

## WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs P Jones, J Saunders, A Bailey, C Tredway, M Barrell

**Borough Cllrs:** Cllrs A Hicks

**County Cllrs:** Cllr B Barrett

**Apologies:** 1

**Members of Public:**

**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1687	<p><b>Apologies &amp; reasons for absence</b> Cllr Ledger - Personal</p>	
1688	<p><b>Resignation</b> Due to personal circumstances Jessie Banach has resigned from the PC, the vice-chairman, Cllr Jones, will take on the Chairman role on a short-term basis.</p>	
1689	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. 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. 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. None declared.</p>	
1690	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones.</p>	
1691	<p><b>Councillor Co-option</b> Two residents, Chantelle Tredway and Malcolm Barrell attended the meeting and after discussion Cllr Jones invited them to join, they accepted and were co-opted as Councillors and welcomed onto the PC.</p>	
1692	<p><b>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A resident who lives in The Pippins emailed the PC regarding the parking issue on Warehorne Road, Hamstreet, from the crossroads to the railway bridge. Full details on APPENDIX 2026-01/1</li> </ul>	

	<p>WPC have also received a copy of the response to him from Kent Highways. Full details on APPENDIX 2026-01/2</p> <p>In the absence of the resident the Clerk detailed the issue, after discussion and taking into account the comments made by KCC Highways. Councillors decided that WPC were unable to assist directly, Cllrs Hicks and Barrett suggested contacting the Joint Transportation Board (JTB) and ask them to investigate the problem and report their findings.</p> <p>Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to contact them and request the matter be included onto their agenda for investigation.</p>	
1693	<p><b>Borough Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Hicks, reported that the previous lead of Ashford BC; Jerry Clarkson; had recently passed away.</p> <p>There was a meeting arranged in Hamstreet to discuss the recent fire and support residents, with the Fire Service, Police, Parish Council and the Ashford BC councillor, unfortunately residents failed to attend.</p> <p>Cllrs Hicks, Ledger and Barrett intend to raise a motion regarding the proposed sale of Woodchurch Windmill requesting that ABC resolve the issues caused by storms, owners of listed buildings are obligated to maintain and preserve them, once complete the building should be passed to Woodchurch Parish Council as an asset of community value.</p>	
1694	<p><b>County Councillor</b></p> <p>Cllr Barrett, reported that the budget will again have to be supported by reserves of £40 million in 2026-27 and reserves are dwindling.</p> <p>When asked about the condition of local roads he suggested contacting Jamie Cunningham at KCC Highways, Henwood Depot and request a 'village walkabout' with Highways, the PC and Cllr Barrett, this was agreed and the Clerk will make request.</p>	
1695	<p><b>Phase II The Pippins</b></p> <p><u>Change of Parish Boundary</u></p> <p>Cllr Bailey confirmed that a resident had informed him that Orlestone PC had applied for a boundary change, requesting that Warehorne Road up to and including both phases of The Pippins should be within the Orlestone boundary. As confirmed at last months meeting this will reduce the property tax base of Warehorne by approximately 100 properties, excluding The Pippins Phase II, and cause financial difficulties to Warehorne.</p> <p>Cllr Barrett suggested writing to Simon Cole and ask if this request has been made.</p> <p><u>Update on Application</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>S106 Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Bailey to ask the group for an update.</p>	

1696	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u></p> <p>The Clerk asked for an update, Cllr Bailey confirmed the wire is still in situ, the Clerk will telephone the PROW department and follow up with all available details regarding the issue.</p> <p><u>Notice Board Replacement</u></p> <p>The Clerk has investigated suitable boards for the Village Green and The Pippins, and suggested purchasing from Greenbarnes, Cllr Hicks asked if they met current fire standards. <i>Post meeting the Clerk contacted them and they confirmed that their supplier was unable to confirm this or provide any information on the fire safety. Clerk to look for an alternative supplier.</i></p> <p><u>Flag-flying Policy</u></p> <p>Cllr Bailey has spoken to the resident who kindly undertakes this and confirmed the existing policy remains in accordance with Government guidelines. The Clerk was asked to contact [REDACTED] and confirm that going forward the PC will be following the current guidelines going forward.</p> <p><u>Caretaker Scheme</u></p> <p>Following the meeting with the Caretaker, Cllr Jones and Cllr Bailey, the Clerk received the following from Wittersham PC: -</p> <p><i>Unfortunately, Alf wasn't in a position to suggest a meeting. Wittersham Parish Council has already decided that following ABC's reduction in funding, to run the Scheme was no longer viable. I sent a letter from my chairman to all three Parish Council Chairman involved in the Scheme in September, but this is the first time a meeting has been suggested. We have already informed ABC that the Scheme will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and Alf has agreed to reduce his hours. He is 70 now and we have been lucky to have kept him working full time as long as he has. He will still carry out the work for KCC, clearing drains and grips and cleaning road signs etc. in all the parishes. We have a separate contract with KCC. ABC will be responsible for the grass and hedge cutting and the emptying of waste and dog bins which they own from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.</i></p> <p><u>Meeting Day/Dates from February 2026</u></p> <p>We have been informed that the Village Hall will not be available to the PC on Mondays going forward, due to another booking which will raise revenue for the hall.</p> <p>The days offered are Thursdays, up to 7.15pm, or Fridays, the Clerk is concerned that matters may not receive sufficient discussion with this time restraint and definitely not suitable for the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Jones has spoken to the Church Warden and confirmed that they are happy for meetings to take place in the church, Councillors accepted this proposal and the meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> February in the church.</p>	
1697	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	

