

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 30th June 2025 outside the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Nicola Gildersleve (NG), Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (Chairman), Cllr Kim Nicholson (KN), Cllr Kerry Raworth (KR) 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

Cllr Bob Kerr (BK), Cllr Stuart Richards (SR). PG updated the council that he had received confirmation from Bob that he would be resigning from the PC, PG to confirm with Bob if this is with immediate effect. The PC thanked Bob for his time and work on the council.

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 8 - due to living in close proximity to the old school site 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 approve and sign meeting minutes

a) Thursday 22nd May 2025 - deferred until the next meeting

4. To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public

None.

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received by EHDC received between 22nd May - 30th June 2025

Application: 3/25/0864/HH

Proposal: Retrospective planning application varied from previously approved application ref: 3/17/0840/HH for single storey front, side and rear extension

At: 20 Coanwood Cottages Babbs Green Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RT

WPC comments: None

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC received between 22nd May - 30th June 2025

Application: 3/25/0571/LBC

Proposal: Existing hardwood framed windows (installed approximately 25 years ago), casements and fixed lights to be routed out and slimlite single glazing to be replaced with 4 x 4 x 4 double glazed units

At: Tudor Cottage Bakers End Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7SH

EHDC decision: Granted

Application: 3/25/0376/HH

Proposal: Erection of new exterior swimming pool, pool house and associated landscape.

At: Round House High Oak Road Ware

EHDC decision: Granted

Application: 3/25/0377/LBC

Proposal: Erection of new exterior swimming pool, pool house and associated landscape.

At: Round House High Oak Road Ware

EHDC decision: Listed Building or Advertisement Consent Not Required

6. To receive reports from County Councillor and District Councillor

County Cllr Eric Buckmaster emailed his 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

None

b) Larkshill

None

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

PG updated the council that on speaking with Sworders regarding valuation of the piece of land he has been informed that there are two types of valuation, an appraisal which is approximately £500 and a RICS red book valuation which is approximately £2000. PG suspects EHDC will require the latter of the two valuations and would expect the PC (or funders) to pay for it. The PC discussed the prospect of valuing the land and decided that currently as it is not clear if the PC will be in a financial position to be able to purchase the land it would not be sensible to spend the money. However an idea of the land's value would be useful in order to determine how much money would need to be raised. PG suggested that villagers who would buy the land on behalf of the PC may pay for the valuation, he would explore this idea. Discussions around how villagers would buy the land for the PC (without any benefit to them) and be paid back were also had and it was agreed requires more thought once anyone confirmed they would be in a position to do so.

9. To receive update on defibrillator installation into the telephone box

RB provided the update that the defibrillator was installed on the 13th June and the light was also fixed inside the telephone box. The defibrillator is usable but needs to be register on "the Circuit" so that the ambulance service know it is there and also on the Webnos system so that monthly checks can be undertaken and recorded. RB awaiting instructions from Community Heartbeat on how to do this.

13. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (May)	£274.28
E-Scapes Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance - June	£372.00
Broadmead Leisure	Bi-monthly playground inspection - June	£78.00

b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25

i) To Resolve that the Parish Council meets the criteria and wishes to be an exempt authority. The PC unanimously resolved that council meets the criteria and wishes to be an exempt authority.

ii) The RFO and Chairman to agree to sign the Certificate of Exemption. RB and PG signed the Certificate of Exemption

iii) To approve the Internal Auditor's signed Internal Audit Report. Internal Audit report was approved by the PC.

iv) To approve by Resolution Section 1: The Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk and the presiding Chairman to agree to sign. The Annual governance statement was approved by the PC and RB and PG signed.

v) To consider the Section 2 Accounting Statements as signed by the RFO and presented to the Council. RB presented the Section 2 Accounting Statements as signed by herself and it was considered.

vi) To approve by Resolution Section 2 Accounting Statements. Presiding Chairman to agree to sign. PG signed Section 2 Accounting Statements.

vii) To Resolve to set the 30-working day period for the Exercise of Public Rights as Tuesday 1st July – Monday 11th August 2025. It was unanimously resolved to set the 30-working day period for the Exercise of Public Rights as Tuesday 1st July – Monday 11th August 2025.

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.00pm

Next meeting 17th July 2025 at 19.30

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman