



Ware Town Council

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 17th February 2020

in the Council Chamber, Ware Priory, Ware, starting at 7.30pm

MINUTES

CLlr Ballam (Chair), Fernando, Kaye, Shaw (V).

Officer present: Terry Philpott Town Clerk

Members of the public: nil

CE067: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

CLlr Reed

CE068: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for dispensation submitted to the Clerk.

None declared

CE069: Minutes from the previous meeting: to receive and sign the minutes of the last Community and Environment meeting held on 18th November 2019.

Resolved: The minutes are an accurate record

CE070: Correspondence and Clerks report (TP)

- Ware Foodbank update on new premises.
- Community Rail partnership launch date moved to May 2020.
- Ware Rail Bridge artwork, ongoing for 2020 implementation.
- River Railings work ongoing, several complaints received by WTC on the tardiness of Thames Water to facilitate the repairs, Thames Water now undertaking work in house.
- Pigeons in Ware, signage has been identified, awaiting installation date.
- CCTV review is ongoing.
- Bins installed in Tudor Square

- CPRE Awards call for nominations by 31st May 2020
- Towpath bridge repairs update, concerns that the bridge will not be repaired for the events season commencing June.
- Attachment on or above the Highway seminar 9th March 2020, possible JK, PB.
- Health and Wellbeing and Environment seminar 20th March 2020
- Ware Film Festival work in progress, forming a group to deliver the project.

CE071: Memorial for Ware civilians (TP)

Land ownership details supplied to Susy Goodwin, no further feedback on her research on other memorials or options.

CE072: VE Day 8th May 2020 (RM)

The bank holiday in early May has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020.

Events to be arrange for 8th May 2020

RM to contact all Ware Churches for feedback on events planned, WTC to publicise.

- Nations Toast to heroes of WW2 involve ATC etc / Last post
- Free concert in the grounds, Glenn Miller theme etc.
- War time film in Fletchers Lea, film tbc.

Advertised via printed flyer and social media.

CE073: Events update (RM)

The report from the events manager was noted.

The Council expressed their thanks to Mrs Saunders who is stepping down as a tour guide, she has been participating since the creation of town tours. A letter of thanks from the Mayor will be arranged.

CE074: Hertfordshire Year of Culture (RM)

A broad discussion on events and WTC support.

CE075: Twinning

An update on the Wulfrath visit planned for 18th – 20th September 2020 was received, a working group of officers, Councillors and Twinning Assn members has been created.

It was agreed the next Twinning in 2021 should include invitations to / Wulfrath / Cormeilles visit in 2021. The budget should be increased to support the occasion.

CE076: Allotment liaison group (TP)

The purpose of the group is to improve communication between WTC and the Allotment Committee, a quarterly meeting is held to discuss operational and strategic issues related to the allotment sites.

To receive a verbal update following the meeting on 31st January 2020.

CE077: Cemetery Liaison Group (TP)

To receive a verbal update following the meeting on 18th December 2019 and 13th February 2020.

CE078: The Great British Spring Clean / Turn the tide on plastic



Join the pick

Welcome to the Great British Spring Clean 2020, the country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

Together, we can make a massive difference. All our individual actions can help to transform our country for the better, creating cleaner streets, parks and beaches, protecting our wildlife and, ultimately, stopping the tide of plastic that is doing so much damage to our oceans and marine life.

The Great British Spring Clean is about demonstrating that you love where you live – whether that's by [pledging to pick](#) while you're walking the dog or taking the kids to school, [hosting a clean-up](#) or [joining someone else's clean-up](#).

Last year, more than 560,000 people took part and this year we are aiming to get 600,000 #LitterHeroes out there.

Agreed to communicate daily tweets and initiative throughout the period and publicise on the web and noticeboard.

CE079: Possible withdrawal of bus services in Ware

A broad discussion followed.

Action: Cllr Kaye to investigate plans for bus routes in Ware especially the M routes.

CE080: Christmas Lights

To review the Christmas Light scheme 2019

To determine the scope of any further review / enhancement (if required) and complete a project plan.

£25K has been allocated in the business plan for 2021/22

The revised updated theme to include:

- Retain the current lanterns
- To introduce some focal points
- To have a tree or other focal point in Tudor Square
- Extend the range of lights to Baldock Street roundabout.
- Investigate Lumiere at The Priory.

CE081: Agenda items for next meeting 18th May 2020

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Hertfordshire Year of Culture



Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020

Webpage: www.HYOC2020.org.uk, twitter [@HYOC2020](https://twitter.com/HYOC2020), facebook [@HertsYOC2020](https://facebook.com/HertsYOC2020)

Monthly themes:

January	Try Something New
February	Workforce Development and Volunteering
March	Access the Arts
April	Go Somewhere Local
May	The Big Outdoors
June	Big Ideas
July	Cultural Olympiad
August	Families and Friends
September	Heritage and History/Meet the Maker
October	Be Inspired/Get Back Into

November Creative Minds and Creative Industries
December Celebrate and Illuminate

Signed

Dated