	<u>Village Hall</u> Nothing to report	
1698	<b>Malthouse Lane</b> <u>Breach of Planning</u> Awaiting update from the Ombudsman's office. The Clerk will chase for a reply.	
1699	<b>Planning</b> <b>PA/2025/2165 – The Cottage on The Green, Church Lane</b> Construction of a single-storey home bakery, following the demolition of the existing derelict garage. <b>PC Decision – Accept</b>	
1700	<b>Correspondence</b> <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletin</li> <li>– December Newsletter</li> <li>– Training &amp; Weekly Bulletins</li> </ul> KALC – Ashford Branch NALC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletins</li> </ul> Katie Lam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– December &amp; January in The Weald</li> </ul> Ashford BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft Local Plan consultation details</li> </ul>	
1701	<b>Finance</b> <u>Authorisation of Payment</u> Chq No 510- A Beach – November/December Salary £455.20 Direct Debit Hugo Fox November & December - £23.98 <u>Receipts</u> None	
1702	<b>Working Party Reports</b> Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £8,353.41, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44, total working capital is £15,218.85. Unable to reconcile as no bank statement available. Highways – Nothing to report	
1703	<b>Items for Information</b>	

1704	<b>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm</b>	
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The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

### **APPENDIX 2026-01/1**

Good afternoon, all,

I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year.

I am writing to bring to your attention, the constant, dangerous parking that takes place along the Warehorne Road (B2067), from the crossroads in Hamstreet, to the railway bridge towards Warehorne.

Cars are regularly parked from the end of the short run of yellow lines outside the Angela Hurst office in Hamstreet, stretching round the corner, on the left side of the road, towards the entrance to Orlestone view.

This creates grid lock in the village, makes it extremely difficult and dangerous to drive in either direction due to not being able to see past all the cars, as to whether the road is clear, especially as vans are often parked there. It also promotes dangerous driving by many drivers, who speed through the only available lane, forcing other oncoming traffic to mount the kerb to move out of the way.

Only last week I was stuck, unable to drive towards the junction as a large gas lorry was parked in the small lay-by on Warehorne Road, used as an unofficial passing place due to all the parked cars, and a horse box being wedged between it and the parked cars.

I also have a neighbour who was forced to turn into parked cars by a speeding oncoming driver during the Christmas period.

It is only a matter of time until the village is subject to a tragedy, where a pedestrian is hit by a car that mounts the pavement to pass other traffic. I for one, want this to be avoided and something proactively done about the parking situation, before this happens.

I am therefore requesting your support to get this stretch of Warehorne Road, from the Angela Hurst office, to the railway bridge, double yellow lined.

This will force the seemingly entitled residents that park along that road from causing constant congestion and dangerous driving conditions for others.

I believe requesting your support is the first step in a formal process, so please take this email as my formal request.

I know of several other residents that feel the same way, and the huge positive impact this change would have on the safety of the village.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Kind regards.

## **APPENDIX 2026-01/2**

Good afternoon, **Haden Kingsland**,

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding parking on Warehorne Road, Hamstreet and your request for parking restrictions.

On receipt of your email, the Highway Improvements Team first checked to see if there is any pattern of personal injury collisions in Warehorne Road for a three-year period that could be addressed by engineering methods, such as the installation of signs. Typically, there is a six-month delay from the time when a crash occurs to when the data is shared with KCC by Kent Police. Our current available data is up to 30 June 2025.

We do this due to the large number of requests that we receive for the implementation of improvements on the highway. To ensure that all requests are reviewed and prioritised, we use this evidence-based approach to prioritise investment in our highway improvement projects to achieve safer roads and streets.

Having reviewed the crash data for Warehorne Road over the three-year period, it shows no recorded personal injury crashes.

As our finite resources are currently targeted towards addressing crash reduction within the County, I am afraid that we cannot prioritise Warehorne Road for funding over locations where a common theme of incidents or pattern of crashes is occurring.

However, we certainly do not wish to dismiss your concerns and we recognise that, whilst prioritising our efforts based on known crash data is an established and sensible approach, not all problems will be highlighted using this approach.

It is for this reason that, a number of years ago, we instigated a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) process and work closely with Parish and Town Councils and County Members to ensure that a community voice helps to prioritise our efforts and, in many cases, help support funding for improvements that do not achieve sufficient priority through our countywide assessments.

As this area falls within both the parishes of Orlestone & Hamstreet Parish Council and Warehorne Parish Council, who you have also sent your request to, it will be for them to decide if they support this it by including it in their next HIP submission for us to assess the feasibility under that process.

Many thanks, **Kieran Doble**

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