

# Warren & District Residents Association *AGM 2020*

Wednesday 28 October 2020

19:30-21:30

Video Conference

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020



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- 3. Matter Arising**
- 4. Elections of new committee members or those returning (digital vote)**
- 5. Planning**
- 6. Our Environment**
- 7. North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum**
- 8. Events, Community Initiatives, and Fundraising**
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- 10.The Heights School**
- 11.Treasurer's Report**
- 12.AoB**
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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, [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)
- **ASB's** to RBC's team [asb.team@reading.gov.uk](mailto:asb.team@reading.gov.uk)





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

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

I report on the accounts for WADRA for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:stephen.brown1892@virginmedia.com)

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



**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

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# Thank you

WADRA Committee