

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st November 2022 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllrs P Jones – Chair, A Bodle, J Saunders, R Henderson, J Banach

Borough Cllrs: Cllr G Sparks

County Cllrs: 0

Apologies: 2

Members of Public:

PCSO:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		ACTION
1171	<p>Apologies & reasons for absence: Cllr Ledger – Attending an ABC meeting Cllr Robey</p>	
1172	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct. ii. To approve or reject any application put to the meeting by the Chairman in respect of Members’ seeking a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, s.33. iii. Request that Councillors’ or any other persons’ present declare if they intend to record any of the proceedings using any video or audio recording device or camera. <p>None declared.</p>	
1173	<p>Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meetings held on 17th October 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Jones.</p>	
1174	<p>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session. This session is for the public to express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda. The public are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting but are reminded that they cannot take part.</p>	
1175	<p>Borough Councillor Report George Sparks ABC are hoping that the planning rules will change unfortunately the whole Borough is still being connected to Stodmarsh which is causing considerable delays</p>	
1176	<p>County Councillor Report In his absence Cllr Robey sent the following report</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The big issue at KCC now, is the fact that we have a large projected overspend for the current financial year, due to all the various national economic pressures. This is not a problem that is restricted only to KCC in Local Government, or even only to Local Government. Balancing the budget will require some very difficult decisions, but ones that are necessary to ensure that the Authority remains solvent and able to operate. • Similarly, we have a gap in our budget for 2023/2024, and we are considering how to deal with this, in parallel with the work on the numbers for this financial year. Extra funding for Adult Social Care was announced in the Autumn Statement from the Government last week, and this will help. • Roger Gough, the KCC Leader, has written a joint letter with the Leader of Hampshire County Council, to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Levelling - Up, Housing & Communities, about the crisis that we face in Local Government Finance, and informally, we understand that the letter has been received sympathetically. • I need to chase up Kent Highways about the meeting on the Speed Limit by the Church and the pub, so if you let me know whom you'd like to attend from the PC, then I will get this set up. • I hope that Warehorne Road path has been re - instated, but please let me know if it hasn't been. • Malthouse Lane was logged as a complaint on Kent Highways system, but I don't know if anything has happened on the ground. 	
1177	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Defibrillator Training</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The training was a great success <p><i>Memorial Tree for HM Queen Elizabeth II</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – After discussion it was agreed to purchase an established Tulip Tree and placed in Goldfield. – Cllr Banach informed the meeting a sapling would have to be moved and offered to take on the task and arrange the purchase of the tree. – Cllr Banach has purchased a mature tree, measuring 280-300cms at a cost of £216 including VAT. – English Rural informed us that one of the residents had complained about the relocation of the sapling, after discussion with Cllr Banach, the Clerk explained that it had replaced one of the original trees that had died. Photos showing this were sent and we received confirmation that we could continue. <p>Remembrance Day Wreath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Jones laid a wreath on behalf of the PC 	
1178	Village Matters	

	<p>Speed Limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ongoing. <p>Footpath Construction, Warehorne Road</p> <p>Power Networks have tidied up the area and the surrounding barriers removed, but footpath is still to be completed.</p> <p>Village Sign Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Henderson informed the meeting that concerns had been raised regarding the safety of solid sign during periods of high winds and they are looking into the possibility of having an openwork sign. <p>Village Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Saunders agreed to trim the beech trees on the green <p>Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Notification has been received that we would not qualify for a grant towards the Broadband connection <p>English Rural Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Clerk is continuing to create a guide on ‘How to Apply and Register’ for a property, Cllr Banach has agreed to be an advisor to applicants, once approved it will be placed onto the website to help those wishing to apply in the future. 	
1179	<p>Malthouse Lane</p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The following reply has been received from Jo Alexander – <i>To update you following my email of 01.12.22. I am pleased to confirm that the matter has been progressed somewhat in that the necessary papers have been prepared and instructions have since been sent to the Council’s acting lawyer on this matter who will in turn be seeking Counsels advice.</i> – <i>As you know, as this is a legal matter, I cannot give out any specific information however I will update you when I have had a response or on/by 17 February 2023.</i> <p>Once again this is still very up in the air.</p> <p>We also received a reply from Damian Green which detailed the ABC file on the subject. And replied to WPC as follows <i>‘It seems to me very unsatisfactory that the mental health of a developer can result in distress to the local community and I would be happy to write to the Lord Chancellor about this (as it results from a judicial decision) if all parties think that would help.’</i></p> <p><u>Road Condition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Awaiting update from KCC Highways 	
1180	<p>Warehorne Road Development</p> <p>The developers will be replanting a replacement hedgerow once construction is complete.</p>	

1181	<p>Planning PA/2022/2769 – Frederick Lodge, Warehorne Road. Construction of detached garage and store Notes: According to the plans the roof height is lower than the Approved Dwelling Height but higher than the Approved Garage Height Why does garage need toilet facilities Object <u>WPC Comments</u> Object, we cannot understand why a garage requires toilet facilities.</p> <p>PA/2022/2398 – Forest Lodge, Malthouse Lane Construction of detached double garage <u>WPC Comments</u> Accept</p> <p><u>ABC Comments</u> None Received</p>	
1182	<p>Village Website The site is being regularly updated and any information residents, Village Hall Committee or the PCC is welcomed. Full details of the Christmas services will be included.</p>	
1166	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NALC CEO Report – KALC CEO Report – Notice & Papers for the KALC AGM on 19th November <p>KALC – Ashford Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5th October <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Clerks training session for Planning Portal on 18th November – Clerk attended and although there are still a few problems with the site we were assured these will be resolved asap. – Details of the winners of Platinum Jubilee Civic Awards – Minutes of Planning Committee – Request for Highways Improvement Plan for Warehorne 	
1183	Finance	

	<p>a. Authorisation of Payments Chq No 455 – J Banach – Repayment for tree £216.00 Chq No 456– A Beach – October Salary £199.34</p> <p>b. 2023-24 Budget The Clerk presented a draft budget which totalled £5,360 and suggested increasing the precept to £5,250; this is a 5% increase on the current year, although it is the first increase since 2019/20. Councillors discussed the proposals and Cllr Jones proposed acceptance and Cllr Bodle seconded, Councillors agreed the motion.</p>	
1184	<p>Working Party Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the current balance of the Treasurers' Account is £7,179.28, NSI Investment Account £6,859.06 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,436.56 • Highways – Malthouse Lane – letter of complaint to KCC Highways regarding the condition of the road will be sent by the Clerk. • Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report 	
1185	<p>Items for Information The Give way sign on crossroads needs replacing</p>	
1186	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 16th January 2023</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Dates of future meetings

Month	Date	Type of Meeting	Start Time
February	20 th	Normal	6.00pm
March	20 th	Normal	6.00pm