

## WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6pm in St Matthew's Church**

**Present:**

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

**Borough Cllrs:** Cllrs A Hicks

**County Cllrs** 0

**Apologies:** 0

**Members of Public:** 1

**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1705	<p><b>Apologies &amp; reasons for absence</b> Cllrs D Ledger &amp; B Barrett</p>	
1706	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> 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.</p>	
1707	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones.</p>	
1708	<p><b>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.</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. The current village Caretaker; Alf Mather; attended to discuss undertaking work on behalf of Warehorne PC from April 2026, after the cessation of the Village Caretaker Scheme, and confirmed he would be prepared to continue the upkeep of areas which will not be transferred to Ashford BC, full details to be confirmed</p>	
1709	<p><b>Borough Councillor Report</b> Cllr Hicks confirmed that she has rejoined the Planning Committee. On WPC's behalf she spoke to Cllr Harman regarding any request to change the Warehorne / Orlestone boundary who confirmed that she is unaware of any requests for an alteration to the existing boundary.</p>	

1710	<p><b>County Councillor</b> Cllr Barrett was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflicting meeting.</p>	
1711	<p><b>Phase II The Pippins</b> <u>Change of Parish Boundary</u> The Clerk sent a letter to Mr Simon Cole, to request whether an application has been made for a boundary change between Warehorne and Hamstreet and is awaiting a reply. <i>Post meeting a second letter was sent and a reply was received stating this did not fall under Mr Cole's jurisdiction and he has forwarded it to 2 other senior members.</i> <u>Update on Application</u> Nothing to report <u>S106 Update</u> Cllr Bailey reported that the next Village Hall meeting would be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February and they are expected to apply for funds to demolish and rebuild the hall at a cost of £850k plus an alternative figure of £12k to rewire the present hall.</p>	
1712	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> <u>Blocked Drain – Church Road</u> A resident complained about a blocked drain which is overflowing and water is draining down the road; with low temperatures this could become a danger to public safety; a request has been made asking the Caretaker to investigate to improve the matter, the Caretaker confirmed that the drains were still blocked and he has reported the matter to KCC. <u>Road Conditions</u> Mr Jamie Cunningham at KCC Highways has agreed to do a 'walkabout' with Parish Councillors and Cllr Barrett to inspect the road condition in the village but would prefer to wait to early spring, the Clerk asked for it to be arranged for April. In the meantime, following pressure from WPC and residents' complaints he agreed to inspect School Hill with the local Highway Steward but also highlighted the following: - There seems to be confusion in how we plan to maintain certain roads in Warehorne, in particular sections of School Hill. Areas we have "road unsuitable for motor vehicles" or the traffic order that bans the use of motor vehicles during the winter months, we would not maintain them to the standards you would see of a normal country lane (i.e. a tarmac surface) we would maintain these roads on a risk based approach as and when things are reported, holes would be filled with type 1 stone and compacted sufficiently to make the road safe for use if required. <u>Warehorne Road – Parking Issue</u> 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. <u>Footpath AE622 – Barbed wire on Stile</u> The Clerk asked if there was an update on this matter</p>	

	<p><b><u>Notice Board Replacement</u></b> Further to the question raised by Cllr Hicks regarding the fire safety standards, Greenbarnes were unable to provide, therefore alternative Suppliers are being investigated.</p> <p><b><u>Caretaker Scheme</u></b> See minute number 1708 above</p>	
1713	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p><b><u>Village Green</u></b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b><u>Village Hall</u></b> Nothing to report</p>	
1714	<p><b>Malthouse Lane</b></p> <p><b><u>Breach of Planning</u></b> Awaiting update from the Ombudsman's office. The Clerk will chase for a reply.</p>	
1715	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>PA/2026/0132</b> – Orchard Rise, Warehorne Road, TN26 2JW Single-storey rear extension and changes to fenestration. Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</p> <p><b>WPC Decision - Accepted</b></p>	
1716	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b><u>Previously emailed</u></b></p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletin</li> <li>– January Newsletter</li> <li>– Training &amp; Weekly Bulletins</li> </ul> <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Agenda for the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January &amp; Previous Minutes</li> </ul> <p>NALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chief Executive Bulletins</li> </ul> <p>Katie Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– February in The Weald</li> </ul> <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft Local Plan</li> <li>– Woodchurch Windmill Disposal</li> </ul> <p>English Rural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Notification of an available one-bedroomed, ground floor flat in Goldfield was received and advertised. Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> February</li> </ul>	
1717	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b><u>Authorisation of Payment</u></b></p>	

	<p>Chq No 511- A Beach – January Salary £227.50  Direct Debit - Hugo Fox – January Website £11.99  <u>Receipts</u>  None</p>	
1718	<p><b>Working Party Reports</b>  Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the balance of the Current Account is £8113.92, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44, total working capital is £14979.36.  Highways – Nothing to report</p>	
1719	<p><b>Items for Information</b>  An online training opportunity is being held on 19<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00-11.30am to offer a foundation to equip new Councillors with the essential knowledge and skills needed.  Need to agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting, suggest May 18<sup>th</sup> after a short normal meeting as April will include the nominations and voting of Officers for the 2026/27 year.</p>	
1720	<p><b>Date of the next scheduled meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm</b></p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.