

WAREHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st June 2021 at 6.00pm
Held in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Cllrs: Cllr L Small – Chair, Cllr J Saunders, Cllr A Bodle, Cllr P Jones, Cllr R Henderson

Borough Cllrs: Cllr G Sparks

County Cllrs: 0

Apologies: 2

Members of Public: 5 – S Cole (ABC), A Scott (MP1), C Burgess (MP2), J Burgess (MP3), Village Caretaker

PCSO: 0

Clerk: A Beach

Minute No.		ACTION
927	<p>Apologies & reasons for absence: Cllr D Ledger, Cllr D Robey</p>	
928	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>None declared</p>	
929	<p>Confirm the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman</p>	
930	<p>Malthouse Lane Update Cllr Small welcomed Mr Simon Cole, Head of Planning Ashford BC, to the meeting and outlined WPC concerns regarding the breaches of planning control and subsequent enforcement notice against the owner of Forest View. SC thanked WPC for the invitation and having read all the details regarding the property agrees that the situation needs action to resolve it, and apologised for failing to keep all concerned parties updated. Now that lockdown has been removed, the mediation can be moved forward and he will inform the Legal Department at ABC to proceed, deadlines will be put into place to stop the owner stretching the process out. If mediation fails, we will go back to court without delay</p>	

	<p>Cllr Small explained that previously we have been informed by ABC that they did not have sufficient numbers of staff and asked if this problem had been resolved.</p> <p>SC confirmed that, Jo Alexander; Senior Planning Enforcement Officer; will be taking on the case herself.</p> <p>MP1 stated that mediation was agreed two years ago and during this time the land owner has continued to flout the law and additional buildings and vehicles have been placed onto the site.</p> <p>SC stated that he could not see the process dragging on and a prescribed timeline must be put into place, the breaches cannot be ignored as ABC have put a lot of time and finances into the process.</p> <p>6.45pm Cllr Saunders left the meeting.</p> <p>MP1 was concerned about the safety of Jo Alexander but SC assured him that the situation is very delicate due to the owner's mental state, he will ensure Jo Alexander is safe and mediation will be undertaken by professional mediators. It is his belief that it will end up going back to court.</p> <p>MP2 asked when ABC last visited the site, SC stated that normally we have to arrange visits, and if it is felt necessary police will attend to support Housing Officers.</p> <p>MP2 asked how the sewage is being dealt with. SC was unable to answer this but assured him he will find out and report back to WPC</p> <p>MP2 asked what the final outcome will be, will ABC go on site and remove everything? SC stated that direct action is the last option but will happen if the owner fails to act.</p> <p>SC stated that he appreciates how frustrating this must be and assured residents that that process will happen and either himself or Jo Alexander will update WPC what is happening.</p>	
	6.55pm Simon Cole and members of the public left the meeting	
931	<p>At this point the Meeting will be adjourned for the Public Session.</p> <p>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> <p>No other items raised.</p>	
932	<p>Borough Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Sparks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Meetings are slowly getting back to normal, in the Council Chambers, currently, to allow socially distancing, meetings are being 'streamed' into larger rooms whilst just committee members are in the normal rooms. – 	
933	<p>County Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Robey sent his report. APPENDIX 1-0621</p>	

