

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Annual Council Meeting
Thursday 25th May 2023 held in the Village Hall at approximately 8.00pm
Following the Annual Parish meeting at Wareside Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (chair), Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN) and Cllr Mike Ryan (MR).

Others: Rebecca Burdick (Clerk) (RB)

Members of the public: None.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 8.00pm.

1. Election of Chairman

MR and KN thanked PG for being the Chairman for the last year. PG said that he would be happy to be Chairman for the next year unless KN or MR wanted to take over? KN and MR were happy for PG to continue, It was unanimously resolved that PG be Chairman for the next year. PG signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. To consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

It was unanimously resolved not to appoint a Vice-Chairman.

3. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Stuart Richards (SR)

4. 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.

5. To consider co-opting to fill any vacancies due to insufficient candidates standing for election

Stuart Richards, a former Councillor on Wareside Parish Council wishes to be considered for co-option (as detailed in April meeting minutes). It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Stuart Richards onto Wareside Parish Council as a Ware Urban Councillor. Stuart was unable to attend the meeting and so will sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the start of the next meeting and be given a new DPI form.

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

None.

7. To approve and sign meeting minutes

- a) Thursday April 20th minutes were signed by PG

8. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received between 20th April - 25th May 2023

Application: 3/23/0611/ARPN

Proposal: Change of use of three agricultural buildings to provide 4 dwellinghouses

At: Appletons Farm Babbs Green Wareside Ware Hertfordshire

WPC comments: Comments made

Application: 3/23/0556/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of side and rear extensions. Erection of a single storey rear extension and creation of 1, three bedroomed dwelling with associated access and landscaping

At: 2 Abbottsfield Cottages Fanhams Hall Road Wareside Ware Hertfordshire

WPC comments: Comments made

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC

Application: 3/23/0119/FUL

Proposal: Proposed part change of use of existing barn to holiday let, including the installation of doorway, windows and two rooflights and existing stable to be used in conjunction with the holiday let

At: Bourne Farm (North Of Bourne Villa) Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7SH

EHDC decision: REFUSED

9. To receive reports from County and District Councillor

No reports received. RB had emailed the new East Herts District Councillor David Andrews but received no reply.

10. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

RB awaiting dates from E-Scapes. It was agreed that March and April invoices would be paid but wait for a meeting to pay the May invoice. Pathways at LOH seem to be being cut bimonthly but are being charged monthly - this needs to be queried with Chris at meeting.

ii Playground maintenance

MR and PG have fixed the service gate - RB and KN thanked them for doing this. They will be looking at the main gate next - MR to buy a replacement latch.

11. To receive update on repositioning of defibrillator electrics

After the last meeting a member of the Village Hall Committee came over to the hall. He showed Councillors the electrical box and it was agreed that it should be moved higher up so as not to be in the way of the stacking and unstacking of chairs. MR apologised for not having spoken to Community Heartbeat Trust yet, he will do it before the next meeting.

12. To receive update on maintenance of street lighting

RB updated the Councillors that the street lights that WPC are responsible for are in need of significant maintenance. She discovered this having enquired about upgrading the lighting to LED's and also changing the streetlight opposite the church as it is currently not working but in its current location maintenance contractors are unable to get to it. Ringway (the maintenance contractors employed by HCC) undertook a survey of the lights and sent a report to RB. The maintenance work required and upgrading the lighting to LEDs will cost £22, 086 including VAT. This is of course way out of the PC's budget and Councillors expressed their concerns, especially as each of the lights are incredibly important from a

pedestrian and vehicle perspective. It is unclear why the PC is responsible for this select number of lights in the village. PG to investigate and continue discussions RB had started with Cllr Buckmaster.

13. Finance

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

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

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

None.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm

Next meeting 15th June 2023 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman