

Warehorne Parish Council

Minutes of Warehorne Parish Council Meeting

Warehorne Village Hall, 20th February 2017 at 6.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mrs M Keenan (Chairman), Mr J Saunders, Mrs P Jones, Mr R Henderson
Borough Cllrs: Mrs A Hicks, Mr G Bradford
Members of Public: 1
Website Consultant: Mr L Small

ACTIONS

318 **Apologies & Reasons for Absence:**

Cllr K O'Leary-White (Sickness)

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- I. Declaration by Members of any interest, pecuniary or other than pecuniary, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. **None Declared**
 - 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. **None Declared**
 - 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**

320 **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.
No matters raised

321 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th January 2017.
Approved and signed.

322 **Matters arising from the last meeting.**

Website

Mr Small confirmed that the site is available; www.warehorne.com; and able to include links to all village organisations and asked for further photographs of the village and some history, Cllr Saunders will arrange for the photographs and Cllr Henderson will provide information and history on the church.

Once the Councillors give their final approval for publication he will link the old website to it.

The Clerk will liaise with Mr Small and send all documents requiring publication.

Cost of Equipment for Tesco Community Grant

The details have been given to the village hall Secretary to allow them to make any application, Cllr Jones is unsure whether the collapsible staging will qualify for a grant but the Village Hall Committee will decide.

(Clerk received an email on 21.02.17 outlining changes to the scheme which now includes a broader spectrum of qualifying projects, this was forwarded onto Cllr Keenan)

323 **Potential Development – Crabtree Developments**

Cllr Keenan was informed by Orlestone PC Chairman; Mr G Sparks; that Orlestone had arranged a second meeting with the developers and also that a public exhibition will take place on 1st March 2017 from 2.30pm to 7.00pm at the Victory Hall in Hamstreet.

Councillors' felt that they should have been formally invited to attend the exhibition and agreed a letter should be sent to the developers. *(Sent on 22nd February 2017)*.

Although the councillors' do not have a problem with the development they do have concerns regarding the proposed road changes and feel they will cause delays and congestion during busy periods.

Cllr Bradford does not believe that KCC Highways will allow the road to remain as it is.

324 **Speeding Concerns**

Cllr Bradford confirmed that the item is still on the KCC list for discussion and he will continue to chase, KCC will contact the PC in the first instance of the decision. Cllr Keenan asked if the PC could ask Crabtree Developments to contribute towards a new bus stop, install a dropped kerb across the green. Cllrs Hicks and Bradford believe this could be claimed under section 106 and Cllr Hicks said it is important that any agreements between the PC and the developers should have legal documents raised.

325 **Planning**

Application Ref: TPO/16/00012

Gold House, Warehorne Road.

The tree preservation order was objected to and discussed at the Ashford BC planning meeting on 15th February 2017.

Cllr Bradford confirmed that the objection had been refused.

326 **Malthouse Lane**

Cllr Hicks confirmed that the matter is being referred to Ashford BC legal department for further action and will keep the PC updated.

327 **English Rural Housing**

Cllr Keenan updated the Housing Association on the comments made regarding the parking on the proposed plans and they have replied that unfortunately space is not available for extra parking.

328 **Correspondence**

KALC

Rural Affairs Conference 9th March 2017, £72, no action

Local Government Boundary Commission

Draft recommendation of the electoral review for Ashford asking for comments, already actioned

KCC

Poster regarding the Great British Spring Clean, Councillors' would like to get involved and were advised by Cllr Hicks to ensure that any participants would be covered under our insurance.

Clerk contacted insurers post meeting and after numerous conversations had confirmation that extra cover would be required and notified PC

Kent Air Ambulance

Requesting a donation of £250 towards the newly commissioned air ambulance, passed to Village Hall committee

329 **Payments for Authorisation**

Clerk's Salary (Jan) – A Beach £161.20

Clerk in Action Training Course – KALC £72.00

330 **Working Party Reports**

- Finance – Monthly transaction statement
- Highways – Cllr Saunders confirmed that Birchett Lane had been reported
- Public Rights of Way

331 **Items for Information**

Clerk booked onto Regional Seminar in Uckfield on 5th April on a free bursary scheme; saving £82, only cost will be mileage.

Clerk in Action course attended, after discussion with the trainer and other clerks' it was felt that the online Essential Knowledge course would be an advantage prior to studying towards full CILCA qualification; although it not essential, and takes about 2 months to complete with a cost of £120. both are budgeted for and approved.

332 **Date of next meeting of the Parish Council**

20th March 2017 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 6.45pm