

Minutes of 30th meeting of Renhold Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

24.02.2025 at 7:30 pm at The Chapel

1 **Welcome** AQ

2 **Present** CD, KH, DI, PN, TP, AQ, PS, SMW

3 **Apologies** NG, IM, JR, KR,

4 **Declaration of interests** AQ

None

5 **Matters arising from last meeting** AQ

AQ has contacted Cliff Andrews from Beds RCC to ask him if they would be happy to change the paragraphs pertaining to the Sports Field in their GI report in response to feedback received.

6 **Thank you** AQ

To KH and PN for taking on the colossal task of collecting and collating the HNS and to those of the Team who delivered them. Also to Jonathan for his help with printing the leaflets so quickly.

7 **Analysis of Responses from statutory consultees** TP

There were 107 Statutory Consultees; all of whom were sent copies of the Draft Plan together with all the accompanying paperwork. These consultees were not specifically tailored to Renhold Neighbourhood plan but have all been contacted.

15 responses have been received. 12 provided automated replies, which require no follow up. 3 useful responses received, including from Bedfordshire Policy, Environment Agency and Natural England.

Bedfordshire Police sent a well-thought-out and useful feedback on the dark skies policy and 'secured by design'. We will respond to Beds Police to thank them for their time and feedback/advice.

TP has reviewed Dark Skies Policy in light of this response.

8 **Update on CPRE Dark Skies** AQ, TP

CPRE have provided a more detailed map of light density which is less pixelated than the one we had previously. They have also sent through links to other Parish Councils which have 'made' Neighbourhood Plans and strong Dark Skies policies. TP has amended our Draft Plan and AQ will send to Sonia with our responses on dark skies comments and to all other points raised once some further additions and amendments (such as the review of the Local Green Space designations) have been incorporated.

9 **Green Gaps Policy review** TP, CD, PN

The policy has been re-drafted to include evidence from the GI study, Design Code and the BBC landscape and design study.

PN To review boundaries of green gaps to clearly define the gaps and add resulting map to Policy 2.

No policy on backland development included in the Plan though defined in glossary.

TP to incorporate backland development into policy 2 and/or Policy 6

AQ to ask PC clerk LB to add Planning Applications link to Parish Council website and to follow up parking outside the school; an issue that was raised by several residents in their feedback.

It was suggested that a link to this site to be published in Parish Magazine. **AQ** to draft a short article along those lines for the village magazine.

AQ to ask Anne Grant about the possibility that the link could also be listed in the Directory of Parish Magazine

10 Local Green Space review AQ

AQ to arrange a meeting with the Village Hall and Sports Field to discuss feedback from residents.

11 School Parking and Planning Applications NG

No feedback as yet **AQ** to ask **NG** to follow up.

12 Ravensden Road site assessment and site assessment review CD, TP, PN

One more question to be revised by **PN** on the site assessment proforma prior to all 9 existing assessments being updated and the findings published on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the PC website.

13 Review objectives for feedback to Gladman, Phillips and Ceres CD

AQ drafted response letters. **CD** already amended response letter to Gladman. Feedback has been given by team. **CD** to review draft response to P.P.S. and return to **AQ**

It was suggested that NP responses are placed in italics for clarity. **AQ** to amend.

ALL Review Neighbourhood Plan Objectives for ways to increase positivity. However, overwhelming support for the Objectives was noted through the recent consultation.

14 BBC maps and parish online mapping tool PN, NG

PN is looking into a Mapping application and will trial as soon as possible.

15 Review of views, log views and vistas KR

On receipt of suggested venues from the group, **PN** to plan a walk round with small group to define and photograph views in and out of the Parish. Ideally this time a year before leaves establish on trees and hedges. **AQ** to collate ideas, to be fed back to **KR**.

16 Colour Coded Feedback from residents review AQ

PN to check if additional amendments required and return to **AQ**

KH to ask Robbie to put on PC website when completed.

17 Review of draft policy TP

Glossary definitions from DI added and referenced in text.

TP to finalise document and core of Regulation 16

When these are complete, **AQ** to send with the Local Green Space designations and the Important Green Gaps diagram to Sonia to check on her comments in terms of progress made and to ensure BBC's consultation comments are suitably addressed.

DI to read through the current draft document and send comments to **TP**.

18 Residents' feedback summary and presentation for website/Facebook pages AQ

The core results will be published in the March edition of the village magazine.

AQ to send to Facebook pages. KH to ask RB to place on PC website.

19 Locality Grant AQ ,KH

An initial acknowledgement has been received that the application for the grant has been successful. Due diligence was completed.

AQ to ask LB to confirm funds are in NP account.

A saving was made from this year's grant, by delivering all the HNS ourselves. It may be possible to re-purpose with justification.

20 Next Steps- meeting with Village Hall, Sports Field, Landowners, Basic Conditions Statement, what other paperwork is needed ahead of Regulation 16?

AQ, KH Resident feedback to be discussed with VH trustees.

A Basic Condition statement is required.

AQ to check with Ravensden and BBC for advice about which other documents required.

21 Date of next meeting

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm. Thanks recorded to Albert and the Chapel.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th March at 7:30 pm in the Chapel