



Ware Town Council

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

will meet on

Monday 15th July 2019

in the Council Chamber, Ware Priory, Ware, starting at 8.00pm

All Members of the committee are summoned to attend the above meeting when the following business will be transacted:

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk
10th July 2019

This meeting is open to the Public and Press. The Council provides opportunity for members of the public to speak or ask questions at every meeting of the Council on any item on the agenda. Requests for items to be included on the agenda should be notified to the Clerk by the first Monday of the month.

AGENDA

CE016: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

CE017: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for Dispensation submitted to the Clerk.

CE018: Minutes from the previous meeting: to receive and sign the minutes of the last Town Council meeting held on 20th May 2019.

CE019: Correspondence and Clerks report

- Ware Foodbank are looking for new premises following the closure of the Salvation Army Hall
- **Beekeepers** grant £368.59 to support a Beehive compound at Widbury Hill Allotment, awaiting further information.
- **Kings Mead Nature reserve** letter of support related to the proposed work at Kings Mead Nature Reserve sent and acknowledged.
- Christmas Lights licence application submitted
- River Railings work ongoing

- Tudor Square Enhancement scheme: Lease to WTC still being worked on by East Herts.
- **Action:** To check the suitability of the Tudor Square paving works. After 28 days the compressive strength is 38N/mm² and laid to BS7533 standards.

CE020: Planning Applications update

To update councillors on the approach to planning agreed by WTC in December 2018 and review its effectiveness.

- Town and Parish Councils do not have a statutory obligation to respond to planning applications. It is therefore proposed that planning applications be dealt with as follows:
- A weekly list of all application validated by East Herts Council for each of the Ware Wards will be circulated to Town Councillors.
- The Town Council will not comment on householder applications unless specifically requested by the Ward Councillor, who will be invited to make comments to East Herts Council via their website.
- Any Ward Councillor is free to comment even if the application is not in their ward just as any member of the public can. However, it must be clear that this is an individual comment and not the view of the Town Council.
- For larger applications, ie developments of more than one new dwelling or for new retail or employment developments, an additional Council meeting will be convened so that the Town Council can comment.
- Members of the public wishing to comment on planning applications will be encouraged to comment via the East Herts Council website and to contact their East Herts Councillor.
- Councillors will be encouraged to remind their ward residents to make comments via the East Herts Council website

CE021: Events update (see separate report)

To note the report from the Ros Montgomery, Events Manager.

CE022: 2019 Best Kept Allotment Competition update

Judging panel: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of Community and Environment, and an independent judge.

Short List by WAGS by 6 July 2019, Judging by Councillors on 19th July 2019, final judging later in the month.

The presentation evening is in September 2019.

CE023: Best Gardens competition to be considered

To consider the running a Best Gardens competition from 2020 and agree the next steps.

CE024: Street Furniture and Bins

To receive feedback on the actions from the last meeting and agree any future actions.

Action: (SR) to check the availability of bins for Tudor Square.

Completed Action: (TP) Tow Path bins have been requested, East Herts are reviewing the usage and solutions. The bridge at that end of the towpath is currently closed which may change the usage patterns in the short term.

Completed Action: (TP) Closed Churchyard bin installed.

CE025: Pigeons in Ware (additional papers issued)

WTC have received feedback from a resident re the pigeon population in Ware. There are several ways that this issue can be dealt with, however we need to identify the scale of the problem and the resources available to manage the issue.

Options:

To produce signage requesting non feeding of pigeons

To consider fining offenders for feeding the pigeon population

To consider species management options which are likely to be expensive.

Recommendation: Cllrs to discuss and review the scale of the issue and agree an appropriate response.

CE026: Police base in Ware

Following the closure of the police station in Ware the police have been looking for an alternative base.

Recommendation: WTC write in support of the need for a permanent police base in Ware.

CE027: Rising Bollard

To review the feedback from the consultation / To review committee members options.

Action: JK to consult with County Highways

CE028: Twinning update

To review the following proposal and agree a date for an invitation to Cormeilles

- Proposal to set up a joint working group with the Twinning Association
- WTC to be responsible for the Civic event and Mayors diary
- TA to be responsible for transport, accommodation and social activities
- Agreed budget of £2K to be managed by WTC, primarily allocated to the Civic events with any balance being made available for social activities.

**CE029: Footbridge Ware Station (A more detailed design has been received and circulated.)
To receive an update on the agreed project.**

It had been proposed that Ware Town Council should take the opportunity to improve the look of the railway footbridge by the level crossing at Amwell End Ware. The idea was to paint the inside of the walkway bridge with a mural celebrating the Town of Ware designed by students of Hertford Regional College. There was also a possibility of painting the risers on the steps,

The proposal was for a stencilled skyscape showing prominent buildings in Ware. The Town Clerk has applied to Network Rail for permission, East Herts Council have approved the concept subject to a more detailed design, once known so they could assess if there was any harm or potential for harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and whether planning permission would then be required. The Finance & Policy Committee had agreed to allocate up to £2,000 from the New Homes Bonus for the supply of paint.

Recommendation: To approve the scheme with implementation in 2020 subject to consent by the appropriate authorities.

CE030: Planting additional trees in Ware (see separate report)

To consider supporting the scheme to plant 130000 trees via a grant scheme administered by the forestry commission.

CE031: Agenda items for next meeting 9th September 2019