

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 16th January 2025 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:, Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (Chair), Cllr Bob Kerr (BK), 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 Kim Nicholson (KN) 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).

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

None received.

4. To approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 26th November 2024 - approved by all Councillors present and signed by PG.

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received by EHDC received between November 2024 - 16th January 2025

Application: 3/24/1805/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from B2 use and redundant horticultural land (formerly Bakers End Nursery) to C3 use. Demolition of B2 structures and the erection of outbuilding, to serve Bourne Villa.

At: Bourne Villa Bakers End Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7SH

WPC comments: None made.

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC received between 28th November 2024 - 16th January 2025

Application: 3/24/1891/HH

Proposal: Existing French doors removed and replaced with larger opening and proposed timber bi-fold doors.

At: The Moat House New Hall Farm Fanhams Hall Road Wareside Hertfordshire

EHDC decision: Refused

Application: 3/24/1890/LBC

Proposal: Existing French doors removed and replaced with larger opening and proposed timber bi-fold doors.

At: The Moat House New Hall Farm Fanhams Hall Road Wareside Hertfordshire

EHDC decision: Refused

Application: 3/24/2002/VAR

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 3/23/1092/FUL (allowed on appeal APP/J1915/W/23/3332220) dated 28.06.2024 (for: Conversion of Barn at Swades Farm to form a residential dwelling, demolition of an existing outbuild and erection of new garaging) - The amendments include mezzanine removed from central living space, full height glazing reinstated to existing opening, additional single pane windows to main gable to front and rear, fewer proposed rooflight windows, proposed slate roof porch to front elevation (main entrance relocated away from principal gable), addition of wood burning stove with flue, double doors to side elevation replaced with single door and side pane, external door to side elevation repositioned, internal layout changes.

At: The Grange Swades Farm Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7QG

EHDC decision: Granted

Application: 3/24/2016/HH

Proposal: Demolition of detached garage. Erection of detached garage, incorporating solar panels with external rear balcony and staircase.

At: 5 Tatlingtown Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RP

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

None.

ii. Playground maintenance

The handle bars of the "Springer" piece of equipment has broken off. Broadmead Leisure have quoted £175 for the replacement part. It was unanimously agreed to instruct Broadmead Leisure to fix the equipment at a cost of £175.

b) Larkshill

RB to set up a doodle poll in order to arrange days for the tidy up to take place.

8. To discuss telephone box project

RB met with Dean from DA Contractors limited at the telephone box, who lives in Wareside and offered to provide a quote for installing a light into the phone box and installing the defibrillator. RB to get the installation instructions from Community Heartbeat and send over to Dean so he can provide a quote. The PC discussed the accessibility of the telephone box and questioned if there are any legal requirements which need to be abided by, RB to check with Community Heartbeat.

9. To discuss work undertaken on communication within the village including the Winter online newsletter

RB updated the PC that the first online edition of the seasonal newsletter was published just before Christmas last year. RB put it on the PC website, Wareside Facebook group, noticeboards and 2x printed copies in the Chequers Pub. The next edition as agreed will be in the Spring.

BK asked if it would be possible for the newsletter to be updated by contributors as they had updates to make and this to be made available on the website. KR was reluctant to change the format of the quarterly newsletter, as there had only been one edition. She suggested it would be better to allow the newsletter to become established in the current format before making any changes. PG also noted continual updates would take away from it being a "newsletter". RB suggested that should contributors want to provide updates more regularly than on a quarterly basis she could put them individually on the website and then maintain the newsletter as a quarterly document.

10. To receive update on Wareside CofE School, Sports & Playing Field.

PG updated the council that thanks to Cllr Eric Buckmaster he had been introduced to James Barber - Strategic Assets Manager: Disposals and Acquisitions at HCC. PG, RB, SR and parishioner Mike Green met with James online to discuss what HCC plans were for the area. James stated that now Wareside school had closed HCC were going to sell the land within the site which they owned. He stated initial discussions had been had with the Diocese (who own the other part of the school site) but nothing had been agreed regarding merging the land to sell as one plot. HCC would be happy to sell the land to the PC ensuring they met their legal obligation showing they get best value - it would be the PC responsibility to pay for valuation. PG asked if there would be an option to lease the land from HCC and James said this could be an option. James admitted it was currently not clear who owned the land which would allow access onto the site via the road. It was agreed that the PC could have a month to investigate options for purchasing/leasing the land and James would not progress any conversations with the Diocese.

11. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (October)	£274.28
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Wareside Village Hall	Meeting room and Defibrillator electricity	£155.00
TP Jones	Payroll	£63.40
Broadmead Leisure	October Inspection	£78.00
Broadmead Leisure	December Inspection	£78.00
Zurich	Insurance	£554.66
Rebecca Burdick	Poppy Wreath reimbursement	£24.49

Paul Goodman	Telephone box roof sign reimbursement	£53.76
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b) To agree the FY25/26 budget

The FY25/26 budget presented by RB was approved.

c) To agree the FY25/26 precept

It was unanimously resolved by Councillors that the precept for FY25/26 would be £16,895. This increase of 30% on last year's precept is essential to ensure that PC running costs are met alongside enabling the purchase of a defibrillator for Babbs Green whilst maintaining a reasonable buffer in reserve funds.

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

None.

Meeting finished at 21.20pm

Next meeting 27th February 2025 at 19.30

Signed:

Date: