

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th October 2022 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Borough Cllrs: Cllr D Ledley

County Cllrs: Cllr D Robey

Apologies:

Members of Public: 1

PCSO:

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		ACTION
1154	Apologies & reasons for absence: Cllr Saunders – Illness Cllr Bodle – Family emergency Cllr Sparks – Unavailable	
1155	Declaration of Interest 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.	
1156	Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meetings held on 26 th September 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Jones.	
1157	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.	
1158	Borough Councillor Report David Ledger Policy number SP7 – Separation of settlements is being reviewed and upgraded to avoid the loss of villages by merging Masts are going to be allowed to increase sizes to improve connection	

	The S106 planning review is still ongoing and will include training for PCs to improve the understanding of the policy.	
1159	<p>County Councillor Report – David Robey</p> <p>There are budget issues across the County, but Kent is doing better than some other county councils.</p> <p>Now the village gateways have been completed he will chase up imposing a speed limit for Church Road with KCC Highways</p> <p>Cllr Robey left the meeting at 6.10pm</p>	
1160	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><i>Defibrillator Training</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A leaflet has been produced for distribution to publicise the training at the next Brunch on Sunday 6th November. <p><i>Memorial Tree for HM Queen Elizabeth II</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Clerk confirmed that English Rural have agreed that a tree can be placed in Goldfield as a memorial. <p>Cllr Banach informed the meeting a sapling would have to be moved and offered to take on the task, and suggested a flowering cherry or tulip tree for the memorial; the latter being a favourite of the late Queen; prices start from approximately £70 for an established six to eight foot tree.</p> <p><i>Post meeting Councillors agreed that a mature tree would be the ideal choice and Cllr Banach purchased a 280-300cms tree at a cost of £216 including VAT</i></p>	
1161	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><i>Speed Limit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ongoing. <p><i>Footpath Construction, Warehorne Road</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Clerk sent photographs to Cllr Robey and he is investigating on the Parish Councils behalf. <p><i>Village Sign Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Henderson reported that they are considering other options for the sign to reduce the cost, and have asked a local tradesman to make the sign and oak post which Rosemary Hignett will decorate. <p><i>Village Green</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Nothing to report. <p><i>Village Hall</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cllr Saunders has successfully added the address to the postal delivery route and the Clerk received confirmation that the postcode is TN26 2LH. <p>The hall is now listed on most Suppliers databases and the Clerk has recently received notification from ABC that grants may be available</p>	

	<p>from the Rural England Prosperity Fund and enquiries have been made on how this can be accessed.</p> <p>English Rural Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the recent vacancy, we have been notified that a resident has been accepted for the tenancy. <p>The Clerk is in the process of creating a guide on 'How to Apply and Register' for a property, Cllr Banach has agreed to be an advisor to applicants, once approved it will be placed onto the website to help those wishing to apply in the future.</p>	
1162	<p>Malthouse Lane</p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jo Alexander emailed confirming that: - <i>'Over the last few months, the matter has progressed somewhat, a site visit has been undertaken, a number of meetings with Legal Services who are leading on this matter. Further evidence has been gathered and discussions have allowed the case to be moved forward. As confirmed previously, due to the legal nature of the matter I am unable to provide you with specific details and given the seriousness of the matter and the issues involved, careful consideration in the public interest needs to be demonstrated. I can however confirm that the next step is for papers to be prepared in advance of preparing instructions to the Council's acting Counsel in this matter which I anticipate will be in the next few weeks.</i> <p><i>I hope this is of assistance and I will look to update you again when the above has been actioned, or prior to 1 November 2022 either way. I appreciate that it is very frustrating as it may appear that nothing is being done however, I can only assure you that the matter is being progressed and I am working very hard to achieve compliance at the site following the action which has already been taken by the Council through the issuing of the Enforcement Notice and the application to the Court. In the interim, I would ask that should anything change at the site that you let me know'.</i></p> <p>Ask for a FOI request</p> <p><u>Road Condition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting update from KCC Highways 	
1163	<p>Warehorne Road Development</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
1164	<p>Planning</p> <p>None Received</p> <p><u>WPC Comments</u></p> <p>None Received</p> <p><u>ABC Comments</u></p> <p>None Received</p>	

1165	<p>Village Website The site is being regularly updated and any information residents, Village Hall Committee or the PCC is welcomed.</p>	
1166	<p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u></p> <p>Correspondence <u>Previously emailed</u> KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NALC CEO Report – KALC CEO Report <p>KALC – Ashford Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agenda and confirmation that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th October at Ashford BC <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Invitation to attend an update on the council’s Planning Portal on Tuesday 18th October, the Clerk is attending. – Details of the winners of Platinum Jubilee Civic Awards 	
1167	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Receipts Ashford BC – 2nd Precept Payment - £2,500.00</p> <p>b. Authorisation of Payments Chq No 452 – B E Ames – Signpost Renovation - £1,272.00 Chq No 453 – A Beach – September Salary £199.34 Chq No 454 – Wittersham PC – Caretaker Scheme - £550.00</p> <p>c. 2023-24 Budget The Clerk asked Councillors to inform her of any items they wish to place onto next year’s budget.</p>	
1168	<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 £7,594.62, NSI Investment Account £6,859.06 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £14,851.90 • Highways – Malthouse Lane • Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report 	
1169	<p>Items for Information</p>	
1170	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 21st November 2022</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Dates of future meetings

Month	Date	Type of Meeting	Start Time
January	16 th	Normal	6.00pm
February	20 th	Normal	6.00pm
March	20 th	Normal	6.00pm