

Warehorne Parish Council
Minutes of Warehorne Annual Parish Meeting
on 15th April 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr L Small (Chairman), Cllr J Saunders, Cllr P Jones, Cllr M Keenan,
 Cllr R Henderson

Borough Cllrs: Cllr A Hicks

Members of Public: 8

Clerk: Ms A C Beach

PCSO

Minute No.		ACTION
655	Apologies & reasons for absence: None	
656	Chairman's Welcome The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed parishioners and introduced Councillors	
657	To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2018 The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.	
658	Matters Arising None raised	
659	<p>Reports</p> <p>Community Warden PCSO Luke Jones sent the attached report prior to the meeting. (Appendix 1)</p> <p>Unknown Donors Jane Bowhay presented the attached report (Appendix 2) and explained that the Unknown Donors fund currently provides bursaries of £25 to both 16- and 17-year olds and University students obtain £100 per annum. They also donated a £100 hardship payment to a local family. Carole McNaughton has resigned as clerk, and Pam Batt has offered to take on the role if the Parish Council approve of this, the Councillors' unanimously agreed and asked the Clerk to send a letter if thanks for the time and service she has given to the Village Hall, they will also contact the bank to apply for a third signatory.</p> <p>Village Hall Cllr Keenan gave an update on the last year of Village Hall activities as explained on the attached report. (Appendix 3). Jane Bowhay thanked the Parish Council for the continued support on behalf of the Village Hall committee</p>	

Ashford Borough Councillors'

Cllr Bradford forwarded the attached report prior to the meeting. (*Appendix 4*)

Cllr Hicks presented her report.

Ashford BC has had the Local Plan confirmed as sound by the Planning Inspectors and has now been sent to the Secretary of State for sign-off. In Warehorne the only area identified for development is opposite Viaduct Terrace, this development is likely to come to the Committee during the summer.

Warehorne has a very good community spirit which I do not see in the more urban areas.

I am officially on the Audit Committee and the Selection Constitution Board as well as the Planning Committee which I have served on since first being elected in 2007, I imagine everybody knows the function of the planning committee, basically to apply the National and Local Councils Planning policies to the applications presented. The committee usually determines on large and/or controversial applications, also any presented by the borough itself (such as council housing) and any called in by Council Members. The remaining applications are determined by delegation to the officers and the aim is to have 97% determined by delegation.

As well as these committees I also attend many other meetings – as well as parish councils whenever possible – such as Marsh Link, River Stour Internal Drainage Board, Ashford Water Group, Citizens Advice Bureau and Twinning Events.

Two of the most interesting meetings were: -

Kent Design Workshop

We discussed various designs in school buildings – examples were given from across the world from under palm umbrellas to high rise schools within flatted areas. Such information becomes useful when one considers that Chilmington Green will deliver four primary schools and Court Lodge another one.

Rivers Trust at Canterbury "2 seas Water" organised by Interreg.

Speakers were from the lowlands of northern Europe as well as our own KCC Officer who interestingly explained how rainwater is collected in Los Angeles so that they are self-sufficient and do not extract much from rivers. A lesson to be learned by all especially in the dry south east corner of England.

One topic which interests me is housing and I am the deputy Portfolio Holder for Housing. Recently the Government allowed councils to borrow more so we have been able to proceed with our housing building programme. Last month saw the completion of the Danemore sheltered housing scheme in Tenterden which involved a complete rebuild of the old home and the apartments there are of an extraordinary high standard, each with its own outside space and sprinkler systems throughout.

Cllr Hicks asked for a member of the Parish Council to stand up at the Planning Committee when the Warehorne Road project comes before it to reiterate the Parish Councils views.

	<p>Cllr Keenan asked if professional representatives from the teaching community were involved in the planning and design of new schools, Cllr Hicks confirmed that KCC were heavily involved from the early stages.</p> <p>Chairman's Report Cllr Small gave his report on the Parish Councils work over the past year, as detailed on the attached report. (Appendix 5)</p>	
660	<p>Open Forum Alison Thompson from English Rural Housing updated residents' and the Parish Council on the current project. The power cables have now been moved and work recommenced today. Twenty-four households have shown their interest and it is hoped that the properties will be completed by November and available to hand over shortly after. There has been some interest in the building plot and Clerk has contact details if anybody wishes further information. Aline asked for a member of the PC to stand up at the planning committee when Warehorne Road project comes before it.</p>	
661	<p>Chairman's Closing Remarks The chair thanked all those who had presented reports and the residents who had come along to this meeting and hoped people could stay for some refreshments.</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm

APPENDIX 1 – PCSO Report

Good Morning,

I am one of the Police Community Support Officers at Ashford Police station and I cover many wards across rural Ashford with my colleague PCSO Richards.

