

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs P Jones, J Saunders, A Bailey**Borough Cllrs:** 0**County Cllrs:** 0**Apologies:** 3**Members of Public:****Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1651	Apologies & reasons for absence Cllrs Banach, Hicks & Ledger	
1652	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.	
1653	Councillor Resignation Richard Henderson resigned as a Councillor for personal reasons since the previous meeting. The Parish Council have thanked him for the time and dedication he gave to the village over the years. Confirmation has been received from Ashford BC confirming that we are now in a position to co-opt a replacement, and the Clerk asked members to consider a replacement to allow co-option to take place at the November meeting. To encourage applications the position has been advertised on the website. Councillors agreed to give a £50 voucher for The Woolpack as a thank-you for his work.	
1654	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th September 2025 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones.	
1655	At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.	

	<p>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>	
1656	<p>Borough Councillor Reports Cllrs Hicks and Ledger were unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
1657	<p>County Councillor Cllr Barrett has confirmed that he will be attending the November meeting and if we have any projects has offered a Members Grant of £500</p>	
1658	<p>Phase II The Pippins <u>Update on Application</u> Nothing to report <u>S106 Update</u> Cllr Banach has recently spoken to the Planner at English Rural who said they may be interested in getting involved and assist in some way if there was also a housing need for a couple of houses / and village hall and thought it could help having a company involved. If the team looking at the acquisition of land contact her, she will discuss it further.</p>	
1659	<p>Matters Arising <u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u> As the landowner has not taken an action to remove the offending wire the Clerk has spoken to the Public Rights of Way hotline and explained that WPC have attempted to resolve the issue with the registered owner, the Receivers, the possible tenants renting the field and an on-line report using the KCC portal, without success and requested an urgent resolution by one of their officers. <u>Dandara</u> The Clerk has reported the hedgerow, asked permission to erect a notice-board and chased up the non-working street lamps. Regarding the street lamps the following reply has been received from the Engineering Manager at Dandara: - <i>The contractor has been waiting to book the road space required to carry out S278 remedial works on the public highway, which the street lighting forms part of.</i> <i>Monday 13th October has now been confirmed, and the remedial works will start then, and continue for the next four weeks, within this period the contractor has been instructed to investigate and resolve this street lighting issue, highlighted in your original email, as the street lighting forms part of their original scope of works.</i> <i>I will be attending site intermittently while he works are completed and will update you when the street lighting issue has been resolved.</i> <u>Flag-flying Policy</u></p>	

	<p>A request has been made by Cllr Banach to discuss and, if necessary, update the policy. Due to her absence the matter was deferred until November.</p> <p><u>Caretaker Scheme</u></p> <p>Confirmation has been received that the scheme will cease from 1st April 2026, resulting in the following changes: -</p> <p>Work carried out on behalf of ABC</p> <p>Mowing of the Village Green will increase from 8 to 12 per year.</p> <p>Work carried out on behalf of KCC</p> <p>Will continue and includes cutting out grips, clearing storm gully covers, cleaning and repairing road signs.</p> <p>Extras</p> <p>These previously agreed tasks will <u>not</u> be carried out</p> <p>Cutting the grass on the Triangle at the junction with the B2067.</p> <p>Cutting the verge from the Triangle towards Kenardington up to the signpost.</p> <p>Cutting the verge by the bus shelter and from there to Church Lane. This is mowed and collected.</p> <p>The hedges here are kept in check because of the sight lines up to and in and out of the village.</p> <p>Cutting the verge both sides by the Vicarage.</p> <p>Cutting the verge down to the pub.</p> <p>Cutting the grass in front of the White House – Councillors believe this is Sycamore House</p> <p>Cutting the grass shorter in front of the 4 cottages, for easier parking.</p> <p>Weedkilling the block paving up to Church View cottages.</p> <p>Reporting potholes etc to KCC.</p> <p>Carrying out various requests when asked.</p> <p>Before looking at other contractors Councillors agreed they should discuss the matter with the current caretaker and ask if he would be able to undertake the work privately. Cllr Jones agreed to speak to him and arrange a meeting, Cllr Bailey also offered to attend any meeting.</p>	
1660	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1661	<p>Malthouse Lane</p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <p>Awaiting update from the Ombudsman's office</p>	
1662	<p>Planning</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1663	<p>Gov.uk Email Addresses</p> <p>The Clerk's new email address is now live.</p>	

1664	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletin – September Newsletter – Training & Weekly Bulletins – Community Awards Scheme – Ashford Local Plan Presentation Locations <p>KALC – Ashford Branch NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chief Executive Bulletins <p>Katie Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – September in The Weald <p>Ashford BC</p>	
1665	<p>Finance <u>Authorisation of Payment</u> Chq No 504 – Wittersham PC – Caretaker’s Scheme £600.00 Chq No 505 – A Beach – Repay HMRC £176.20 Chq No 506 - A Beach – September Salary £263.35 Direct Debit Hugo Fox September - £11.99</p> <p><u>Transfer</u> The balance of £398.22 in the Bus Shelter account was transferred to the Current account and the account closed.</p> <p><u>Receipts</u> None</p>	
1666	<p>Working Party Reports Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £9,151.77, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44, total working capital is £16,017.21. Unable to reconcile as no bank statement available. Highways – Nothing to report</p>	
1667	<p>Items for Information Please notify Clerk of any items for the 2026/27 budget</p>	
1668	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 17th November 2025 at 6pm.</p>	

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

Dates for Future Meetings

January 19th 2026

Meetings normally start at 6.00pm