

## WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.00pm  
Held in the Village Hall

**Present:****Parish Cllrs:** Cllrs P Jones (Chair), A Bodle, R Henderson, J Saunders, P Jones**Borough Cllrs:** Cllrs A Hicks, D Ledger**County Cllrs:** 0**Apologies:** 1**Members of Public:** 0**Clerk:** A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1393	<p><b>Apologies &amp; reasons for absence</b> Cllr J Banach – Personal Cllr D Robey</p>	
1394	<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>	
1395	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved and signed by Cllr Jones</p>	
1396	<p><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> Two representatives from a group of residents of Ruckinge attended to discuss the 2041 Local Plan official sites and the land south of Hamstreet Road, Hamstreet, who are against this as it will cover the raised bank of the Saxon Shore and impact the views over the Romney Marsh and will impact Ruckinge, Hamstreet and Warehorne</p>	
1397	<p><b>County Councillor Report</b> In his absence Cllr Robey sent the following report</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget issue continues to dominate at KCC, but we will achieve a balanced budget in 2023/2024, and, also, next year, 2024/2025. We are starting work on 2025/2026 immediately and we will probably balance that too. After that, it is hard to see how things can continue, without significant changes to both how Local Government is financed and how it is structured.</li> <li>• We continue with our roadworks project and are looking to release more money for basic road maintenance, especially potholes.</li> <li>• I am glad that we have managed to get your Speed Limit agreed and programmed for implementation, but if there are any problems, then please let me know.</li> <li>• I have had School Hill re- inspected following Annette’s email.</li> </ul>	
1398	<p><b>Borough Councillor Report</b> ABC are keeping the Picture House open under a holding company.</p> <p>Re: Malthouse Lane Cllr Ledger attended a meeting with Solicitor, the case office and Simon Cole and they have taken advice from Counsel and agreed that there are still difficulties to overcome particularly as the enforcement is on the land rather than the individual. The PC were advised to continue to closely monitor the site and report any changes to the case officer immediately.</p> <p>Cllr Ledger discussed that the possible sites that have been identified in ‘the call for sites project’ for the 2040 Local Plan will be investigated for suitability and discussed by ABC, being on the ‘call for sites list’ is not confirmation that they will be accepted for the plan.</p>	
1399	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> <u><i>D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i></u> Volunteers have been found to read The Tribute and the choir will sing in the evening after the lighting of the beacon.</p> <p><u><i>The Duck Race</i></u> Cllr Saunders confirmed that the field previously used for parking will not be available and Cllr Jones agreed to speak to the Woolpack Inn and ask if they have made alternative arrangements.</p> <p><u><i>Warehorne Parish Plan</i></u> Cllr Saunders has been approached by number of people regarding the ‘Call for Sites’ list and one in particular has asked if Warehorne have a Neighbourhood Plan; Orlestone have a Village Design Statement, link as follows <a href="#">Hamstreet Village Design</a> which is similar to a Parish Plan, neither of which have statutory rights but should be regarded by Borough Councils, the following link details it <a href="#">Parish Plan Introduction</a></p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans are statutory and usually a Steering Group is set up to undertake it, depending on the size of the Parish and amount of time the group are able to dedicate the time from onset to submission can vary, one nearby</p>	

	<p>which has recently finished full consultation is Aldington and Bonnington they started the process in 2019, the following link is the final submission document <a href="#">Aldington &amp; Bonnington</a></p> <p>As there are financial implications involved; although some grants are available; and looking at those who have undertaken it in the Borough they are mainly the larger Parishes, therefore I do not feel that a full, statutory Neighbourhood Plan would be suitable for Warehorne but a smaller Parish Plan, not quite the impact but with people prepared to undertake it would have some regard with ABC</p> <p>Councillors agreed to look into this further before making a final decision, this will involve discussions with residents.</p>	
1400	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p><u>Speed Limit</u></p> <p>To ensure the grant from Cllr Robey was included in the 2023-24 financial year KCC raised the invoice for £2,669.03 for the agreed WP</p> <p><u>'Warehorne Wombles' Equipment Payment</u></p> <p>The group purchased the equipment at a total cost of £198.65, the contribution was authorised at the February meeting and a cheque was raised and given to the group between meetings.</p> <p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u></p> <p>Cllr Bodle confirmed the cost of the filing cabinet was £10.00, the cabinet will be used to store previous years documents for safe keeping.</p> <p>Following a discussion with the Village Hall Committee a framed picture of King Charles III has been ordered for the Parish</p> <p>JS will look into ordering some type one aggregate to fill the potholes by Alf, church ditch</p> <p><u>Land to the Rear of Goldfield – Title No. K514933</u></p> <p>Form OC2 and the relevant payment was sent to the Land Registry in September to obtain a copy of the Deeds and Details of Restrictive Covenants.</p> <p>House Allocation 3 Goldfield</p>	
1401	<p><b>Malthouse Lane</b></p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <p>As discussed by Cllr Ledger in minute number 1398 above.</p> <p><u>Road Condition</u></p> <p>Cllr Saunders has reported three further problems, the road continues to disintegrate.</p>	
1402	<p><b>Warehorne Road Development</b></p> <p>The Clerk followed up Dandara installing a Notice Board at The Pippins as part of the development, no reply has been received.</p>	

1403	<p><b>Planning</b>  PA/2023/2179 – Prospect Cottages, Warehorne Road  Construction of a single 3-bedroom dwelling.  Cllr Banach visited the site and spoke to the applicant and found no problem  WPC Decision – Agree</p>	
1404	<p><b>Village Website</b>  Nothing to report</p>	
1405	<p><u>Previously emailed</u>  KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– NALC CEO Reports</li> <li>– KALC CEO Report</li> <li>– Rural Police Report</li> <li>– February 2024 Newsletter</li> <li>– Training Bulletin</li> </ul> <p>KALC – Ashford Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March</li> </ul> <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Agenda for the Planning Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024</li> <li>– Presentation of the new waste contract</li> <li>– Day changes for new waste contract</li> <li>– ‘Call for Sites’ website opening for suggested building sites for Local Plan</li> </ul> <p>Kent Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ashford Rural South Newsletter</li> </ul>	
1406	<p><b>Finance</b>  <b><i>Authorisation of Payment</i></b>  Chq No 439 KCC – Speed limit contribution £2,669.03  Chq No 440 P Batt – Warehorne Wombles litter equipment £198.65  Chq No 441 A Bodle – Repayment for filing cabinet £10.00  Chq No 442 A Beach – Repayment for Norton computer security £19.99  Chq No 443 A Beach – February Salary £263.25  Direct Debit HugoFox January Payment - £11.99</p>	
1407	<p><b>Working Party Reports</b>  Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the current balance of the Treasurers’ Account is £5,579.06, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £12,842.72.  Highways –  Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report</p>	

1391	<b>Items for Information</b> A suggestion has been made by a resident that spring bulbs should be planted on the triangle to welcome visitors. Councillors agreed that this should go ahead	
1392	<b>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	

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

#### Dates for Future Meetings

<b>Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Type</b>
April 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm	PC Annual Meeting
May 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
May 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> May at 6.45pm	Annual Parish Meeting
June 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
July 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
September 2024	16 <sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
October 2024	21 <sup>st</sup> October at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
November 2024	18 <sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
January 2025	20 <sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
February 2025	17 <sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting
March 2025	17 <sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm	Monthly Meeting