

WARESIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Annual Council Meeting held at 8.00pm on Thursday 28th May 2015 in the Village Hall, Wareside

Present: Lynda Baker (Clerk) (LB), Councillor S Beavis (BS), Councillor P Goodman (PG), Councillor R Northcote (RN), Councillor S Richards (SR), Councillor M Ryan (MR) (Chairman), Councillor G Sheridah (GS)

1. Apologies for absence

None received.

2. Approval of minutes of parish annual council meeting held on 20th March 2014

Approved, signed by Councillor M Ryan.

3. Council vacancies

The parish council elections held on 7th May 2015 was uncontested and resulted in Stella Beavis, Paul Goodman, Michael Ryan and Ghassan Sheridah being elected. There are sufficient candidates (Councillors) to provide a quorum for meetings, however there are still three vacancies. We are required to co-opt (qualified) people to fill the remaining vacancies within a period of 35 working days from 7 May 2015. Failure to exercise this power may result on the District Council exercising its power to order a fresh election to constitute the Council. PG proposed and GS seconded that as both Richard Northcote and Stuart Richards had previously been members of the council and that they were willing to stand again they be co-opted onto the council, agreed unanimously.

4. Chairman's report

The year has been marked by a number of significant events including:

The recruitment of a new Parish Clerk, Lynda Baker, following the retirement of the previous Clerk, Chris Hewson, and a period when the position was covered the Hunsdon Parish Clerk, Joy Robinette.

Input to East Hertfordshire District Council's Draft Development Plan representing parishioner's concerns regarding potential development to the North and East of Ware within the Wareside Parish boundary.

Comments to East Herts District Council regarding Ware Town's draft Neighbourhood Plan and the impact on Wareside. As a result of these comments Ware Town Council are expected to have to amend and resubmit their application.

The lease for the land adjacent to Kingham Road for recreational and allotment use was finalized in September.

Open meeting with parishioners to assist in the setting up of the allotment association and agree terms between Wareside Parish Council and the Wareside Allotment Association was held.

Grants were made to the Parochial Church Council, Wareside Village Hall Trust and the newly formed

Wareside Allotment Association.

GS proposed and PG seconded the re-election of Michael Ryan as Chair, agreed unanimously.

5. Police Report

None received.

6. County Councillor's report

None received.

7. District Councillor's report

None received. District Councillor Mike Newman was not re-elected on the 7 May 2015, Robert Brunton was elected in his stead, Robert's contact details have been requested from Jeff Hughes.

8. Open Forum

No attendees.

Annual Parish Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed..... Date.....