

Warehorne Parish Council

Chairman's Report - April 2017

Over the course of the past year we have held 12 meetings many of which were attended by Borough Councillors Aileen Hicks and Gareth Bradford. I would like to thank them for their valuable contributions to our meetings over the course of the past year.

Councillors continue to attend KALC meetings when possible in Ashford reporting back any interesting topics affecting our parish.

19 Planning Applications have been considered and commented upon during the course of the year.

We continue to enjoy the benefits of the caretaker scheme. The Council appreciate the extra areas that Alf cares for and is happy to make a contribution towards the cost that this entails. As a council we support this initiative completely.

Our small English Rural development on Church Road is now with the planning department at Ashford Borough Council. More ecological surveys have been requested which will hopefully be carried out next week. 4 properties will be subsidised by 1 detached property which will be sold on the open market.

Malthouse Lane continues to find itself regularly on our agenda. Enforcement proceedings remain in place and we wait to find out what the next steps will be.

Earlier in the year we welcomed our new Clerk, Annette Beach and I am pleased to report that she has settled very quickly into her role. She has already attended a number of different training courses which I know she has found useful.

Our campaign to reduce the speed of the B2067 through the village continues. We received generous donations from both Brad and Aileen which allowed us to pay for a traffic survey. A resident of Warehorne, Mr Olymbios carried out a risk assessment on the crossroads with Church Road and School Hill and this has been submitted with the traffic survey to KCC. Many thanks to Mr Olymbios for his expertise.

During the year we met up with land promoters who have submitted an application to build 50 houses on a plot of land on the boundary of Hamstreet and Warehorne. Discussions took place concerning the impact on local roads especially. We have written to the promoters highlighting our concerns as well as those that we have received from parishioners.

We have a new website thanks to Lee. It is linked to the hall website, the church and the Woolpack Inn. It is now a legal requirement that many documents are available to view online so this is an important aspect of the Council's work. We are grateful to Lee for making this possible.

I would like to thank our two Borough Councillors who frequently attend our meetings offering advice and support. I would also like to thank our Clerk Annette for picking up the role quickly and effectively. Finally I want to thank all our Parish Councillors who freely give up their own time to attend to parish business on behalf of the Parishioners of Warehorne.

Maggie Keenan

Chairperson Warehorne Parish Council