



# Ware

## Town Council

**WARE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
in The Priory Hall, The Priory, Ware, starting at 7.30pm

**MINUTES**

Cllr Hill (Chair) Bryant, Day, Butcher, Mowbray, Scully (left the meeting after WTC936), Shaw, J Taylor-Moran, K Taylor-Moran Williams, Zsibrita

Officer present: Terry Philpott Town Clerk.

Members of the public: nil

**WTC930: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence**

- Cllr Butcher

**WTC931: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for Dispensation submitted to the Clerk.**

- None declared

**WTC932: Minutes from the previous meeting:** to receive and sign the minutes of the last Town Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Resolved:** The minutes are an accurate record

### **WTC933: Correspondence and Clerks report (TP/5mins)**

Lido Building refurbishment, site meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January and every two weeks. Work commenced no significant issues.

Fletchers Lea Refurbishment, additional works required to decking area, more research re hot water system to use air source heat pumps and PV.

Priory Grounds toilet refurbishment, opening event to be planned.

HR meeting 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

ATC visit January / February on Monday / Wednesday to view flight simulator.

EDI and Unconscious Bias training 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Updated Management Accounts information – thought as to required information by 27<sup>th</sup> January Full Council.

Ex Councillor Enid Bailey died on New Years Day; She served as a Ware Town Councillor (Liberal Democrat) from 1987 to 1995 and from 2007 to 2011 representing the Trinity Ward, our condolences to her friends and family.

### **WTC934: WTC Budget and Precept 2025/26**

To review and approve the budget / precept for 2025/26

#### **Lido Pricing**

If we are holding the single ticket price for 2025 it makes sense to hold the season ticket price as they are based on a relative calculation.

This means this years single entry price will be £6.75 for adults and £3.75 for children and concessions.

A 2025 summer season ticket will be £225.00 for adults and £140.00 for concessions/children based on a 20 weeks season starting 20.5.25

*There is a reduction in the number of sessions available to season ticket holders due to the chaotic booking. I am planning to add an additional evening lane swim Monday-Thursday throughout May and June to offset the loss of these sessions a bit, and we will still have Friday/Saturday/Sunday nights for private hire.*

Private hire prices have traditionally increased by £10 per year (around 3.5% which is the same rate that the LG wages are going up) so I think its fine to put these up.

If we follow this pattern for 2025 the prices they would look like the below, on a 1.5hour pool hire we make around £100 profit. I have put the cost for an additional LG up by £5ph also:

2024

**Commercial**

1.5 Hours, Main pool Only	£240.00
2Hours Main Pool Only	£320.00
1.5Hours BOTH Pools	£290.00
2 Hours BOTH Pools	£370.00
Additional LG	£20ph

**Charity**

1.5 Hours, Main pool Only	£195.00
2Hours Main Pool Only	£260.00
1.5Hours BOTH Pools	£245.00
2 Hours BOTH Pools	£295.00
Floats and Mats	£30.00

2025

**Commercial**

1.5 Hours, Main pool Only	£250.00
2Hours Main Pool Only	£335.00
1.5Hours BOTH Pools	£300.00
2 Hours BOTH Pools	£385.00
Additional LG	£25ph
Floats and Mats	£30.00

**Charity**

1.5 Hours, Main pool Only	£205.00
2Hours Main Pool Only	£275.00
1.5Hours BOTH Pools	£255.00
2 Hours BOTH Pools	£325.00
Additional LG	£25ph
Floats and Mats	£30.00

If we apply the same 3.5% increase to Crash Courses , the price will rise from £45.00 per child to £46.50 per child.

**Resolved:** To approve the Lido pricing for 2025/26

**Resolved:** To set the precept at £2059436 for the financial year 2025/26.

Ware Town Council Income and Expenditure Budget 2025/26						
	Income	Expenditure	Net Cost	Ratio		
Grants	£15,000	£79,200	£64,200	2.8		
Climate and Biodiversity	£17,522	£108,496	£90,974	3.9		
Town Centre	£0	£126,497	£126,497	5.4		
Communication / Promoting Ware	£0	£44,913	£44,913	1.9		
Civic Events	£3,640	£22,444	£18,804	0.8		
Ware Festival	£9,260	£18,874	£9,614	0.4		
Events and Community Activities	£3,920	£128,819	£124,899	5.4		
<b>Supporting Ware</b>	<b>£49,342</b>	<b>£529,243</b>	<b>£479,901</b>	<b>20.6</b>		
The Priory	£0	£97,521	£97,521	4.2		
Fletchers Lea	£0	£38,384	£38,384	1.6		
Priory Grounds	£11,000	£270,142	£259,142	11.1		
Lido	£265,470	£509,241	£243,771	10.5		
Ware Priory Trading	£383,393	£322,195	-£61,198	-2.6		
<b>The Priory Estate</b>	<b>£659,863</b>	<b>£1,237,482</b>	<b>£577,619</b>	<b>24.8</b>		
Cemetery	£65,400	£73,564	£8,164	0.4		
Allotments	£9,000	£15,757	£6,757	0.3		
Other Properties	£0	£6,622	£6,622	0.3		
<b>Properties</b>	<b>£74,400</b>	<b>£95,944</b>	<b>£21,544</b>	<b>0.9</b>		
Administration	£25,000	£297,000	£272,000	11.7		
Projects		£978,500	£978,500	42.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>808605</b>	<b>3138169</b>	<b>2329564</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Reserves Transfer			270,128			
<b>Precept</b>	<b>2059436</b>		<b>£2,059,436</b>			
Cost per Band D household			£271			
Variance to prior year			£61			
% Inc / Dec			29%			
Weekly increase			£1.18			
Weekly cost per property			£5.21			

### WTC935: Agenda items for next meeting

Property update  
Government consultation on Councillor sanctions

### WTC936: Mayor's Closing Remarks (MB/2mins)

**Resolved:** to exclude the press and public for WTC937

**WTC937: Freedom of Ware (TP/5mins)**

To review the nominations for Freedom of Ware. Successful nominees to secure 2/3rds of the votes of those present at the meeting.

**Resolved:** No Freedom of Ware recipients for 2025.

***Section 249(8) of the LGA 1972:***

*“A principal council may, by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a meeting of the council specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object,*

***29 (8) (b) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009:***

*(8)A resolution under subsection (7) above must be passed—*

*(a)at a meeting of the relevant authority which is specially convened for the purpose and where notice of the object of the meeting has been given; and*

*(b)by not less than two-thirds of the members of the relevant authority (or, in the case of charter trustees, of the trustees) who vote on it.*

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Dated