

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 16th March 2026 at 6pm in St Matthew's Church

Present:

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

Borough Cllrs: Cllr D Ledger

County Cllrs 0

Apologies: 0

Members of Public: 1

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1721	Apologies & reasons for absence Cllr C Tredway	
1722	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.	
1723	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th February 2026 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones.	
1724	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.	
1725	Borough Councillor Report Cllr Ledger apologised to the PC for missing a number of meetings, he confirmed that work on the Local Plan is continuing and he will keep the PC updated on the progress.	
1726	County Councillor Cllr Barrett was unable to attend the meeting	
1727	Phase II The Pippins <u>Change of Parish Boundary</u>	

	<p>The Clerk reported that following Mr Cole’s email confirming that he had forwarded our enquiry regarding the reported request that Orlestone PC had applied for a boundary change a reply has been received from Mr Paul Libreri confirming that he has not received a request, he also contacted the Orlestone Clerk who confirmed that Orlestone PC has not made an application for any changes.</p> <p><u>Update on Application</u></p> <p>The Clerk has requested an application update</p> <p><u>S106 Update</u></p> <p>██████████ confirmed they now have detailed quotations for the electrical work at the Village Hall and new fencing at the church, together with details of a proposed rebuild of the Village Hall and will update the form with all information before passing to the PC to allow approval and applying to ABC.</p>	
1728	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Blocked Drain – Church Road</u></p> <p>Cllr Barrell confirmed that the problem is ongoing and that no action has been carried out, the Clerk will pursue the matter</p> <p><u>Road Conditions</u></p> <p>Following our complaints regarding School Hill, Cllr Saunders received two contradicting emails from the KCC, the first as follows from the Highways Steward: -</p> <p><i>Currently, for us to carry out a repair, a pothole must be at least 50mm deep. After inspection, School hill to high hock farm is fine, from Coldblow to Hatch Farmhouse the surface is stoney and down to its wear course, nothing that meets our intervention level. A sign has also been erected to state unsuitable for motor vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>I cannot find anything that would damage a vehicle, and from what I can see its main purpose is to serve a few farms and a dozen houses.</i></p> <p><i>However, I will continue to monitor the road for future repairs.</i></p> <p>The second is a copy of a letter sent to Katie Lam MP - APPENDIX 2603-1 attached states that some work is required and will be carried out.</p> <p><u>Warehorne Road – Parking Issue</u></p> <p>A letter has been sent to the Joint Transportation Board (JTB) requesting they investigate the issue and include any upgrades into their schedule and budget.</p> <p><u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the problem has been reported once again to PROW. Cllr Bailey had visited the site and reported that the wire attached to the stile had been removed. Councillors agreed this item could be removed from future agendas.</p> <p><u>Notice Board Replacement</u></p> <p>The cost of recycled boards has increased considerably, with an average cost of £2100 including VAT, a more reasonably priced hardwood options from JAKK UK are available, a two-door version; which displays 8 A4 sheets; for £1,180 or a one-door version; which displays 4 A4 sheets; for £750, both including VAT. – APPENDIX 2604-02</p>	

	<p>Following discussion, Councillors agreed that a recycled plastic board would be preferred and asked the Clerk to obtain further quotations.</p> <p><u>Caretaker Scheme</u></p> <p>Following discussion, the final decision for the work required is: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cutting and removing the grass on the Triangle at the junction with the B2067 - Cutting and removing the grass on the verge from the Triangle towards Kenardington up to the signpost - Cutting and removing the grass on the verge by the bus shelter <p>Mr Mahler agreed that he was happy to undertake the work fortnightly during the summer months reducing to once a month in the winter and anticipated it to take one to two hours, at a cost of £25 per hour, payable on receipt of invoice</p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Saunders and approved by the members of the PC.</p>	
1729	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones had received a complaint, stating that a number of the posts at the front of the Green, adjacent to the road were missing. This was investigated and two were missing.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders suggested that the replacements should be placed into protective tubes to allow them to be easily removed / replaced as required, Cllr Barrell offered to undertake this work and the cost of replacement posts and tubes to be reported at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1730	<p>Malthouse Lane</p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <p>Awaiting update from the Ombudsman's office.</p>	
1731	<p>Planning</p> <p>PA/2025/2165 – The Cottage on The Green, Church Road</p> <p>Construction of single storey home bakery</p> <p>ABC Decision -</p> <p>Approved</p>	
1732	<p>Correspondence</p> <p><u>Previously emailed</u></p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Executive Bulletin - February Newsletter - Training & Weekly Bulletins - Community Awards Celebration Evening 8th April <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p>	

	<p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Katie Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – February in The Weald <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local Government Reorganisation Assets – 2026 Great British Spring Clean 13th – 29th March 2026 <p>UKPN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Details of proposed roadworks <p>KCC Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Road Safety & Active Travel Group Seminar <p>English Rural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Notification that the one-bedroomed, ground floor flat in Goldfield would be offered to a resident from Woodchurch as there were no applicants from Warehorne or with a connection to the village. 	
1733	<p>Finance</p> <p><u>Authorisation of Payment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chq No 512- A Beach – February Salary £227.50 Direct Debit - Hugo Fox – February Website £11.99 Hugo Fox – February Email Addresses £20.99 Service Charge – February £7.25 <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>None</p>	
1734	<p>Working Party Reports</p> <p>Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £7641.22, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44, total working capital is £14506.66.</p> <p>Highways – Nothing to report</p>	
1735	<p>Items for Information</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 18th after a short normal meeting. Please consider nominees for the role of Chairman, these will be required at the next meeting.</p>	
1736	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 20th April 2026 at 6pm</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

APPENDIX 2603-1



Sent via secure email:

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**Cabinet Member for
Highways & Transport**

Sessions House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XQ

27 February 2026

Reference: 62410301

Dear Ms Lam MP

Thank you for your enquiry received 21 January 2026 on behalf of your constituent Jane Bowhay. regarding School Hill in Warehorne and your concerns over the pothole issues that road has.

KCC's Highway Manager for the area and Highway Steward visited site on the 9th February to investigate the problem and came back with the following update:

"Firstly please pass on our apologies for the confusion the 'unsuitable for motor vehicles' sign seems to have made, we have turned this sign around as it relates to the gated track behind it, this sign is not relevant to the status type that School Hill is. The road surface itself has washed away in numerous places we could see and there was evidence of some 30-40 potholes that would cause issues for road users. The Highway Manager has given authorisation for the steward to attend on Wednesday 11/02 and again on Friday 20/02 with a road maintenance crew to fill all the safety critical areas. At present with the current situation across the county, with so many roads falling into this sort of condition, due to the weather we have had since the turn of the new year, we only have enough funding left in the financial year to work on safety critical areas. However we will look in the new financial year when funding becomes available to do some more pro active work in School Hill, repair a large section outside of the farm and then next year a large section going up the hill, this should, over the next couple of years get this road back up to the standard it should be"

I trust you find this to be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Osborne
Kent County Council

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