

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th January 2024 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Nicola Gildersleve (NG), 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

None.

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) November 16th November 2023 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG

5. Planning

- a) To consider planning applications received between 16th November 2023 - 18th January 2024.

Application: 3/23/2451/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of buildings. Change of use of land and the erection of 1, 3 bedroomed dwelling with associated parking and landscaping

At: Land Adj Bourne Villa Bakers End Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7SH

WPC comments: No comment

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

WPC comments: No comment

Application: 3/23/2469/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two affordable (shared ownership), 3-bed dwellings, containing air source heat pumps and solar panels, with associated parking and landscaping

At: Land Adj. To 12 Hillside Cottages Ware Road Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RA

WPC comments: Comments made.

Planning Appeal: The Grange Swades Farm Wareside Hertfordshire LPA Appeal

Reference: 23/00109/REFUSE

The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- **Conversion of Barn at Swades Farm to form a residential dwelling, demolition of an existing outbuild and erection of new garaging**

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC

Application: 3/23/1872/FUL

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of barns to 3 residential dwellings including the creation of new window and door openings, erection of ancillary cart lodge structures, solar array and air source heat pumps, following demolition of other farm buildings and structures.

At: Mardocks Farm Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7QN

EHDC decision: GRANTED

Application: 3/23/1873/LBC

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of barns to 3 residential dwellings including the creation of new window and door openings, erection of ancillary cart lodge structures, solar array and air source heat pumps, following demolition of other farm buildings and structures.

At: Mardocks Farm Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7QN

EHDC decision: GRANTED

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 the basket swing had been fixed by Broadmead Leisure. RB presented the quote from Broadmead Leisure for both quarterly and bi-monthly checks on the playground. It was unanimously agreed to instruct Broadmead Leisure to carry out bi-monthly checks on the playground, RB to action.

RB updated the Council that Davis Bracey had undertaken the annual inspection of the playground - RB to share the report.

b) Larkshill

It had been suggested by KR that Larkshill may require a tidy-up before spring to help open up areas around the apple trees in particular. RB suggested sending around possible weekend dates at the end of February to see availability. Everyone agreed this was a good idea - RB to action.

c) Ware Charities

KN attended her first meeting in December representing the PC. She reported that it was a very interesting meeting and that the Charity has a lot going on! She shared her report from the meeting via email which included a report from Citizens Advice detailing the breakdown of support to residents in Thundridge, Ware and Wareside 2022-23. Other points to note are that the HSBC building is still yet to be sold. There is a buyer but some issues have arisen preventing the sale. The Charity has been given to Ware Food Bank to secure their premises at the priory for the next 5 years

d) Street Lighting

PG and RB are still working on this item, they believe they have a way forward but it is an issue that will take time to solve.

11. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (November)	£274.28
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TP Jones and Co	Payroll	£63.40
Wareside Village Hall	Meeting room hire	£155
Broadmead Leisure	Playground - basket swing repair	£114.00
David Bracey	Playground inspection	£192.00

b) To finalise budget for FY 2024/25

RB presented the FY2024/25 and noted she had added in the bi-monthly playground checks by Broadmead Leisure as agreed early in the meeting. The PC agreed the budget was accurate.

c) PG noted that the PC projected expenditure for FY 2023/24 was inline with what was budgeted. Due to the increase in running costs and the need to fix an importantly placed street light the budget for FY 2024/25 has increased by almost £3000. It is also hoped that the red telephone box can be given some much needed tlc - £500 has been budgeted for this. In order to fund these much needed projects the Council acknowledged that the precept would need to be increased significantly compared to previous years - however the increase can be justified. MR proposed an increase of 25% taking the PC precept to

£12,996 - this would create a deficit of just under £500. Which could be covered by Council reserves. It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 25%.

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Next meeting 15th February 2024 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman