

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 20th April 2023 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Others: Rebecca Burdick (Clerk) (RB) and Benjamin Wood representing EHDC

Members of the public: Three members of the public were in attendance

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

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Jane Moseley (JM) and Cllr Shusanah Pillinger (SP)

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

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

PG agenda item 5 specifically planning application 3/23/0611/ARPN due to the close proximity of the site to his house,

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

The parishioner (P1) who set up the ACV on the White Horse pub and two members of the public (MP2&3) who had recently had an offer accepted to purchase the White Horse pub were in attendance at the meeting. MP2&3 introduced themselves to the PC and explained their plan to purchase the White Horse pub and reopen it as a village pub. The PC were very pleased to hear this. P1 wanted to update the PC of his concerns that the ACV procedure had not been followed as he has not been notified yet that the White Horse pub is for sale. BM explained that EHDC believes the procedure has been complied with. The ACV was applied from the day it was issued and as the property was already on the market at that point in time EHDC took that as indication it is for sale. PG - it is up to MP2&3's solicitors to determine if the AVC process has been met. BM - EHDC will be sending a letter to the solicitors outlining that the process has been complied with. BM - given the outcome that everyone wants is for the White Horse pub to be sold and run as a pub he suggested that P1 and the other names on the ACV also send a letter to the solicitors confirming that they are happy for the sale to go ahead. P1 agreed this would be a good idea but concerned that should the sale not go ahead the pub would be left without an ACV, BM - there would be a 12 month period where there would be no ACV and then it could be reapplied for.

4. To approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 16th February meeting minutes 2023 signed by PG

b) Thursday 16th March meeting minutes 2023 signed by PG

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received between 16th March - 20th April 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

7. To receive reports from County and District Councillor

Cllr Eric Buckmaster shared his report via email, see appendix for full report.

8. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

JM has been unwell and been unable to provide an updated report after speaking with E-Scapes Landscapes. RB suggested that as JM is stepping down at the coming elections, MR, PG and KN as remaining Councillors meet Chris at LOH in May to discuss the plan for the rest of the year, all councillors were in agreement. RB to contact Chris to get some dates. RB to send invoices to KN to check they are inline with work undertaken.

ii. Rubbish - Kingham Road

RB noted that she still has not heard back from Anne Ardeley from First Garden City Homes for an update with regards to timings for rubbish removal and fence replacement. RB to chase and copy in Anne's manager David Bonner.

iii Playground maintenance

MR and PG agreed on a date to look at fixing both gates into the playground.

11. To receive update on Parish Council election

Due to the recent electoral boundary changes at a district level Wareside Parish has been split into two wards, Ware Rural and Ware Urban. Wareside Parish Council is allocated three Ware Rural Parish Councillors and four Ware Urban Parish Councillors. RB updated Councillors that three applications were made for Ware Rural PC seats and zero applications were made for Ware Urban seats. Consequently there was an uncontested election and each applicant was elected as a Parish Councillor. SR did not submit his application to be a Ware Rural Parish Councillor so as not to provoke an election - as recommended by EHDC. He wishes to be considered for co-option at the May PC meeting.

9. To discuss the Village Hall Committee’s requested changes to defibrillator installation

The PC received an email from Wareside Village Hall committee asking if the internal electrical box of the defibrillator could be moved as it is in a difficult position now they store chairs around it. They also mentioned that the electrics keep tripping in the hall and asked if it could be checked whether the defibrillator is causing this. MR explained that the defibrillator cabinet uses such low voltage that it will not be the cabinet that is causing the problems with the electrics. He will contact Community Heartbeat to enquire about moving the electrical box and update the committee accordingly.

10. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (March)	£274.28
HCC	Street Lighting and Maintenance	£757.90
E-scapes Landscapes	Grounds maintenance March	£372.00
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HAPTC	Annual subscription	£384.18
TP Jones and Co	Payroll (Jan-March)	£63.40

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

None.

Meeting finished at 9.00pm

Next meeting 18th May 2023 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman