



Ware Town Council

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

will meet on

Monday 22nd May 2023

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

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

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk
17th May 2023

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.

A G E N D A

CE264: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

CE265: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for Dispensation submitted to the Clerk.

CE266: Minutes from the previous meeting: to receive and sign the minutes of the last Community and Environment meeting held on 13th February 2023

CE267: Correspondence and Clerks report (TP 5mins)

CE268: Cemetery and Allotment Updates (DM 5 mins)

- Allotment competition
- Community Orchard
- Beehive compound

CE269: Events update. Report attached (RM 10mins)

To receive a report from the events manager.

CE270: Coronation Celebrations (RM 5mins)

To review the Coronation Celebrations in 2023.

Coronation Celebrations 7th May 2023

The Coronation celebrations and the Annual Food Festival were brought together and resulted in a good family day out. For the first time the Food Festival took place in the Priory grounds rather than Tudor Square; mainly to allow us more freedom and a little extra space. We had 12 vendors of one kind or another – some of these were double pitches. The afternoon included a concert by Lip Service Brass Band and a Coronation Craft workshop in Fletcher's Lea with local artist Donna Reeves. There was also wandering musical/comedy entertaining from Markmark Productions.

The day was busy from opening at Noon. Traders had a very successful day with most selling out. The front lawn was full of families and across all ages. Many brought picnics but clearly still spent at the various stalls.

CE271: Twinning update (5 mins)

To review the proposals for the 2023 events.

CE272: Ware Film Festival (VS 5 mins)

To discuss the plan for the Film Festival 2023.

CE273: Town Centre projects 2023/24 (SF 10mins)

To receive an update on projects.

CE274: Communications update 2023/24 (SF 10mins)

To receive an update on projects.

CE275: Bio Diversity and Environmental impact grants. (TP 10mins)

Hertfordshire County Council are launching a new environmental improvement grant scheme. The scheme aims to enable small projects which will help deliver their biodiversity objectives: to enhance nature in Hertfordshire by 20% by 2050 and to establish at least 1.8 million trees across the county by 2030. Grants can cover 50% of agreed costs up to a maximum value of £3000. Any project with benefits for wildlife could be eligible, including tree or hedgerow planting, pond creation or wildflower meadow restoration, and we can also help develop your project ideas. HCC have recently supported a project to [plant 600 native trees at Aldenham Country Park](#) and are working with

Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary in Harpenden to establish 700m of hedgerow and 1500m² of scrub, and establish wildflowers in existing grassland.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/countryside-management/grants-and-advice/grants-and-advice.aspx#environmentalimprovementgrants>

This spring HCC offering free green space opportunity audits to parish and town councils, (WTC have registered to be part of this audit), which aim to identify opportunities to enhance biodiversity within small green spaces. The new grant scheme offers an ideal funding option for projects identified through these audits.

Recommendation: To await the feedback from the audit and consider other projects which could be supported, to be discussed at the July C&E meeting.

CE276: WTC Eco initiatives update (TD 5 mins)

To receive feedback on the ECO audit.

For reference the original ECO audit is included in the agenda pack for new Councillors.

CE277: Agenda items for next meeting