These include: Charing Heath, Little Chart, Smarden, Egerton, Pluckley, Bethersden, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Warehorne, Kenardington, Hamstreet, Shadoxhurst, Woodchurch, Stone, Appledore, Wittersham, Newenden, Rolvenden, Biddenden, High Halden.

I am going to be sending out monthly updates to key members of the community with a general overview of what I have been involved in that month. If you do not wish to continue receiving these emails please let me know.

I have been continuing to show presence in all areas both on foot where possible and in a police vehicle, engaging with the community, running OP Eyes' (school traffic management) and will be continuing to do so in the coming months as the feedback has been positive from the selected schools. I have also attended Homewood school surgery and engaged youths regarding behaviour issues, giving crime advice and also learning and supporting the individuals. This is a very good intervention system that Homewood run and one we strongly support.

As you may have seen on Meridian News a few weeks ago we have recently run Op Jump which is to educate children in schools and youths on knife crime. Throughout this operation we have educated 8000 students and it was proven very successful. This also included the Volunteer Police Cadets getting involved and reiterating the legislation on the sales of knives to shops in the town centre.

PCSO Richards has conducted bike marking in Wittersham which has proven a success with 16 bikes being marked within a couple of hours. This was a good opportunity to engage with the youngsters in the area and offer some safety and educational advice.

There is also been an increase in cycle and other than dwelling offences. Please see the below in order to Reduce the risk of crime.

Please ensure your bicycles are registered and pass this onto friends, family and colleagues.

<https://www.bikeregister.com/>

Most thefts occur when a thief comes across an opportunity. Here are some simple steps you can take to significantly reduce the risk of thieves targeting your home or your belongings.

At home

- Lock all windows and doors before you go out or go to bed, making sure you know where your keys are in case of an emergency.
- Fit security measures such as intruder alarms, door chains and locks.
- Avoid labelling house keys in case you lose them and they fall into the wrong hands.
- Don't leave keys (including car keys) or valuables on display near doors or windows.
- Make sure fences, hedges and gates are in good condition.
- Consider installing external security lights, but make sure they do not affect your neighbours.
- Avoid leaving side gates open and put away ladders, tools or garden equipment that could be stolen or used to break into your home.

- Keep garages and sheds locked and alarmed where possible.
- Store bins carefully so they cannot be used as climbing aids.
- Never hide spare house keys outside or in a shed.
- Dispose of packaging carefully - empty boxes left outside your home could advertise your valuables to thieves.

If you go away

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to give the impression that someone is home.
- Cancel regular deliveries, such as milk and newspapers.
- Make sure garden furniture is stored away and lock sheds and gates.
- Ask a relative or trusted neighbour to pop in and move any post from inside your door
- Arrange for the curtains to be opened and closed while you are away.
- Offer your neighbours the use of your driveway.

All incidents that have been reported to the Police can be found in full depth from crime statistics which are available by visiting www.police.uk .

I would like to remind all residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious online or via the Kent Police non-emergency number 101 or if you do witness a crime in progress then please do call 999 or report online at <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>

Another good tool is the Country Eye App, a free download built to help Kent residents receive and report information quickly and efficiently.

It allows users to record and share information on crime, suspicious behavior and damage in their home community or whilst out and about. The Country Eye team analyze the information and disseminate it as appropriate. This may include email, text or broadcast to other subscriber's smart phones.

The Country Eye app identifies 10 different Categories:

Farm Crime	Fly Tipping	Missing Persons	Kent Fire & Rescue	Theft
Animal and Wildlife Crime	Aviation	Heritage Crime	Maritime	Potholes

Sign up is simple; the system requires a contact number, email address and postcode. Personal preferences can be set to enable the location finder and the users chosen radius of information.

Recording information is intuitive; click the camera icon, take an image, fill in the type of crime, whether you have a crime number, and any other useful information. The location, time and date will be automatically recorded.

