

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 19th September 2024 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (Chair), Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN), Cllr Kerry Raworth (KR) 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 Nicola Gildersleve (NG), Cllr Bob Kerr (BK), 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.

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 in attendance raised concerns with the speed of traffic through the village. They believed that due to a change in power at EHDC that there was new funding to support traffic calming measures. The parishioner also raised concerns regarding rubbish bags being left by the public bin at the village hall and requested that this be monitored to prevent it being a regular occurrence. Finally the villager stated they would be happy to help clear overgrowth in Larks Hill and to share dates this would be taking place.

4. To approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 24th July 2024 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG.

b) Tuesday 19th August 2024 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG.

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received by EHDC received between 25th July 2024 - 19th September 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 is in discussion with Nicolas Buxton regarding an Autumn cut of the open spaces at LH, this was due to be done in Spring however was postponed due to ill health of the machine operator.

ii. Playground maintenance

Broadmead Leisure completed the bi-monthly inspection in August -there are no new defects that require action.

b) Larkshill

KR asked the PC if dates should be discussed with regards to continuing the cut back of overgrowth in Larkshill now it is Autumn. Everyone agreed, RB to send a doodle poll via email.

c) Ware Charities

KN is now the representative for "Social Prescribers". The charity would specifically like more grant applications from Thundridge and Wareside - KR enquired if they have any advertising material we could display in Wareside? KN to ask. The question was raised from the PC if the PC could apply for a grant towards the new defibrillator, KN to enquire.

8. To receive update on telephone box refurbishment

The villager detailed at the last meeting has organised for two of his employees to undertake the external refurbishment of the telephone box. This has now been completed. The PC is extremely grateful for the hard work of the workman and the generosity of the villager for funding the work. KN to organise suitable gifts for those involved from the PC.

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

BK not present at the meeting to give an update on work to date.. KR wondered if it would be worth creating a newsletter for the noticeboards and online use. This would be a simple template with an update from the PC and other village groups e.g. Wareside Entertainers, Allotment society. It was agreed that this would be a good idea to get the newsletter started. Plans to be confirmed when BK is present.

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

SR, as the representative for the PC, has been notified by EHDC of St Albans Diocesan intent to sell the site. This therefore triggers the 6-week moratorium period, starting from 21st August 2024 until 2nd October 2024. During this initial 6-week moratorium period the PC must inform the EHDC in writing if they would like to make a bid to purchase this ACV. If no such intention to bid is received within the six weeks then the owner is free to sell off the asset as they see fit. If EHDC receives notification of a potential bid, then the PC will have a period of six months within which to place its bid. The PC agreed they would like time to explore the potential of making a bid and consequently the PC unanimously resolved to inform EHDC that they would like to make a bid to purchase the ACV.

11. To discuss implementing a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Herts Connected

OWL has now been replaced with Herts Connected, a free interactive messaging service from Herts Constabulary. It is a challenge for Herts Connected to reach many of the East Herts rural areas due to the vast area of 184 square miles and the rural hamlets and villages being so remote. It has therefore been proposed by the local PCSO that each Parish has a Single Point Of Contact (SPOC) who will be able to share each Herts Connected message sent out to their community residents with the social media community groups within their parish community. The process will also enable sharing of East Herts police generated messages to social media groups to invite residents to join Herts Connected and therefore increase the number of members throughout East Herts Rural communities.

RB suggested that she take on the role of SPOC - the PC email account can be used for emails to be sent to from Herts Police letting her know what has been posted and RB can then request this get posted on the Wareside community Facebook group. It was unanimously resolved that RB be the parish council SPOC.

12. To discuss improving the safety of the S-bends in Widford

A villager at the August extraordinary meeting asked if anything could be done regarding improving the safety of the s-bend in Widford and it has therefore been added at this meeting for discussion. The PC agreed that this was an important discussion to be had as there are frequently serious accidents here. RB suggested that as the s-bend is in Widford that it would be useful to discuss if Widford PC are doing anything which Wareside PC could support. All councillors agreed, RB to email Widford PC clerk

13. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (August)	£274.28
E-Scapes Landscapes	Grounds maintenance (July)	£372.00
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Paul Goodman	Reimbursement for telephone box materials	£53.76
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support cost	£135.00
TP Jones and Co	Payroll (July - September)	£63.40
Rebecca Burdick	Wix website plan reimbursement	£230.40

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

None.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm

Next meeting 24 October 2024 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman