

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Borough Cllrs: Cllr D Ledger

County Cllrs:

Apologies: 2

Members of Public: 1

PCSO:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		ACTION
1119	Apologies & reasons for absence: Cllrs Robey & Sparks	
1120	Declaration of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Declaration by Members of any interest, Pecuniary or Other than Pecuniary, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. 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. 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. None declared.	
1121	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meetings held on 20 th June 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Jones.	
1122	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. A problem was reported regarding one of the properties in Goldfield, the Clerk will contact English Rural and discuss the situation.	
1123	Borough Councillor Reports Prior to the meeting Cllr Sparks updated the Clerk regarding Malthouse Lane ABC have told him to expect an update this week. Cllr Ledger had nothing to report.	
1124	County Councillor Report	

	<p>Cllr Robey sent the following report in his absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are about to launch a new Business Loan Scheme aimed at small businesses and start - ups. This will be called the Small Business Boost (SBB) and will deal with loans from £26K to £99K. It will be a companion scheme to the one that we have already, which handles loans between £100k & £500k. • We are bidding for money from the Government to make a number of improvements at the Port of Dover, which will improve operations there generally, but will also have the effect of reducing the impact of queuing lorries outside the port, and on the M20 & A20 approaches to it. Whilst this is obviously not a total solution to the lorry problem, it is a step in the right direction. We continue to lobby government for a permanent answer. • KCC budget pressures continue, with inflation being a key issue. The figure in construction is apparently 35%, which has a huge effect on things like highways and school extensions, for example. • Recent cuts to bus services are also a reflection of budget pressures, although it must be stressed that many of the services that have been cut are nothing to do with KCC, and the decision to cut has been made by the bus companies alone. Rising fuel costs, rising operating costs generally, driver shortages and a massive reduction in passenger numbers post COVID, have all been key factors. • KCC Children’s Services were rated Outstanding in a recent Ofsted Inspection. This is a great achievement and reflects well on all involved in the provision of the services. • I will chase the installation of the Village Gateways. 	
1125	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Defibrillator Training Cllr Jones reported that the Village Hall accepted the suggestion to hold a session during either the October or November brunch. <i>Post meeting the Clerk contacted John Rivers and agreed to attend on 6th November 2022, time to be confirmed.</i> – Queen’s Green Canopy Ongoing 	
1126	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>Speed Limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ongoing. <p>Village Gateways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Clerk has requested an update from KCC Highways regarding the installation. <i>The Gateways have been completed.</i> <p>Footpath Construction, Warehorne Road</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Jones reported that the builders have refused to complete this due to the time taken by UK Power Networks to complete the installation of the sub-station. Report to planning <p>Village Sign Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Henderson reported that B E Ames have been asked to quote for the sign. <p>Crossroad Sign Refurbishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Further to the request from Cllr Jones to obtain a quotation from B E Ames for this, the total cost quoted is £1,060.00 plus VAT, this includes sanding, treat exposed and cracked surfaces with preservative, fill cracks and splits, 2 coats of paint, letters to be cleaned and repainted, they also advise placing a lead cap to provide better weathering. This was approved by all. <p>Village Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Nothing to report. <p>Village Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Nothing to report 	
1127	<p>Malthouse Lane The Clerk confirmed that still no response has been received from Ashford BC to the second request for a detailed timeline sent on 3rd May 2022.</p>	
1128	<p>Warehorne Road Development The hedgerow removed by Dandara has been reported to Ashford BC and will have to be replaced with established plants.</p>	
1129	<p>Planning ABC have recently updated the planning portal and numerous issues have been identified and reported by the Clerk, as discovered. The KALC Ashford Area have also made comments. See Appendix 2207-1</p> <p><u>WPC Comments</u></p> <p>22/00451/AS – Land South of 10 Viaduct Terrace, Warehorne Proposed construction of 2 detached dwellings and garages We have already commented regarding the responsibility of the access road and the provision of sufficient space for emergency vehicles. WPC – Comment</p> <p>22/01034/AS – 2 Ham Hill Cottages, Warehorne Variation of condition 1 on planning permission 09/01409/AM02/AS (Non material amendment to planning permission 09/01409/AS (Erection of 2 replacement dwellings) to impose a new condition which reads: "The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans listed in the section of this decision notice headed Plans/Documents Approved by this</p>	

	<p>decision, unless otherwise agreed by the Local Planning Authority") to vary the design and form of Dwelling 2. To approve a new set of plans (Resubmission of application 22/00122/AS)</p> <p>WPC – No Comment</p> <p><u>ABC Comments</u> 22/00035/AMND/AS – Brierley, Kenardington Road, Warehorne Non material minor amendment to application. ABC – Plans Approved 22/00145/TC – Monks Hill Cottages, Church Road Crown lift on all trees along the track up to a height of 5 metres, to allow tankers to gain access ABC – Raise no Objection</p>	
1130	<p>Village Website The Clerk confirmed that the website is ready to publish and is just waiting for the PCC’s agreement as some changes may be required. Once it ‘goes live’ Cllr Bodle will place a notice on Facebook to advertise it and ask for residents’ comments. Cllr Jones thanked the Clerk for completing the project. <i>The site is now ‘live’ the only change to the original proposal is an updated page for St Matthews Church.</i></p>	
1131	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KALC News June 2022 – NALC CEO Report – KALC CEO Report – Chairmanship Conference on 28th July 2022 at Lenham Community Centre, reminder <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Update on new planning portal which becomes operational in July – ABC Jubilee Civic Awards, no nominees were raised for an award. – Neighbourhood Alert Crime prevention advice following a number of burglaries in the area <p>KCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reconnect Community Awards, for people supporting children. 	–
1132	Finance	

	<p>a. Authorisation of Payments Chq No 397– A Beach – June Salary £199.34</p> <p>Cllr Bodle authorised the bank mandate approving Cllr Banach as a signatory and the removal of Mr L Small.</p>	
1133	<p>Working Party Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the current balance of the Treasurers' Account is £7,595.39, NSI Investment Account £6,859.06 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,852.67 • Highways – Malthouse Lane, the area south of Woodlands Farm is particularly bad and KCC Highways will be contacted to request a site meeting. • Public Rights of Way – Report field behind Goldfield 	
1134	<p>Items for Information</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the 2023/24 budget and any major items to be discussed at the September meeting to allow the Clerk to complete the budget to consider in October and finalise in November.</p>	
1135	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 19th September 2022</p>	

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

Dates of future meetings

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

APPENDIX 2207-1

Comments from the KALC Ashford Area Meeting on 6th July 2022

There was significant annoyance expressed by our members that the project had appeared to have gone wrong at the point it was due to go live, after we had nominated three members at the previous meeting (which was attended by Simon Cole) and agreed with him that those three would work with ABC on piloting the new system as it was being implemented.

All three reported to us that they had endeavoured to log in using the details they were given, but were unable to do so, and contact with ABC to try to resolve the problems hit a metaphorical brick wall. We might therefore surmise either that there was no interest in working with us, which they should have been open about, or else problems were showing up before the launch failed, at least through lack of project management if not more serious underlying issues.

I have heard that the current problem lies in data transfer, which can often be problematic in launching new systems but should also be planned very carefully and tested with sample data in advance, but that view is not necessarily authoritative so the problems may be quite different. In any event, they now appear to be facing the possibility of corrupted data too, from what you say, which is no small matter when these are statutory processes. One of our knowledgeable members was warning of complacency from the May meeting, which seems to have been borne out.

I was asked to write to the relevant ABC Director to complain about this situation, which has not gone yet as it was to await a draft on another matter which only came in to me today., We should be clear that nothing we say will make any difference now to the situation itself, but it does appear to be another case of ABC failing to get a grip, keep a grip, and do what they intended to, for which as time passes there can be no excuse.

I see today there is a note on the ABC planning site saying they are intending to go live today, but whether that is an old message just left to cover the gap, or whether today is really the latest D-Day, I have no idea.