Abandoned vehicles can be reported to Ashford Borough Council (<https://www.ashford.gov.uk/the-environment/streets/abandoned-items/abandoned-vehicles/>) and a seven day order can be put on the vehicle

WAREHORNE UNKNOWN DONORS CHARITY

APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY FOR YEAR FROM APRIL 2018

INCOME

RENT	£1,600.00
M&G	£195.64
LLOYDS INT	£0.79
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,796.43</u>

EXPENDITURE

ANGELA HIRST	£210.00
ED GRANTS	£1,075.00
XMAS FUEL	£40.00
NFU INS	£222.04
HARDSHIP PAY	£100.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,647.04</u>

LLOYDS BUSINESS ACC	
INTEREST	£0.79

BALANCE APRIL 2018	£1,534.19
BALANCE APRIL 2019	£1,534.98

LLOYDS CURRENT ACCOUNT

BALANCE APRIL 2018	£3,651.94
BALANCE APRIL 2019	£3,800.54

A CONTACTED CASE OF HARDSHIP
VOUCHERS TO THE VALUE OF £100 WAS GIVEN TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILYS
CHILDRENS NEEDS

WAREHORNE UNKNOWN DONORS CHARITY
ACCOUNTS TO APRIL 2019

BANK ACCOUNT - LLOYDS CURRENT ACC

DATE		CREDIT	DEBIT	BALANCE
28/02/2018				£3,651.94
26/04/2018	RENT	£815.00		£4,466.94
03/05/2018	RENT	£785.00		£5,251.94
31/05/2018	M&G	£48.91		£5,300.85
26/06/2018	NFU INS		£222.04	£5,078.81
31/08/2018	M&G	£48.91		£5,127.72
06/09/2018	SCHOOL VOUCHERS		£375.00	£4,752.72

	ANGELA HIRST		
10/09/2018	RENT REVIEW	£210.00	£4,542.72
12/09/2018	EMMA JEFREES	£100.00	£4,442.72
17/09/2018	JAMES SYRETT	£100.00	£4,342.72
27/09/2018	GRACE KEENAN	£100.00	£4,242.72
28/09/2018	BEATRICE KEENAN	£100.00	£4,142.72
28/09/2018	JORDAN HICKS	£100.00	£4,042.72
	WILLIAM BARDEN		
31/11/2018	FOR XMAS GIFTS	£40.00	£4,002.72
11/12/2018	DANIEL MEIER	£100.00	£3,902.72
13/12/2018	LOUISE TELFORD	£100.00	£3,802.72
14/12/2018	M&G	£48.91	£3,851.63
28/02/2019	M&G	£48.91	£3,900.54
20/03/2019	HARDSHIP	£100.00	£3,800.54

Warehorne Village Hall Annual Report to the Parish Council

April 2019

The approach to fundraising this year has taken a lighter touch as the financial position of the Village Hall has strengthened and it was felt appropriate to give the Committee some breathing time to avoid fund-raising fatigue. However, the following events have been organised to continue fostering a healthy community spirit.

Westend Comes to Warehorne was performed in St Matthew's Church in May 2018 and raised over £750 for Village Hall funds as well as making sizeable donations to two other worthwhile charities.

In July 2018 the Warefest music festival event was held and proved successful despite competing against a number of other local events and the football World Cup competition. To avoid volunteer fatigue external caterers were employed which impacted the profits made but allowed more volunteers to enjoy the event. In future, to avoid taking advantage of the goodwill of the bands, who perform for free, this event will be held biannually.

In September 2018 a village Safari Supper was deemed a huge success with over 40 residents of Warehorne coming together to eat and enjoy each other's company.

In February 2019 the annual quiz night was held and in March a new venture was undertaken with the Pantaloons theatre group performing their version of 'The Odyssey'. This was deemed very successful and feedback from attendees has been very positive.

The monthly Sunday Brunch continues to be well attended and, although there has been a slight reduction in income from hall usage it is still well used at present with the junior Jump sessions, Jump choir, yoga sessions, and art classes amongst other events.

In terms of improvements the hall frontage has been modified to provide increased off-road parking; a new path has been laid to the side of the hall and a hard standing laid at the rear. In addition new units have been fitted in the 'Committee / Storage room adjacent to the kitchen. Work will be undertaken shortly to improve the entry handrails.

This year, in collaboration with the Parish Council, we purchased a projector and sound system to host film / sport / entertainment evenings as well as means of displaying data for the Council. We are currently looking at purchasing a large screen for films etc.

