

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 16th November 2023 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (chair), Cllr Bob Kerr (BK) Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN), Cllr Kerry Raworth (KR), Cllr Stuart Richards (SR) and Cllr Mike Ryan (MR).

Others: Rebecca Burdick (Clerk) (RB)

Members of the public: None.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Nicola Gildersleve (NG)

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda (including non-pecuniary).

None.

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests.

None.

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

None.

3. To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public

None.

4. To approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 3rd August - approved and then signed by PG

b) Thursday 23rd October - approved and then signed by PG

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received between 23rd October - 16th November 2023

Application: 3/23/2081/LBC

Proposal: Conversion of Barn at Swades Farm to form a residential dwelling, demolition of an existing outbuild and erection of new garaging

At: The Grange Swades Farm Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7QG

WPC comments: No comment

Application: 3/23/2077/FUL

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WPC comments: No comment

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC
None received.

6. To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

County Cllr report received - see appendix item A. No District Cllr report received.

7. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

No updates.

ii. Playground maintenance

RB updated the Council that through investigations for playground maintenance companies she found Broadmead Leisure. Hertford Heath PC use this company and RB contacted the Clerk to ask about the company. The Clerk and Council highly recommended the company - the Council use them for maintenance jobs and also bi-monthly checks of their playground. To note: The EN1176 playground equipment standard recommends annual and quarterly checks and those inspecting need to be RPII accredited. Also visual checks weekly/fortnightly or monthly by the Parish Council. Currently the playground is checked by David Bracey annually and visual checks are undertaken by the PC. Both David Bracey and Paul at Broadmead Leisure are RPII accredited for the checks they undertake.

RB contacted Broadmead Leisure and spoke to the owner Paul, he said he would happily visit the playground to provide a quote to fix the basket swing and also send prices for quarterly and bi-monthly playground checks. RB provided these quotes to the Council, however the bi-monthly quote was not provided (RB has sent email asking for it). The PC discussed the quotes and were reassured that Hertford Heath recommended the company and that the company is used by many local councils. It was unanimously agreed to instruct Broadmead Leisure to fix the basket swing - RB to action. The Council agreed checks by a company that has the relevant accreditation would be very beneficial. A decision to be made at the January meeting once RB has the bi-monthly quote.

RB also updated that the annual playground inspection would be undertaken by David Bracey at the end of the month.

8. Finance

a) To approve signing of orders for payment online via BACS

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (October)	£274.28

b) To discuss budget and precept for FY 2024/25

RB presented the budget to the Council. It was acknowledged that due to an increase in projected expenditure in the next financial year the precept would need to be increased more than in previous years. RB asked the PC to look over the budget and let her know if it required any changes. At the January meeting the precept would be agreed for FY 2024/25.

9. Urgent matters not included on this agenda (for full discussion on the next agenda)

BK gave RB a document with outstanding queries from Kay Kerr on behalf of the Wareside Village Hall committee

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Next meeting 18th Jan 2024 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman