

## WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.00pm  
Held in the Village Hall

**Present:**

**Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs P Jones – Chair, A Bodle, J Saunders, R Henderson,

**Borough Cllrs:** Cllr G Sparks

**County Cllrs:** 0

**Apologies:** 1

**Members of Public:**

**PCSO:**

**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		ACTION
1136	<b>Apologies &amp; reasons for absence:</b> Cllrs Robey, J Banach	
1137	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct.</li> <li>ii. 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.</li> <li>iii. 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.</li> </ul> None declared.	
1138	<b>At this point Councillors and attendees held a minute’s silence in remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II.</b>	
1139	<b>Confirm the Minutes</b> The minutes of the meetings held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Jones.	
1140	<b>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.</b> <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.</b>	
1141	<b>Borough Councillor Report</b> Cllr Sparks confirmed that no updates had been received from Jo Alexander re Malthouse Lane, he is in the Council Offices on 27 <sup>th</sup> September and he will visit her to obtain an answer, if satisfactory answers are not forthcoming, he will escalate it to the Chief Executive.	

1142	<p><b>County Councillor Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The effect of soaring energy costs on KCC budgets continues to bite, in common with many other organisations. How this will all pan out remains to be seen, but it is likely to make things difficult as this year progresses and much more difficult next year. How the recent government announcement on the Energy Cap will affect this is still unclear.</li> <li>– The Kent &amp; Medway Business Fund Small Business Boost was launched on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Dartford Football Club. This is a scheme for loans to businesses of between £26k &amp; £99k, and will be a companion to the existing larger loan scheme, which offers loans of between £100k &amp; £500k. I will be running the SBB. The money comes from funds originally allocated by the government twelve years ago, after the Banking Crisis, when the banks were not lending to SMEs. Kent has successfully lent and then re - lent this money, as the loans have been repaid, and our scheme is one of the most successful in the UK</li> <li>– The situation with bus services remains difficult, exacerbated recently by a strike by Arriva. In reality, the existing delivery model is broken, and we really need to start with a blank piece of paper to design a new one - a difficult task.</li> <li>– The KCC Full Council Meeting, due on 15<sup>th</sup> September, was postponed, due to the Queen’s death, along with several other meetings. A meeting to allow KCC Members to pay tributes to the Queen was held instead, and several Members spoke about their personal memories of the Queen in a moving and eloquent way.</li> <li>– I still have not heard back from Kent Highways about Malthouse Lane and I will chase this. I have logged a complaint on the system</li> <li>– I also need to chase Kent Highways about where we are with the speed limit by the Church &amp; the Pub.</li> </ul>	
1143	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b><i>Defibrillator Training</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Clerk confirmed that John Rivers has agreed to attend the Sunday Brunch on 6<sup>th</sup> November to provide this.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Queen’s Green Canopy</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the time schedule for this project has been extended to March 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Jones suggested planting a tree as a memorial, and planting it in Goldfield near the plaque unveiled by HRH Princess Anne. This was agreed and the Clerk asked to contact English Rural and ask if they would be happy with this.</p> <p><i>Post meeting acceptance was received from English Rural.</i></p>	

	<b>Cllr Sparks left the meeting at 7.55pm</b>	
1144	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p><b>Speed Limit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ongoing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Village Gateways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The gateways are now complete and this item will be removed from the agenda.</li> </ul> <p><b>Footpath Construction, Warehorne Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cllr Jones reported that she has been in contact with the builder, Andy Hodge and invited him to attend either the this or the next meeting to explain why it has not been completed. Unfortunately, he did not attend, Cllr Jones confirmed that issues had risen over who is finally responsible and that Mr Hodge told her that he believed the subject is going to court. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Robey for his comments and Cllr Saunders will provide photographs of the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Village Sign Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cllr Henderson confirmed that the committee are looking at another option for the supply of a suitable oak sign and pole and would give an update at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crossroad Sign Refurbishment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This has now been completed and once the Clerk receives an invoice a cheque will be raised and sent to Cllr Jones for signature and to forward onto B E Ames</li> </ul> <p><b>Village Green</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Clerk explained that without a postcode we cannot obtain a connection. <i>Post meeting Cllr Saunders was able to add the address to the postal route and the Clerk received confirmation that the postcode is TN26 2LH.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>English Rural Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Notification was received that one of the properties had become available but no applications had been received from Warehorne residents. After advertising the property. a resident showed her interest. Unfortunately, according to English Rural the correct application process had not been completed. The Clerk discussed this with ABC and English Rural and they agreed to extend the date, although once all processes were complete the property was offered to a resident from an adjoining village.</li> </ul>	

	To avoid a recurrence of this the Clerk suggested generating a 'How to Apply and Register guide for residents and place onto the website with Cllr Banach named as an advisor.	
1145	<p><b>Malthouse Lane</b> <u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– See minute number 1141 above.</li> </ul> <p>As requested, the Clerk has also sent a letter to Damian Green MP to highlight the issue, although the PC understands he cannot influence any decision it was felt he should be made aware of the problems residents were experiencing.</p> <p><u>Road Condition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cllr Saunders held a site meeting with Margaret Meades from KCC Highways to discuss this, they confirmed that the recent verge repairs are too standard but agreed that further work is required, once discussed with the Engineer to find the best solution to improve this. Also, she confirmed that some temporary repairs on the corner near to Woodlands Farm had been carried out</li> </ul>	
1146	<p><b>Warehorne Road Development</b> Ongoing</p>	
1147	<p><b>Planning</b> None Received <u>WPC Comments</u> None Received <u>ABC Comments</u> None Received</p>	
1148	<p><b>Village Website</b> The site is now 'live' and the Clerk is updating with any information received from Councillors and has recently included a News and Events page to update residents with important dates, Cllr Henderson asked if any updates had been received from the PCC on behalf of St Matthews Church, the Clerk confirmed that nothing had been received. <i>Post meeting details of the services being held in October was received and placed onto the site.</i></p>	
1149	<p><b>Correspondence</b> <u>Previously emailed</u></p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– KALC News July &amp; August 2022</li> <li>– NALC CEO Report</li> <li>– KALC CEO Report</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Kent Bee’s newsletter</li> <li>– Great Big Green Week 24<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> </ul> <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Update on new planning portal which became operational in July</li> <li>–</li> </ul>	
1150	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a. Authorisation of Payments</b></p> <p>Chq No 398 – D Batt – Gas for Beacon £26.75</p> <p>Chq No 399 – A Beach – July &amp; August Salary £398.68</p> <p>Chq No 400 – KALC – Training £54.00</p> <p><b>b. 2023-24 Budget</b></p> <p>The Clerk asked Councillors to inform her of any items they wish to place onto next year’s budget.</p>	
1151	<p><b>Working Party Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the current balance of the Treasurers’ Account is £7,115.96, NSI Investment Account £6,859.06 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,373.24</li> <li>• Highways – Malthouse Lane and School Hill, as discussed with KCC Highways.</li> <li>• Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
1152	<b>Items for Information</b>	
1153	<b>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Dates of future meetings**

Month	Date	Type of Meeting	Start Time
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	Normal	6.00pm
November	21 <sup>st</sup>	Normal	6.00pm

