

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 28th March 2024 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (chair), Cllr Bob Kerr (BK), 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), Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN), Cllr Kerry Raworth (KR) and 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).

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 15th February 2024 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received between 15th February - 28th March 2024.

Application: 3/24/0349/FUL

Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing buildings to form a 3 bedroom detached dwelling, landscaping and re-routing of access road within the site.

At: Bakers End Nursery Wareside Hertfordshire

WPC comments: No comment

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC

Application: 3/23/2450/HH

Proposal: Removal of side garage. Construction of an additional storey to create first floor level with a first floor front facing juliet balcony, front and rear first floor windows and rooflight windows, single storey rear and side extensions, and alterations to external materials and fenestration

At: The Bungalow Bakers End Nursery Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7SH

EHDC decision: GRANTED

c) Other

Planning Appeal: Morley Hall Wareside Ware Hertfordshire

LPA Appeal Reference: 23/00090/REFUSE

The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- Subdivision of house to create 2 flats (whilst retaining the remainder of the property). Replace the garage door with windows and a door. Creation of new private gardens for the 2 properties and off-street car parking spaces.

6. To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

No County Cllr report received. No District Cllr report received.

7. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

E-Scapes Landscapes has undertaken winter cutback and has commenced normal work for this year (path cutting, playground and football pitch grass cutting etc). PG and RB to check monthly the areas to ensure work is being done correctly.

ii. Playground maintenance

RB shared with the Council the first bi-monthly report undertaken by Broadmead Leisure in February. The Council unanimously agreed that recommended work to the "Gate", "Toddler Activity" and "Springer" be completed by Broadmead Leisure. RB to action. RB to also discuss with Broadmead Leisure the areas of ground erosion in the playground and by the football goals and the best and most cost effective way to rectify.

PG updated the PC that unfortunately Nicolas Buxton has contacted him to say that he is now unable to mow the central section of the Heath as the machine operator is unwell. PG to ask if this could be undertaken in the Autumn instead.

b) Larkshill

A tidy up of Larkshill was undertaken on two days by KR, MG, PG, BK and SR. The work achieved and subsequent results are brilliant - RB thanked all involved. With regards to the fruit tree health, monitoring of the trees during the Spring will enable the dead branches to be removed in the Winter..

8. To discuss noticeboard options

BK updated the Council that the Village Hall would like to share usage of the noticeboard with the PC and therefore contribute to the cost. This was on the presumption that the hall would have use of half of the noticeboard and also have a key for that half. Also the VH wanted confirmation of the placement of the noticeboard. The PC agreed with the above points, RB noted that the VH half would be titled "Community Notices" and that she needed to check what locks would be fitted on both sides with the company. It had been suggested that the noticeboard would be placed on the grass area outside Larkshill, exact location to be determined once the board had arrived. Villager Clive Smith was suggested as someone who could install the noticeboard.

9. To discuss renewal of insurance

It was unanimously resolved to continue insuring with Zurich - with this year's premium costing £528.25.

10. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (February)	£274.28
Broadmead Leisure	Bi-Monthly Inspection	£78.00
E-Scapes Landscapes	Winter tidy-up	£264
E-Scapes Landscapes	LOH Maintenance (March)	£288
Rebecca Burdick	Playground sign and Padlock reimbursement	£54.50
Zurich	Yearly Insurance premium	£528.25

b) It was unanimously agreed to use Stephen Vine of Accountancy & Book-Keeping Services for the internal audit of this year's financials required for the AGAR.

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Next meeting 18th April 2024 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman