



# WARE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Ware Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom at 7.00pm

### Minutes

#### **PRESENT:**

Cllr Mark Pope – Ware Town Council  
Cllr Stephen Reed – Ware Town Council  
Cllr Ian Kemp – East Herts District Council  
Keith Batchelor - Town Watch, Raynet  
Julian Bond – Save Ware’s Greenbelt  
Alasdair Reid  
Peter Radley  
Jan Stock (Chair) – Wodson Park  
Jan Wing – Ware Town Partnership, CVS  
John Wing - Ware Museum  
Joy Cotterell – Ware Society  
Alison Eardley – Consultant  
Chris Bowden – Consultant

#### **Not present:**

Cllr Alex Curtis – Ware Town Council  
Mark Montgomery - Herts Police  
Clare Thorne

#### **ATTENDING**

Terry Philpott - Town Clerk:

**NPF123. To approve the minutes of the last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and to note any actions not included on the agenda.**

**Resolved:** It was noted that there was a minor typographic error in the minutes; NFP122. should read “Tumbling Bay”. The minutes are an accurate record of the meeting and were approved.

#### **NPF124: Introduction to Alison Eardley and Chris Bowden, Consultant to Ware NPF.**

JS welcomed Alison and Chris to the meeting. A paper had been prepared in advance of the meeting but was only circulated a few hours beforehand, consequently the forum members had not had chance to read and digest the contents.

There was wide ranging discussion about the scope of the NP and the vision for the town. CB highlighted the limitations of the NP and the opportunity to have community lead projects. It was noted that a couple of groups already exist and could drive actions forward, for example the Town Centre Forum, but these projects should be remitted back to the Town Council to avoid the NPF becoming side-tracked.

It was acknowledged that the District Plan does seek to address some of the issues raised, but it is essentially a rework of the 2008 Local Plan. Much of the reference data used in the 2018 plan is over 5 years old and it doesn't address the current climate.

The broad aspirations of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ware have been outlined in the vision. The priority is to identify what evidence already exists, what's missing and develop the NP polices and potential community actions.

**Action: NPF members to review the paper prepared by AE and CB and forward comments to JS by close of play on Friday 22 January.**

**Action JS to summarise comments and forward to AE and CB by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.**

#### **NPF125: Locality Funding update**

TP explained that the funding application forms had changed and required considerable input. AE offered to help TP prepare the application.

**Action: AE and TP to liaise to complete the funding application**

#### **NPF126: Website update and Communications**

AS gave a brief update on the NPF website. It was noted that JC had contacted a number of Ware Society members and had encouraged them to visit the site, this had resulted in a small increase in hits since the last meeting.

**Action: AS to prepare a press release regarding the appointment of the consultants.**

#### **NPF127: Ongoing actions**

**Ongoing Action: Air Quality** - No information from EHC. It was agreed that air quality should be included in the NP. AE has provided a useful report of how this issue has been managed in Faversham.

**Ongoing Action: Green Spaces** – it was agreed that AE would liaise with JB and JW to gain a better understanding of what should be considered local green spaces.

**Ongoing action: HCC Transport Strategy / Sustainable Towns.** IK and JS have written to HCC expressing concern about the processes used to submit an application for the programme without the knowledge and support of the Town Council or WNPF. **No further action required.**

**Ongoing action: Governance Boundary Changes**

TP gave a brief update to the meeting. The Town Council will continue to pursue the issue with Electoral Services.

**There was no other business.**

JS Thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

**Dates of future meetings:**

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm**