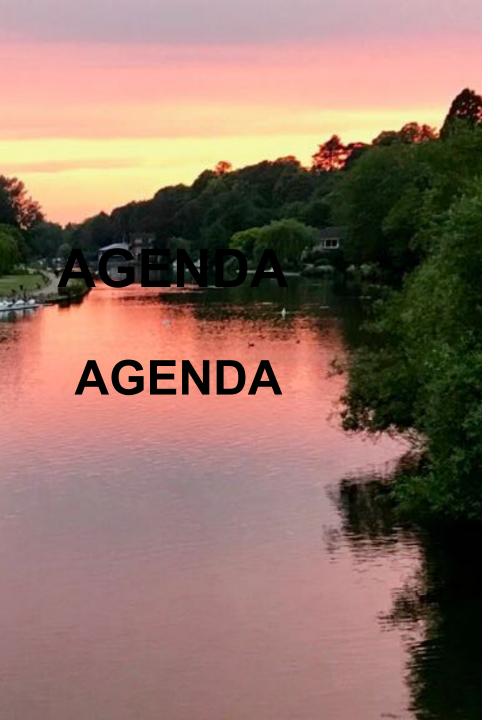
# Warren & District Residents Association AGM 2020

Wednesday 28 October 2020

19:30-21:30

Video Conference

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020



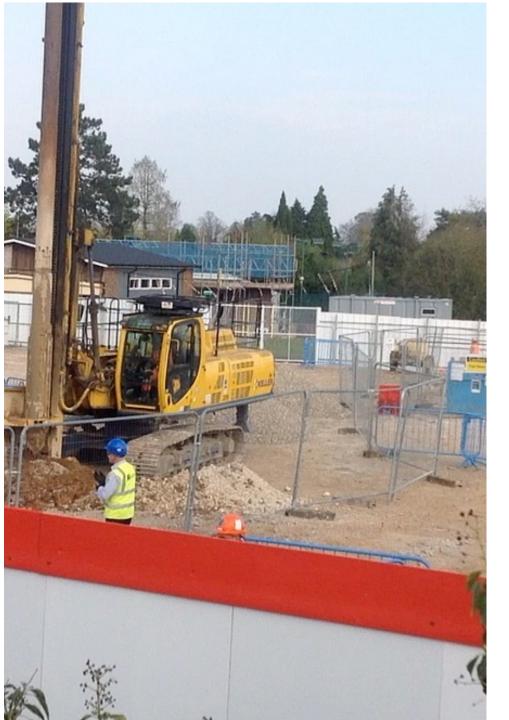
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#### 5. Planning

#### Alistair McLean

The WADRA Committee continue to monitor Planning Applications filed with Reading Borough Council. Over the past year, WADRA has submitted objections on the following planning applications:

- 8 Kelmscott Close
- Chazey Road (Pump Station)
- Mapledurham Playing Fields
- Reading Golf Club:
- The Heights School
- The Tithe Barn
- Footpath 43



# **6. Our Environment**Jane Bickerstaffe

- Wildflower verges
- Tree planting



### 7. North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum Martin Brommell

- Voluntary community group of residents & relevant partner agencies (eg.Thames Valley Police and RBC)
- Aims: to help resolve community safety and crime related issues in North Reading.
- Attendees: local councillors, residents associations, interested groups (Globe, Friends of Caversham Court) & limited number of residents.
- Meets: every 2 months.
- Topics: aggressive begging, drug abuse/dealing, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour, burglaries, changes to neighbourhood Policing team
- Reporting crime: 101 non-emergency, 999
   emergency,0800 555 111 anonymous Crimestoppers,
   <u>www.thamesvalley.police.uk</u>
- ASB's to RBC's team <u>asb.team@reading.gov.uk</u>



# 8. Events, Community Initiatives and Fundraising Elisa Miles

#### **2019-20 Events**

- Yard Sale Trail
- Pavilion kitchen equipment
- Care for Calais
- Caversham Halloween Hunt, Saturday 31 October 2020 (Map can be found on the WADRA Website www.wadra.org)

#### **Future Events**

- Caversham Winter Wonderland December 2020
- Community book sale/swap
- Pavilion Re-opening early Spring 2021
- Community Coffee Mornings
- Summer Fete 2021



## 9. Mapledurham Playing Fields and pavilion Martin Brommell, Elisa Miles

#### **Mapledurham Playing Fields**

- The Mapledurham Playing Fields
   Management Committee: responsible for
   setting hire charges, conformance with the
   charity, general supervision over activities at
   MPF. Restructured to extend representation
   from wider range of interested parties
- Deed of Dedication: further protect & dedicate the ground to recreation & leisure

#### **MPF** Pavilion

- Pavilion refurbishment (end Nov 2020)
  - WADRA funding of refurbishment (approximately £50k)
  - RBC/EFSA Funding (falling short)
  - Kitchen equipment (WADRA & CTFC)
  - Expected re-Opening 2021



#### 10. The Heights School

Martin Brommell

#### **School Streets**

- Aim to make roads in close proximity safer & healthier for children, parents & residents
- Temporary traffic restrictions at busy school drop-off & pick-up times.
- More space to support social distancing

#### **Engaging with the community**

- New school site on track to open Spring 2021.
- 1<sup>st</sup> class establishment for future generations of children
- Experience during build/lockdown highly distressing for many residents.
- Need for school to proactively engage now with the community to establish a rapport
- WADRA/Daniel Mander pushing representative of School Board of Governors for meeting to initiate discussions



# 11. Treasurer's Report Hayley Brommell

WADRA Accounts	01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020	
WADRA Santander Savings Account		
Opening Balance	£25,470.68	
Withdrawals		
Deposits		
Interest	£137.73	
Balance 31/08/2019	£25,608.41	
WADRA Santander Current Account	Pavilion Funds	WADRA Funds
Opening Balance	£5,243.50	£1,140.62
Deposits /Fundraising	£565.00	£496.00
Withdrawals - Web hosting [£67.06], RBC/Pavilion [£1,356.74], Van hire & petrol [£105.01], Zoom acct [£143.88]	1,461.75	570.94
Balance 31/08/2019	£4,346.75	£1,065.68
Petty Cash		
Opening Balance	£30.00	
Deposits	£27.00	
Withdrawals	£0.00	
Balance	£57.00	
GRAND TOTAL	£31,077.84	

#### Scrutineer's Report on the Warren & District Residents Accounts 2018/20

I report on the accounts for WADRA for the years ended  $31^{st}$  August 2019 and  $31^{st}$  August 2020

#### Respective responsibilities of the Scrutineer

It is my responsibility without carrying out a full audit to scrutinise the accounts and to report you.

#### **Basis of Scrutineer's Statement**

In accordance with the directions given, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in the attached.

#### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with records produced to me and comply with accounting principles.

Name: Stephen Brown FCCA

Email: stephen.brown1892@virginmedia.com

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

SIR

Signature:....



#### 12. AoB

#### **Questions from members**

**Member Question:** "Now that the school is a going ahead, what has WADRA done to help the community come back together."

Committee Reply: WADRA have written to several people in an attempt to reverse the divisiveness in the local community that was a result of two very differing positions on the sale of Trust land. We have written numerous letters in an attempt to start the healing process in our community:

- 1. Nick Waldon, Chair of The Heights (10, 27 March, 23 April)
- 2. A letter to Isobel Ballsdon (1 May, 11 May 2020) –NO REPLY
- 3. CADRA/EGRA (22 September 2020)
- 4. Karen Edwards, Head of The Heights (25 September 2020) NO REPLY

# Thank you

WADRA Committee