

## WARE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

will meet on

# Monday 24th March 2025

in The Priory Hall, The Priory, Ware, starting at 7.30pm

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

Terry Philpott, Town Clerk 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

WTC990: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

WTC991: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for Dispensation submitted to the Clerk.

**WTC992: Minutes from the previous meeting:** to receive and sign the minutes of the last Town Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### WTC993: Correspondence and Clerks report (TP/5mins)

Lido Building refurbishment

Fletchers Lea Refurbishment

Priory Lift update

Priory Grounds toilet refurbishment, opening event to be planned.

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

CRP Railway 200 May 25th 2025 tbc

East Herts Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Stakeholder Workshop 26/02/25 16:00

Supporting a campaign for child free smart phone update

Planting scheme in Ware

# WTC994: 3/25/0307/FUL request WTC consider application (GW/5mins)

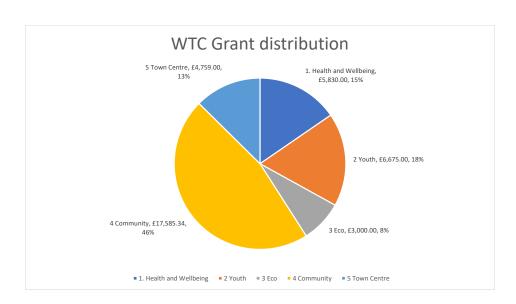
56 Musley Lane Ware Hertfordshire SG12 7EP

Retrospective partial change of use to use the front room as a hair salon

https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage

### WTC995: Grant applications (TP/2mins)

	Total 2024/25	£	37,465.23	
	Grant Pot £38k	£	37,465.23	
	Remaining 2024/25	£	534.77	
	Loneliness Budget £5k	£	5,000.00	
	Spent 2024/25	£	5,000.00	
	Remaining 2024/25	£	-	



Crucial Crew Grant application update, to consider providing funding for the room hire in 2026.

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WTC996: Events Report (RM/5mins)

To review the Events report

WTC997: Use of Twitter / X within Ware Town Council (SF/5mins)

To consider the continued use of this social media platform and review alternative options.

WTC998: Governance Review / Ware Boundary Change (TP/15mins)

To consider the councils response to the Governance Review for a boundary change to the North of Ware potentially encompassing the new development c1800 houses.

After the close of the first stage of the consultation, the Community Governance Review Working Group (made up of East Herts Councillors) met on 6 February 2025 and proposed a list of draft recommendations, which were presented to the Full Council on 26 February 2025 and were approved for public consultation.

The Working Group considered submissions from Wareside Parish Council and Ware Town Council and proposed the following draft recommendations that the Council have accepted.

The boundary between Wareside, Ware and Tunbridge is left unchanged. At this stage this is only a draft recommendation, and the Review will be seeking the views of residents, stakeholders and will be looking at the timeline for the Ware 2 development to enable the Working Group and Council to make an informed decision for the final recommendation.

The next stage of the CGR is consultation on the draft recommendations from 3 March to 12 May 2025. The working group will then meet in June to consider all consultation responses and propose a set of final recommendations to the Council at its meeting on 23 July 2025.

More information on the Review and how to respond can be found at <a href="https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/community-governance-review">https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/community-governance-review</a>

In July 2022 WTC passed the following resolution, the report related to this resolution is in the agenda pack

#### Governance Review (IK)

The paper from Cllr Kemp provides more information on this item and is included in the agenda pack.

**Resolved**: This Council requests the Town Clerk to contact the Head of Legal Services at East Herts District Council to request a Community Governance Review for Ware.

This recommendation is subject to the final outcome of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) due to be published on 2 August 2022. The Council delegates the Leader of the Council and Town Clerk to make any changes to the request depending on the final proposals from the LGBCE.

WTC999: Priory Park Swing (TP/5mins)

To install new swings

Project objective: To repair mulch and install new child swing and inclusive swing

Timescale: To be confirmed

Summary of works to be completed: Install new swings in priory grounds

Contractor	Α	В	С	D
	Product not	17.495	23.700	
	suitable			
Total				

Recommendation: To appoint contractor B

WTC1000: Financial Report (TP 5mins)

Finance reports to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

- Bank Reconciliation inc reserve, earmarked funds.
- Debtor's report
- Profit and Loss
- Departmental Profit and Loss showing total income and expenditure.

#### WTC1001: Ware Town Council Bank Reconciliations 28.02.25 (TP 2mins).

**Recommendation**: To approve the above Bank Reconciliations.

#### WTC1002: Feedback from members of external groups (Cllrs / 5mins)

- Friend of Ware Priory (GH)
- Town Twinning (KTM)
- Southern Maltings (RM)
- Ware Drill Hall (AZ)
- Ware Museum (BB)
- Ware Society (RM)
- Ware Charities (GW)
- Air Training Corps (TD)

# WTC1003: Feedback from working groups (Cllrs/10mins)

- Councillor Diversity (KTM)
- Lido Working Group (TD)
- Biodiversity and Access to nature working group (GW)
- Town Centre improvements (Christmas Lights / Trees in Amwell End)

WTC1004: Agenda items for next meeting (MB/1mins)

WTC1005: Mayor's Closing Remarks (MB/1mins)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded. (A resolution to be passed by Councillors)

WTC1006: Fanshaw Pool Business Plan (TP/TD/20mins)