

Wareside Parish Council

Minutes of Wareside Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19th February 2026 held in Wareside Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Goodman (PG) (Chairman), 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

Cllr Nicola Gildersleve (NG)

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 19th January 2026 - deferred until next meeting as edits needed to be made

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

MR updated the PC that a parishioner had advised him that a planning application was being prepared for the business and static caravan that are on the New Hall Farm site. This has been requested by EHDC since the visited the site in the Summer 2025. The PC stated that they wished to support the parishioner who lives in the static caravan and the business. RB noted that presumably the land owner would be submitting the application and the PC would need to see the full details of what was being proposed before support/a response could be given. KR/PG to investigate further.

5. Planning

a) To consider planning applications received by EHDC received between 29th January - 19th February 2026

Application: 3/26/0188/HH

Proposal: Single storey side and front extension

At: 11 Coanwood Cottages Babbs Green Wareside Hertfordshire SG12 7RT

WPC comments: None

Application: 3/26/0222/FUL

Proposal: Widening of access road

At: Appletons Farm Classified Road C41 North From Tatlingtown To Junc
With Fanhams Hall Road Babbs Green Wareside Hertfordshire

WPC comments: Initial discussions were had but as the application was received today councilors would like longer to review the application so a decision has been deferred to the next meeting.

b) To review planning decisions made by EHDC received between 29th January - 19th February 2026
None.

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

It was unanimously agreed to continue using E-Scapes Landscapes for grounds maintenance work at LOH for the coming season, March/April - October. Prices will stay the same as last year (these have not been increased since the PC started using the company). Due to the wet weather, RB to ask for maintenance to start at the start of April.

ii. Playground maintenance

RB shared the February bi-monthly inspection report with the PC. There was nothing new requiring attention since the last report. Work as instructed has been completed.

b) Larkshill

SR, MR, KR and PG have continued clearing and cutting back areas of Larkshill and an incinerator has been used to get rid of some of the green waste. The councillors detailed how the area is really taking shape and the hard work put in should really help the area thrive. Discussions were had regarding a plan, which is in progress. The next date is 14th March.

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

PG updated the PC that he plans to meet with possible funders in the coming week. He urged councillors to continue thinking about ideas for what the land could be used for, as this is something he thinks funders would be interested to know. It was discussed that the primary reason currently for wanting to obtain the land is to prevent a developer buying it and hopefully funders would agree that is a good enough reason.

9. Finance

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

Payee	Work done/goods received	Amount
Rebecca Burdick	Salary (January)	£279.28
Broadmead Leisure	February inspection - 3094	£78.00
Broadmead Leisure	Playground maintenance work - 3087	£192.00
TP Jones and Co	October - December Payroll P2179	£63.40
Earth Anchors	Bench for LOH	£386.40

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

None.

Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Next meeting 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair Cllr Paul Goodman.