

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Borough Cllrs: 0

County Cllrs: 0

Apologies: 2

Members of Public: 0

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		Action
1359	<p>Apologies & reasons for absence Cllr D Robey – Sickness Cllr D Ledger – Conflicting meeting Cllr A Hicks – Vehicle breakdown</p>	
1360	<p>Declaration of Interest 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>	
1361	<p>Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023 were approved and signed by Cllr Banach</p>	
1362	<p>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.</p>	
1363	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget issue continues to dominate at KCC, but we will achieve a balanced budget in 2023/2024. Next year, 2024/2025, is still proving problematical, due to Adults Social Care & Health & Children’s Services. • We have now started the project to completely revise how we approach roadworks, particularly those undertaken by the utilities. This will not be easy, but I am confident that we can improve the current unsatisfactory situation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neil Baker, the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways, and I, are looking to revise our approach to Active Travel, with a view to releasing more money for basic road maintenance, especially potholes. We are also looking at new ways of actually fixing potholes. I assume that your new Speed Limit has now been implemented, or is planned to be very soon, but if there are any problems, then please advise me. 	
1364	<p>Borough Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Ledger sent the following report</p> <p>I had raised that the call for sites for the review of the Local Plan was previously released. The date is now closed, and it is anticipated that the details of various sites submitted will shortly be released to relevant ward members and parish council members. I still don't have a date for the release of information, but it will be in January. This is only the start of the process.</p> <p>In relation to Forest View, Malthouse Lane, we had, as you know, been promised a case review last year. This appears not to have taken place. At my borough surgery last week, neighbours of the site Mr and Mrs Scott attended, and we discussed the site at length. As a result, I sent a chaser email to various officers in relation to the promised case review. I have heard back from the Corporate Director this morning saying that they will hold this review as agreed. I don't have a date, but will press for one. I fully appreciate the considerable frustration neighbours and parish members have in relation to this, which has gone on for many years. I can only apologise that officers have not carried out the review and will advise once I have more information.</p> <p>Finally, the waste collection contract will change on Sunday the 24th March and it is envisaged that some collection days will have to change. I don't have this information at present, but we will all get to know well before that date with widespread information and advertising. The food waste caddies will continue to be emptied every week, and the alternate weekly general waste and recycling collections will remain, so just the day of the week will alter, not the accepted collection scheme itself we are all well used to.</p>	
1365	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>'Warehorne Wombles' Equipment Payment</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been heard regarding this, following Councillors' agreement to fund the equipment. JS will follow it up</p>	
1366	<p>Village Matters</p> <p><u>Speed Limit</u></p> <p>The 30mph limit will be imposed shortly – asked DR to follow up</p> <p><u>Village Green</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u></p>	

	<p>Cllr Bodle has been unlucky locating a filing cabinet and will continue to pursue, if unsuccessful it was agreed to investigate the cost of a new one.</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>	
1367	<p>Malthouse Lane</p> <p><u>Breach of Planning</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><u>Road Condition</u></p> <p>This is continually reported.</p>	
1368	<p>Warehorne Road Development</p> <p>Following WPC’s contact with the developers the footpath has now been opened to allow direct access from Warehorne Road, the old lamp-post by the bridge has also been removed.</p>	
1369	<p>Planning</p> <p>PA/2023/2360 – 1 The Green, Church Road, Warehorne</p> <p>Side extension to detached garage, rear porch and changes to fenestration (windows)</p> <p>PA/2024/005 – 1 The Green, Church Road, Warehorne</p> <p>Listed Building Consent for rear porch, removal and insertion of walls, staircase to attic, flue through and frame, conservation of rooflights to rear elevation, infill to existing rear door</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: -</p> <p>Both of the above were agreed by Councillors, but will ask that any changes have been discussed with the adjoining neighbours, all materials used match the current building and the changes to the fenestration do not overlook the adjoining property</p> <p>PA/2024/0047 – Mount Field Farm, Church Road, Warehorne</p> <p>Proposed general purpose agricultural barn</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: -</p> <p>No comment</p>	
1370	<p>Village Website</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1371	<p><u>Previously emailed</u></p> <p>KALC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NALC CEO Reports – KALC CEO Report – Rural Police Report – January 2024 Newsletter <p>Ashford BC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 13th December <p>KCC</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Details of Public Consultation on Kent Local Flood Risk Management Aldington & Bonnington – Details of the Village plan <p>Kent Resilience Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Details of free training sessions available in January & February, including Community Emergency Planning Workshop; Snow Volunteers; Flood Volunteers <p>Kent Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ashford Rural South Newsletter 	
1372	<p>Finance</p> <p><i>Authorisation of Payment</i></p> <p>Chq No 434 A Beach Repayment for Laptop and MS Office Lifetime - £368.99</p> <p>Chq No 435 A Beach Repayment for HP62 Ink Cartridges - £52.74</p> <p>Chq No 436 A Beach Salary for November and December, including increase and back-dated payment - £663.00</p> <p>Direct Debit HugoFox November and December Payment - £23.98</p> <p>Chq No 437 J Saunders repayment for Christmas lights - £65.44</p>	
1373	<p>Working Party Reports</p> <p>Finance - Monthly Transaction Statement, following the above transactions the current balance of the Treasurers' Account is £5,842.31, NSI Investment Account £6,865.44 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total working capital is £13,105.97</p> <p>Highways – `</p> <p>Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report</p>	
1374	Items for Information	
1375	Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 19th February 2024	

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

Dates for Future Meetings

Month	Date	Year
March	18th	2024