

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCILMinutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st July 2025 at 6.00pm

Held in the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs P Jones(Chair), J Saunders, A Bailey, R Henderson**Borough Cllrs:** Cllrs A Hicks & D Ledger**County Cllrs:** 0**Apologies:** 1**Members of Public:** 2**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1618	Apologies & reasons for absence Cllr Banach – Personal commitments	
1619	Declaration of Interest 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.	
1620	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th June 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones.	
1621	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. A resident asked questions about devolution and how the unitary councils will work, as there seems to be considerable variations, Cllrs Ledger and Hicks explained that they are waiting for details from KCC and ABC.	
1622	Borough Councillor Reports Cllrs Hicks and Ledger confirmed that the draft the local plan would be published mid-August. There would then be 8 weeks to respond to the consultation either on-line or face to face, the nearest to us will be Kingsnorth. Cllr Ledger confirmed he had recently been around the Hamstreet pumping station and despite previous he confirmed that it is capable of handling more properties.	

1623	<p>County Councillor Cllr Barrett did not attend the meeting or contact the Clerk with a report. Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to send a letter complaining of his lack of attendance or contact with the PC.</p>	
1624	<p>Phase II The Pippins <u>Update on Application</u> Post meeting the Clerk contacted the construction company to enquire when the application is expected to be sent to Ashford BC, explaining that the PC does not meet in August, they have confirmed that they are still putting together all the relevant reports and do not foresee an application during the holiday period of July and August.</p> <p><u>S106 Update</u> The letter was sent to the owner of the old cricket ground enquiring whether they would be interested in selling the land to the Village. Cllr Henderson spoke to the owner who confirmed details have been sent to other family members for discussion. In the meantime, the owner suggested three alternative sites for the PC to consider. Cllr Henderson will follow this up and explain the urgency The Clerk suggested meeting in early August with members of the Village Hall Committee and other interested parties to discuss the priorities to benefit the Parish and create a S106 task group.</p>	
1624	<p>Matters Arising <u>Location of Hamstreet Village Sign</u> Following the installation of a new sign for Hamstreet within the Warehorne boundary raised questions by some residents, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Kent Highways and ask if it can be relocated, the following reply was received: - <i>The sign is showing the start of Hamstreet village (not the start of Orlestone Parish). The village entry signs are not used to mark the parish boundaries but to identify the entry/exit of the villages drivers are entering. The sign has no bearing on the parish boundary extents or the Council Tax bands. Since there is no change to the Parish boundaries, the houses mentioned remain in the Parish of Warehorne and so should not affect the finance from precept.</i> <u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u> Further to the reported barbed wire placed across the stile Cllr Banach offered to contact the owner without delay and explain the urgency of the matter. In Cllr Banach’s absence the matter was deferred <u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u> Cllr Banach reported that Tenterden Roofing Repairs had inspected the shelter and confirmed that it has become very overgrown and would need cutting back before they were able to continue.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Saunders offered to undertake this, but would have to charge for his time and the fuel cost.</p>	
1625	<p>Village Matters <u>Village Green</u> The Clerk will contact Phil Cook, the ABC Tree Officer re protecting the Beech Trees and trimming the lower branches, the following reply was received: - <i>The trees are very fine specimens, if they are on Parish Land, they should be safe in the hands of the local community. A conservation area does the same job as a TPO to a great extent in that no one may prune or fell the tree without applying first.</i> <i>Should you wish to prune the lower limbs you would need to apply (S211 Notice) – I have pasted the link below. They have beautiful low crowns, and I would suggest that they may not need pruning other than to keep them away from the road - the Google view shows them well and a crown lift may reduce their overall beauty.</i> Following these comments, it was decided that it was unnecessary to protect or trim them. <u>Village Hall</u> A recent inspection has shown the hall needs rewiring and other repairs</p>	
1626	<p>Malthouse Lane <u>Breach of Planning</u> Due to time elapsed the Clerk has spoken to the Ombudsman office who have no record of our application, apologised and requested that we reapply, which has been done.</p>	
1627	<p>Planning Nothing to report</p>	
1628	<p>Gov.uk Email Addresses The Clerk confirmed that she would be changing to the gov.uk address once confirmation is received that all Councillors have set-up their personal ones.</p>	
1629	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC – Chief Executive Bulletin – June Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins KALC – Ashford Branch – Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2025 NALC – Chief Executive Bulletins Kent Police –</p>	

	<p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 18th June 2025 – Details of Consultation of The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Park – Community Energy event at The Ashford Cinema on Thursday 12th June 10.30am-3.00pm 	
1630	<p>Finance <u>Authorisation of Payment</u> Chq No 423 – A Beach – June Salary £220.54 Chq No 424 – A Beach – Repayment of Income Tax Apr-June 25 £165.20 Direct Debit Hugo Fox June - £11.99 <u>Receipts</u> Warehorne Village Hall (Share of internet connection) £273.60 (Note not included in balance has only paid in today)</p>	
1631	<p>Working Party Reports Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £6,808.41, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,072.07 and reconciled to the bank statement dated 30th June 2025 Highways –</p>	
1632	<p>Items for Information</p>	
1633	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 15th September 2025 at 6pm.</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Dates for Future Meetings

September Monday 15th

October Monday 20th

November Monday 17th

December No Meeting

Meetings normally start at 6.00pm