

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 24th October 2024 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Nicola Gildersleve (NG), Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (Chair), Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN), and Cllr Mike Ryan (MR).

Others: Rebecca Burdick (Clerk) (RB)

Members of the public: One member of the public was in attendance.

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

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

, Cllr Bob Kerr (BK), Cllr Kerry Raworth (KR), Cllr Stuart Richards (SR).

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

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

MR - agenda item 10 - due to living in close proximity to the ACV being discussed. MR - agenda item 11 - due to him being on the Allotment Committee.

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

NG raised concerns residents in Bakers End have with regards to the drain in the road and the consequent flooding of the road. NG explained that residents have reported it to EHDC with no luck and they wondered if the PC could report the issue as well? NG to send pictures to RB and RB to report.

4. To approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 19th September 2024 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG.

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received by EHDC received between 19th September 2024 - 24th October 2024

Application: 3/23/1629/FUL

Proposal: Creation of agricultural access track incorporating a protective buffer zone.

At: Agricultural Track On Land At Newgate Hunsdon Hertfordshire

WPC comments: None made.

Application: 3/24/1584/LBC

Proposal: Single storey side extension, rear patio and pond

At: Wareside Lodge Ware Road Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RB

WPC comments: None made.

Application: 3/24/1583/HH

Proposal: Single storey side extension, rear patio and pond
At: Wareside Lodge Ware Road Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RB
WPC comments: None made.

Application: 3/24/1276/FUL (Re-consultation)

Proposal: Erection of 3 detached dwellings with new vehicular access road, gates, landscaping and associated works

At: Land Adj. Great Cozens Fanhams Hall Road Ware

WPC comments: None made.

Application: 3/24/1276/FUL

Proposal: Erection of three two-storey, four bedroom detached dwellings with new vehicular access way, internal access road and landscaping.

At: Great Cozens Fanhams Hall Road Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7PU

WPC comments: None made.

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC received between 25th July 2024 - 19th September 2024.

Application: 3/24/0349/FUL

Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing buildings to form a 2 bedroom detached dwelling, landscaping and re-routing of access road within the site.

At: Bakers End Nursery Wareside Hertfordshire

EHDC decision: **Granted**

Application: 3/24/1007/HH

Proposal: Erection of detached cart lodge

At: Wareside Lodge Ware Road Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RB

EHDC decision: **Granted**

Application: 3/24/1008/LBC

Proposal: Erection of detached cart lodge

At: Wareside Lodge Ware Road Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RB

EHDC decision: **Granted**

6. To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

County Cllr Eric Buckmaster emailed his monthly report - please see appendix for full report. No District Cllr report received.

7. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

PG updated that Nicolas Buxton has confirmed he will be able to offer the services of the required machinery and operator to cut the open spaces at LOH next month, he is just waiting for the ground to firm up after the rain we have had recently.

ii. Playground maintenance

KN circulated via email earlier in the month that the playground had suffered further vandalism. The goal posts have been damaged along with a section of the fence. A villager has made some temporary repairs to the fence so it is still functioning, which the PC are very grateful for. MR noted that where the goal posts have been damaged there remained some metal that needs to be cut off, which he may be able to do. RB and PG to visit and see if it can be fixed by the PC or if it needs professional repair.

b) Larkshill

RB has sent a doodle poll via email with dates for a “tidy-up” at Larkshill - a reminder to those who haven’t to complete the form.

8. To discuss the next stage of the telephone box project

KN confirmed she has given the parishioner and his workman a suitable present and card to thank them for their work refurbishing the telephone box. Having spoken to Community Heartbeat, RB confirmed that the next stage of the refurbishment is to check that there is an electricity supply to the box still, as this will determine which defibrillator needs to be purchased. PG has been to the box and checked with a voltage checker and it shows that there is a live supply of electricity. As there is a live supply but the light is not working RB to look for an electrician to investigate and fix the issue.

9. To discuss preliminary work undertaken on communication within the village

Unfortunately BK was not present at the meeting to give an update on work to date. The PC still wish to progress with the Winter newsletter, for the noticeboards and online use. It was agreed this will be a simple template with an update from the PC, Wareside Entertainers, Allotment society, The Rector, The Village Hall and The Chequers Pub - should they wish to contribute. This will be for publication in early December. RB to contact those noted above and also update BK.

10. To discuss the ACV on Wareside CofE School, Sports and Playing Field.

The PC has informed EHDC that they would like to make a bid to purchase the ACV and consequently the period of six months has been started within which the PC can place its bid. PG however explained to the PC that it is still unclear how much the ACV will be placed on the market for. The Diocese, through EHDC, have offered to discuss with PG and SR, which they have accepted, a date has yet to be confirmed by EHDC. PG to email his contact from the Diocese to try and get a date organised.

11. To discuss a change in rules regarding bonfires at the allotments

On behalf of the Allotment Committee, MR presented the proposed new rule, which would allow bonfires with limitations and restrictions. Please see Appendix item B for the new rule. The PC agreed they were happy with the new rule especially due to the restrictions of only one attended communal bonfire a month held within a designated area in an incinerator. PG and MR agreed that this rule could be revoked by the PC at any time. It was unanimously agreed that the Allotment Committee could add the additional rule.

12. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (September)	£274.28
E-Scapes Landscapes	Grounds maintenance (September)	£456.00

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Next meeting 28th November 2024 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman

Appendix

Item B

Proposed wording of Rule 4.4 of Schedule A Tenancy Agreement

1. *Individual plot holders are not permitted to have bonfires on their plot.*
2. *A communal bonfire may be held once a month between October 1st and March 31st*
3. *The bonfire will be held in a designated communal area away from trees, sheds and other structures.*
4. *The bonfire will be attended at all times and must be contained in an appropriate incinerator.*
5. *The bonfire is for the sole purpose of burning waste resulting from normal allotment activities. No domestic waste is to be burned.*
6. *The bonfire will be fully extinguished using water.*