

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCILMinutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 6.00pm

Held in the Village Hall

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

Minute No.		Action
1600	Apologies & reasons for absence None received	
1601	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.	
1602	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th May 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Banach.	
1603	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. Nothing to report	
1604	Borough Councillor Reports Cllr Hicks reported that a consultation is in progress for the Discovery Park and reported that the vision for the park has altered since the initial plans. Cllr Ledger reported that the new Local Plan is on schedule and is expected to be completed by end of July.	
1605	County Councillor Report None received	

1606	<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 pitch enquiring whether they would be interested in selling the land to the Village. Post meeting, 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. A meeting to be arranged with Cllr Ledger to obtain advice on any S106 application we make. Following the Clerks meeting with Cllr Ledger he advised the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make a shopping list and break it down in priority, rather than making just one large application if everything is in one application and if part of it doesn't meet criteria the whole application could be refused, so breaking it down makes sense. – Once the list has been agreed, he advised contacting Ian Bailey Ian.Bailey@ashford.gov.uk - S106 Team Lead Team S106@ashford.gov.uk as early as possible to check if they are covered, as the parameters change, this can be done before full detailed quotes have been obtained. – One thing to remember is the Contractors have up to ten years to make any payments and if something changes, they have been known to withdraw or alter the S106 obligations, so interim loans may have to be arranged. 	
1607	<p>Matters Arising <u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u> A resident reported that barbed wire has been places across the stile and he injured his leg on it. It is believed the field is owned by Dr Matthews and rented out, the Clerk has attempted to contact both the owner and the Insolvency Company without success the matter was referred to KCC Public Rights of Way and is awaiting allocation, in the meantime Cllr Saunders is trying to find out who is renting the field and ask them to remove without delay. Cllr Banach offered to contact the owner without delay and explain the urgency of the matter.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter Repairs</u> Cllr Banach confirmed that Tenterden Roofing Company plan to undertake the work one Saturday in June.</p>	

1608	<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></p> <p><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></p> <p><u>Village Hall</u> Nothing to report</p>	
1609	<p>Malthouse Lane <u>Breach of Planning</u> The Ombudsman should be in contact shortly regarding our application.</p>	
1610	<p>Planning Nothing to report</p>	
1611	<p>Gov.uk Email Addresses These have been received and individual details distributed. Due to the government grant no payments will be due until December 2025.</p>	
1612	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – June Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Invite to Extraordinary Meeting on 19th June 2025 at 2pm in Aylesford Community Centre, to discuss the evolving issue of Local Government Reorganisation – Online training Preparing for the Future – A Local Perspective on Asset Transfers 16th July at 10.00am <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The next meeting on 30th July will be attended by Tracey Kerley from ABC to discuss Local Governance Review and Community Governance Review <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins 	

	<p>Kent Police</p> <p>–</p> <p>Ashford BC</p> <p>– Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 18th June 2025</p>	
1613	<p>Finance</p> <p><u>Authorisation of Payment</u></p> <p>Chq No 422 – A Beach – May Salary £220.54</p> <p>Direct Debit Hugo Fox February- £11.99</p> <p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>Warehorne Village Hall (Share of internet connection) £273.60</p> <p>(Note not included in balance has only paid in today)</p>	
1614	<p>AGAR 2024-25 Report</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the AGAR was complete and audited and gave an explanation of the significant variances see APPENDIX 2025-061 attached</p>	
1615	<p>Working Party Reports</p> <p>Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £6,932.54, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,196.20 and reconciled to the bank statement dated 30th May 2025</p> <p>Highways – Traffic Lights ring as an emergency</p>	
1616	<p>Items for Information</p>	
1617	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 21st July 2025 at 6pm.</p>	

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

Dates for Future Meeting

August No Meeting
September Monday 15th
October Monday 20th
November Monday 17th
December No Meeting

Meetings normally start at 6.00pm