

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 24th October 2023 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) and John Davies (Chair - Ware Charities)

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) Thursday 3rd August - carried over to November meeting to allow Councillors more time to read.

5. To receive an introduction and update from the Chair of Ware Charities

WPC has a seat on the trustee board of the charity, KN is due to fill this seat from the next meeting in December. John wished to introduce himself to the PC, as the new Chair and briefly introduce the charity to those who weren't familiar with it.

Ware Charities, is a long established charity which awards grants to disadvantaged individuals/families who are permanently housed or have a secure offer of housing in the parishes of Ware, Thundridge and Wareside. Grant applications must be made by a practitioner (e.g. a support worker, social worker, case officer, senior support worker, health visitor, senior teacher or lecturer, minister of religion, local councillor etc) who knows the applicant and is qualified to assess their needs. The charity has a large reserve of funds (particularly because it has recently sold the Almshouses in Ware and is in the process of selling the old HSBC building) consequently, the trustees are working to increase the profile of the charity and in doing so increase the grant applications. The charity is in the process of updating how it engages with the community and best supports those in need. As part of

this process they have recently outsourced the administration of giving grants to Hertfordshire Community Foundation.

6. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received between 3rd August - 23rd October 2023

Application: 3/23/1629/FUL

Proposal: Creation of 6304.7sqm of agricultural access track.

At: Agricultural Track On Land At Newgate Hunsdon Hertfordshire SG12 8PU

WPC comments: No comment

Application 3/23/1649/LBC

Proposal: Removal of render and application of traditional lime render, insulation and silicate paint.

At: Tavern Cottage Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7QT

WPC comments: No comment

Application 3/23/1649/LBC

Proposal: Removal of render and application of traditional lime render, insulation and silicate paint.

At: Tavern Cottage Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7QT

WPC comments: No comment

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

WPC comments: No comment

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

WPC comments: No comment

Planning Appeal: Bourne Farm (North Of Bourne Villa) Wareside Ware LPA Appeal

Reference: 23/00072/REFUSE

The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of planning permission for:- **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**

WPC comments: No comment made to original application or appeal

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC

Application: 3/23/1090/LBC

Proposal: Change of use from an agricultural outbuilding to a single dwelling house and annexe. Alteration to fenestration. Demolition of detached outbuilding and construction of three bay, two storey garage with storage and office space.

At: The Grange Swades Farm Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7QG

EHDC decision: GRANTED

Application: 3/23/1092/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of Barn at Swades Farm to form a residential dwelling, demolition of an existing outbuild and erection of new garaging

At: Swades Farm Wareside Restricted Byway 024 Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7QG

EHDC decision: REFUSED

Application: 3/23/1387/HH

Proposal: Installation of 16 solar panels to South-facing garage roof

At: The Retreat Scholars Hill Helham Green Wareside Ware Hertfordshire

EHDC decision: GRANTED

7. To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

County Cllr report received - see appendix item A. No District Cllr report received.

Application 3/23/1649/LBC

Proposal: Removal of render and application of traditional lime render, insulation and silicate paint.

At: Tavern Cottage Wareside Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7QT

EHDC decision: GRANTED

8. To receive updates from Councillors/Clerk on:

a) Little Oak Heath

i. LOH Maintenance

The tree guard handmade locally by The Forge in Much Hadham was successfully installed around the Red Oak tree in LOH. PG noted that the tree required a new stake as the original one is unstable and has been outgrown. A plaque for the tree is also required. RB to investigate options.

ii. Playground maintenance

RB and PG visited the playground to check maintenance requirements before the next annual inspection at the end of November. A new latch is required for the main gate and RB and PG suggested that a padlock and chain be added to the service gate to stop it being left open unnecessarily. Three fence slats had been vandalised and consequently broken, RB and PG cleared the damaged slats from the playground. RB to investigate purchasing the above mentioned items. It was also noted that one of the chains which attaches the basket swing to the timber frame has again become detached. This is despite the PCs attempts at fixing this issue previously. PG suggests that this time in order to fix the issue a contractor is contacted. The PC unanimously agreed, RB to investigate.

ii. Greenspace Audit

Due to timing it was agreed to initially discuss this via email and add the item to the agenda for a subsequent meeting to make any decisions.

b) Ware North meeting

MR attended a steering group meeting in August. Not much has happened since the last public consultation because the planners changed the master planning document and it therefore had to go back through the approval process. Therefore the master planning document still needs to be “signed off”. Due to these delays, no building work will be undertaken until the end of 2024 at the earliest. Sustainable transport and links through the development was still on the agenda and planners were reminded about connectivity issues.

9. To receive update on repositioning of defibrillator electrics

MR oversaw the repositioning of the internal electrics of the defibrillator by a Community Heartbeat contracted electrician. A representative from the Village Hall committee was consulted to ensure the positioning was suitable and not interfering with storage.

10. To discuss Councillor roles within the Parish Council

RB and PG explained that now the PC has filled all the vacancies it would be a good time for Councillors to have their own areas of responsibilities. All decisions will still be made at Council meetings. Areas of responsibility:

The Playground - NG

Little Oak Heath grounds - KR

Larkshill - SR

Ware North representative - MR

Village Hall liaison - BK

Ware Charities representative - KN

Highways and footpaths - BK

Website and Planning - RB to continue

11. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (July)	£274.28
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Rebecca Burdick	Salary (September)	£274.28
E-Scapes Landscapes	Grounds maintenance - September	£600.00
E-Scapes Landscapes	Grounds maintenance - October	£372.00
TP Jones and Co	Payroll - July - September	£63.40

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Next meeting 16th November 2023 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman