road - Disposed of

10	<p>Close of Meeting The next meeting to be Thursday 27th February 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	
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