936	<p>Warehorne Road Potential Development Update</p> <p>Correspondence has been received from, Hilary Beaumont, a village resident, stating her concerns regarding the recent application by Dandara and highlighting the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase in traffic making a huge impact on country and village roads caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of homes being built, most with a minimum of 2 cars per household b. Commuting to work and taking children to and from school. c. Online shopping, with deliveries all day, 7 days a week. – Increase in speed, a particular worry to Warehorne parishioners accessing the B2067 where there is no speed limit, in order to help these issues, I believe there should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A continuation of the speed limit from Hamstreet to past the Warehorne crossroads b. The addition of a pedestrian and cycleway. – Do not include permanent traffic lights as this will increase traffic jams in the area. <p>The resident has been advised to send her comments to Ashford BC.</p>	
937	<p>Planning</p> <p>21/00881/AS – Warehorne Road development, reserved matters application for 50 dwellings</p> <p>21/00955/AS – Warehorne Road development, erection of non-illuminate sign</p> <p>WPC Cmmts – The sign could be a distraction to drivers on a bend, where there are no footpaths and would be dangerous.</p> <p>21/00453/AS – Conversion of agricultural barn at Spot House Farm, to 4 bed room dwelling, following previous approval (20/00082/AS)</p> <p>ABC – Permit</p> <p>20/00513/AS – Minor material amendment to North Barn, Kenardington Road</p> <p>ABC – Amended Plans Approved</p>	
7.20pm Cllr Sparks left the meeting		
938	<p>Village Green</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
939	<p>Correspondence</p> <p><i>KALC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Changes to Parliamentary Constituencies</i> <p><i>Details of the proposed 2023 review, highlighting that Kent will increase, with the addition of the Weald of Kent which includes</i></p>	

	<p><i>wards previously in Maidstone and some Ashford wards, including Warehorne, the consultation closes for comments on 2nd August 2021.</i></p> <p>– <i>Village Hall Hire Guidance</i></p> <p><i>PCSO Report</i></p> <p>– <i>Previously emailed.</i></p>	
940	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Authorisation of Payments</p> <p>Chq No 360 – A Beach, May Salary, £195.87</p> <p>b. AGAR signed and approved</p>	
941	<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 £9,657.72, NSI Investment Account £6,755.31 and Bus Shelter Account £398.22, total balance of working capital is £16,811.25 • Highways – • Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report 	
942	<p>Items for Information</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
943	<p>Date of the next scheduled meeting will be on 19th July and will be held in the Village Hall, with Covid 19 safety restrictions</p>	

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

David Robey - Warehorne Parish Council KCC Report - June 2021

- Six weeks into the job - a very steep learning curve. KCC employs circa 7000 people, with a net budget of £1 Bn, but a gross budget of circa twice that, so it is a very big beast.
- There have been a lot of induction sessions, with more to come, which have all been very useful. However, as an elected member, at any level of government, which we all are, we all know that once elected, we are responsible for everything from day one and I have had a large number of residents contact me about their concerns which I am in the process of dealing with.
- The meetings so far have all been via Microsoft Teams, but KCC is moving back to face - to - face meetings gradually, in line with government guidance. However, it is likely that some non- statutory meetings will continue using MS Teams.
- I have been appointed Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Development, and I am in the process of finding out what this will involve.
- I have had a number of discussions with Kent Highways and I have sent out some guidance on Parish Highway Improvement Plans (HIPs). If Warehorne does not have one, then it would be a good idea to put one together, as it enables the Parish to chip away at many small highways requirements over time. The 30 mph speed limit and village entry gates are the kind of things that could be included in such a plan.
- I have sent out details of KCC Member Grants, which total £16000 for this year. If you let me know what you would like, then I will put it into the system, as I am anxious to spend the money, although I have to spread it around between all seven parishes.
- I have also sent out details of the Reconnect LCPG Grant Scheme, which is designed to support children and young people coming out of the COVID restrictions. Grants of between £1000 and £5000 are available, but the deadline for applications is 27th June. You should contact reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk for more information and to submit an application.
- If you don't already have one, Warehorne PC should also consider having a shopping list of things that you would like, just in case some monies become available. This might be S106 money, which is an ABC matter, but it could also be that some money from the government, for a specific purpose, is put on the table, which could be via ether ABC or KCC. Quite often this happens at short notice, with short deadlines, so having the list to hand obviously helps avoiding missing out.
- I will try and attend some PC Meetings, but for a short slot. If you need me to come and talk about a particular issue, then I will and if you need some KCC Officer advice, then I will try and arrange this as well, given sufficient notice.
- I can always be contacted by phone or email, if necessary, at any time.

D P J Robey

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