As usual none of these achievements would be possible without the hard work of the many volunteers who give their time and energy to make things happen. We would like to publically express our thanks to all those and to the whole community for their continued support.

At the end of our financial year (31 October 2018) we had reserves of £28000

Alun Jones
Secretary (Retired)

APPENDIX 3

Cllr Brad Bradford Annual Report to the Parish Councils-Appendix 4

I thought I would like to combine this year's report with a general thank you and goodbye. For those of you who are not aware I have stood down from Weald South Ward and are standing instead for Stanhope Ward in Ashford. Stanhope Ward suffers from the poorest health and the highest crime rate in the Borough and I want to offer the skills and experience I have gained over the past four years to try and make a real difference there.

If I'm not elected then Mrs B has about one thousand jobs lined up which I haven't had time to do in the past four years. I shall also increase the work I do at my smallholding with young people in the Borough who have fallen or are falling out of the education system. That work I find especially rewarding.

The past year as a Councillor has been my busiest yet, mostly in my Cabinet role however and not especially so as a Ward member. I have continued to champion Community Safety and Health and Wellbeing as well as the not so glamorous transport, licensing, environmental health and parking. I've also served on a plethora of Boards and Committees the most contentious being the Planning Committee.

I have in the past year supported development in both Shadoxhurst and Woodchurch which has made me deeply unpopular with some residents. I am genuinely sorry that people are upset but I stand firmly behind the decisions I made. As a member of the Planning Committee over the past four years I have supported the building of many thousands of new homes across the entire Borough but I've supported only 10 in Woodchurch and 23 in Shadoxhurst. All of these homes will be built at very low density and between them offer 13 homes at affordable rates.

I am delighted that Woodchurch have opted to join the Community Transport Scheme. Together with the One You shop in Ashford; the Community Transport Scheme is one of the projects I am most proud of. I genuinely hope that as the scheme is adopted by more Parish Councils that Shadoxhurst and Hamstreet will also join and achieve the same benefits which Rolvenden continue to enjoy.

I'd like to offer my recommendation for Charles; the Conservative Candidate who is effectively standing in my place. He is a genuinely nice and very able chap and will, if elected, be a strong and very credible Councillor for Weald South, especially in the Council Chamber.

Whether I'm elected for another term or not, please don't hesitate to call me if ever I can be of help or assistance. I was a willing, helpful and contributing member of my community before I was elected and will continue to be so in the future.

Finally; I remain genuinely grateful to you all for the opportunity I was given in 2015 to serve this community as Borough Councillor. I have worked my hardest, learned tons and thoroughly enjoyed my term and feel very proud to have represented for four years, Weald South and Ashford Borough.

Warehorne APM - Chairman's Report - April 2019 Appendix 5

Warehorne Parish Council has experienced a slightly quieter year than last year. Over the past twelve months we have held 12 meetings and seen 27 planning applications.

With help from our Kent County Councillor, borough Councillors and Kent Highways we have had additional road signage and markings installed at the crossroads to help with speed reduction.

Over the past year we have been supported by our two Borough Councillors, Aileen Hicks & Gareth Bradford. I would like to thank them for their valuable contributions to our meetings. Councillors continue to attend KALC meetings when possible in Ashford reporting back any interesting topics affecting our parish.

27 Planning Applications have been considered and commented upon during the course of the year. One of the more controversial applications is for 70 houses to be built on the boundary of Warehorne and Hamstreet. Along with Orlestone Parish, Warehorne has not supported this application due to numerous reasons all of which are identified on the planning application online. This application is due to be presented at the Ashford Borough Planning Committee within the next few months.

I am pleased to report that our relationship with Orlestone Parish Council continues to grow and strengthen. It is more important than ever as more and more large housing developments are submitted that we stand together and support each other.

You will have noticed that our English Rural development on Church Road is still in progress. It has taken seven years to get to this point. Work has again recommenced now that the power lines have been moved.

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

Malthouse Lane continues to find itself regularly on our agenda. Enforcement proceedings have progressed slowly and the Council now have a trial date set.

In addition to the notice board we have a website (warehorne.com) and Facebook page to make information available to all parishioners.

I would also like to thank our Clerk Annette for doing a fabulous job, for her quick responses and for her willingness to investigate the many areas of council work that we do not yet have the answers for. 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. This thanks especially extends to Maggie Keenan who after over 10 years on the Council has decided not to stand again.

Lee Small

Chairperson Warehorne Parish Council