

# WARESIDE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Village Hall, Wareside**

Present: Lynda Baker (Clerk) (LB), Councillor S Beavis (SB), District Councillor R Brunton (RB), Councillor P Goodman (PG), Councillor M Ryan (MR) (Chairman), Councillor G Sheridah (GS)

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### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Councillor R Northcote, Councillor S Richards, Councillor G Sheridah and County Councillor R Beeching.

### **2. Open Forum**

Attended by 24 villagers.

### **3. Planning**

#### **Application 3/16/2004/FUL: Edge Power Presentation**

Email sent received today at 16.15 hrs from Edge Power canceling attendance due to unforeseen circumstances. Details of content of their presentation and responses to Parish Council objections were included in the email. MR read out the responses as 24 villagers had attended the meeting unaware that Edge Power had cancelled. Responses were:

#### **Location**

The proposed location of the facility is determined by its proximity to the electrical grid capacity, the proposed location is considered the most favourable locations, being adjacent to existing complex of agricultural buildings. The proposed building is in keeping with the agricultural style buildings on site. The proposal when viewed from the south will be silhouetted by existing buildings. The metal fencing is open mesh type and will blend into background when view from any vantage points to the south. Although the use is not agricultural, it would be a very low level commercial use, after the construction of the building, it will be un-manned and will not generate any additional traffic.

#### **Environment**

The technologies involved (gas reciprocating engines) are well established and commonly used in close proximity to dwellings and places of work. As there is no gas stored on site, the risks are similar to any other plant powered by mains powered gas, very minimal. The positions of the adjacent existing dwellings have been considered when designing the plant and its emission strategy. The emission from this type of proposal are controlled by strict National and EU policies, the proposed engines are modern, efficient and meet all relevant standards with regard to pollution.

#### **Operational**

The generation plant has to be available 24/7 365 days a year, the plant will only fire up when it is called upon by the National Grid. This will be times of peak electrical demand, mornings and evenings during the winter months, when renewable technologies cannot provide the base electrical load. The engines will not be running during standby mode. The 1500 operational hours is an estimate, based on running the engines a few hours in the morning/evening for the winter months. I will update our documents as necessary.

#### **Construction**

The plant will be connected the electricity grid via underground cable running to existing overhead power lines to the north west. The plant will be connected to mains gas via new underground pipe, final location to be agreed. A construction management plan will be prepared detailing construction traffic routes. Minor road closures may be required for gas connection only.

The responses were discussed and concerns were raised re the accuracy of the responses. It was agreed that Edge Power would be contacted and requested to provide details of where other sites such as this has previously been built so that we can contact the residents and obtain more accurate information of the issues they encountered during construction and subsequent operation.

**Decision Notices Report:**

**3/16/2004/FUL** – Awaiting planning response.

**3/16/2021/HH** - Awaiting planning response.

**Applications for consideration:**

No applications received since last meeting.

**4. Approval of minutes of held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

Approved, signed by Councillor M Ryan.

**5. Matters Arising**

- a. **War Memorial** LB to chase up progress with East Herts Council to ascertain how much and when we will receive a grant towards the work. LB then to provide an update to Willy Dunn and *The Waresider*. C/F
- b. **Litter Picking** LB to obtain 3 Litter Picker sticks for future Litter Picking sessions. C/F
- c. **Bus Shelter** The Bus Shelter has been built and Contractor is awaiting permit for installation.
- d. **Ware Charities** MR has been requested to confirm that Tony Taylor-Moran is still representing Wareside Parish Council. MR to e-mail him to confirm he is still happy to continue to represent Wareside and to request that he explains the process re obtaining a grant from Ware Charities. C/F

**6. Reports from members representing the Parish Council on outside organisations and attending meetings on behalf of the Council**

- a. County Councillors Report: No report received.
- b. District Councillor Report: No issues.
- c. Policing Report: No report received.

**7. Phone Booth/Notice Board**

Potential use considered, agreed to use as a Book Exchange initially with a view to eventually installing a Defibrillator.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan**

Meeting held with East Herts Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the District Plan, which the Neighbourhood Plan must support. Wareside Parish Council is to be sent 2 hard copies of the report and copies are available online, in libraries and East Herts Council offices. A 6-week public consultation is to commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. All comments received will be passed to the Inspector along with the plan in March 2017. Wareside Parish will be affected by North/East Ware developments where it is proposed to build 1,500 homes (1,000 before 2033 and 500 after 2033). A further meeting to discuss the proposed developments is to be held with Ware Town Council and Thundridge Parish

Council as these are also affected by them, Linda Haysey (Leader, East Herts Council) agreed to arrange the meeting ensuring similar number of attendees from each council.

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is to be arranged as soon as the neighbourhood designation has been approved.

## **9. Little Oak Heath (Allotments/Playing Field)**

### **Playground**

LB to obtain a copy of the signed lease agreement for Little Oak Heath from East Herts Council, copies to then be supplied to all Councillors. *C/F Suggested contacts are Adele Taylor or Martin Plummer at East Herts Council.*

GS is currently investigating planning permission for the site.

Two grant applications have now been submitted, Community Grant and National Lottery Grant, responses awaited.

### **Allotment Association**

GS to provide update re meeting scheduled on 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Village Hall.

## **10. Finance**

- a. Spending for approval: PG proposed and SB seconded, agreed unanimously, payment for Lynda Baker signed for by Councillors M Ryan and P Goodman. Payment to HMRC to be put on hold until reason for previous payment cheque not being presented obtained.

Lynda Baker (Salary - 1 <sup>st</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016)	£960.00
HMRC (Tax)	£240.00

- b. Bank Statement: Current Account £11,699.40, Reserve Account £5,519.11, Petty Cash: £1.74.

- c. Transparency Funding: MR proposed and PG seconded a proposal to purchase a Laptop and Printer to a value of £500.00 to facilitate compliance with Transparency Funding, agreed unanimously. LB to contact Sue Campbell at HAPTC to determine what funding, if any, is available to assist in the purchase of a Projector, PC and Printer for use by the Parish Council.

## **11. Correspondence**

Email: Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Services, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Feedback re water pressure and hydrant locations in the village.

Email: Mark Prisk MP, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Request to assist with an online survey on “What is the future for British food and farming?”.

Email: Councillor G Sheridah, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – Request for meeting to discuss advance of £150 to playground fund. Proposal discussed and agreed in principal subject to knowing who we will be paying and what they are spending it on.

## **12. AOB**

LB to contact Terrie Gibson re expenses for her attendance at HAPTC training session.

Parish Clerk vacancy – interview(s) to take place next week.

**Next meeting date Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9.55 pm**

**Signed..... Date.....**