

WARREN AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- Minutes of the virtual Committee meeting held via Zoom videoconference
- Date: Thursday 10th Sep 2020 commencing 19.30hrs
- Present: Elisa Miles (Chair), Hayley Brommell (Treasurer), Martin Brommell (Secretary), Pam Reynolds, Alistair McLean, Bob O'Neill (by audio), Robin Bentham, Jane Bickerstaffe
- Apologies: Phil Darlow

1155. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes of last meeting held 16th July 2020 were signed off by the committee as an accurate record of the meeting. A copy to be sent to Kevin Miles to store on the WADRA website- **Action: Closed**

1156. Treasurers Report

WADRA Accounts –

Accounts 10 September 2020	Amount
Santander Savings & Current Fundraising	£29,955.16
Santander Current WADRA	£1,065.68
Petty Cash/Float	£57.00
Total	£31,077.84

- Figures shown in the table above are subject to further review on Mon 14th Sep'20 by Hayley and Elisa to confirm accuracy. They represent an interim report at this stage.
- Elisa and Hayley to take 2019 and 2020 accounts to Steve Brown for independent audit and sign off. Elisa to contact Steve to agree a suitable date prior to the AGM – **Action: Closed**

1157. Newsletter

Content to be similar to previous newsletters to cover the wide range of WADRA activities eg. Pavilion, Chazey Tith Barn, MPF, edible verge scheme, charity and fundraising work. Final copy to be ready to allow delivery by 1st Oct'20. All except max 25 can be delivered by email, the remainder, to be identified, hand delivered. – **Action: Elisa & committee**

1158. AGM

Planned for 22nd Oct'20 to be a virtual meeting via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions. Meeting to be recorded and added to website for members to watch following the meeting. Details of how to access and watch the Zoom AGM to be included in the newsletter together with a request that any questions and nominations for new committee members be submitted by members 14 days prior to the meeting to the Secretary.

Martin to cancel the canoe club reservation. – **Action: Closed**

1159. WADRA Website

Committee to consider any content to be added after the AGM. – **Action: Ongoing**

1160. Biographies

A short biography and photograph of themselves to be submitted as a priority to Kevin Miles for the website. - **Action: Robin, Hayley**

1161. Planning Applications

Old Planning:

No.	Address	Details	Dated	Status
200102	8 Kelmscott Close	Demolition & replacement with new	6 Feb'20	Withdrawn
200334	192a Uppr Woodcote Rd	Single Storey Side Extn	2 Mar'20	P 17/07
200736	2 Hewett Ave	Extn loft & garage conv. New garage	31 May'20	Con ended 02/09

C – Commented P – Permitted W – Withdrawn R – Refused CD – Conditions Discharged
 Con – Start of Consultation Period

1140. New Planning:

No.	Address	Details	Date	Status
200876	9 Hewett Avenue	Proposed Large Shed	27 Jul'20	Recommendation made
200716	Pump Stn, Chazey Road	Demolition & replace with new house	03 Aug'20	Con 29/07
201026	7 Hewett Avenue	Garage Conv. Front & rear extns	03 Aug'20	Con 18/08
201074	MPF	Drainage proposal. Deep borehole ditch	18 Aug'20	Con 10/08
201131	3 St Peters Ave	Timber Building: Use as a Gym	24 Aug'20	Con ends 18/08
201151	21 Chazey Road	Annex to main building for parents to live in.	8 th Sep'20	

C-Commented P – Permitted W – Withdrawn R – Refused CD – Conditions Discharged
 OS – Observations Sent

(NB: No action to be taken on the current set of planning applications, unless a resident/member requests our assistance on one of the current proposals.)

- 200718 Pumping station, Chazey Road, considered to be out of keeping with the surrounding properties and too near to the road. Alistair to write objection on behalf of WADRA. - **Action: Alistair**
- Concerns exist regarding Kiers proposals, supported by the Environment Agency, regarding bore holes and waste water management at MPF. The committee fear this will cause contamination to enter the main water supply. Alistair to contact Thames Water to flag concerns. – **Action: Alistair**

1162. Fundraising

The WADRA fundraising Yard Sale was considered a success despite poor weather conditions on the day. The committee agreed to running a further Yard Sale in Spring 2021.

– **Action: Closed**

1163. Mapledurham Playing Field Pavilion:

Kitchen equipment from the Happy Diner to be installed w/c 14th Sep'20. **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1164. Deed of Dedication

An interim response was received from Chris Brooks, RBC Legal, 27th Aug'20, advising this is still being considered by the council's solicitors Veale Wasborough Vizards. Sticking points concern existing licenses and granting of future licenses. WADRA has spoken to David Sharman from Fields in Trust and established that no-one has contacted him since March'20. Elisa to chase up with Mr Brooks as this is now long overdue. **Action: Elisa**

1165. MPF Pavilion Opening Event

This will be end of November'20 earliest subject to the pavilion refurbishment being completed and signed off by the building inspector. WADRA propose holding a low-key event with light refreshments and possibly a Christmas event to follow. **Action: Ongoing**

1166. Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee:

Martin pursued a date for the next MPFMC with Chris Brooks and Nicky Simpson but no response has been forthcoming. WADRA now propose writing to Ben Stanesby with an offer to host a virtual meeting using the WADRA Zoom Account. **Action: – Martin**

1167. Verge Parking Around MPF

There has been a marked increase in the number of vehicles parking in Hewett Avenue nightly and on both weekend days by parents and players from Caversham Treants football club and visiting teams. Martin has written to Gary Miles and Ben Stanesby at RBC expressing major concerns regarding the safety of passing motorists and pedestrians. The matter is to be considered at the RBC Traffic Management Sub-Committee meeting on 16th Sep'20 with a view to restrictions being imposed. Elisa proposed an extraordinary meeting to follow the 16th Sep to review the status. Date to be agreed **Action: Elisa**

1168. Footpath 43- Ombudsman Case

Alistair has received confirmation from the Ombudsman that part of the complaint has been upheld and closed with a payment of £100 compensation. Alistair has expressed a wish to allocate this money to the WADRA account. Hayley to provide Alistair with the WADRA account details. This action can then be closed. **Action: Hayley**

1169. WADRA Xmas Cards

Pam has established that there are 10 boxes of Xmas Cards. These will be sent to all members at Xmas time. **Action: Ongoing**

1170. Hewett Avenue Verge Scheme & Treet Planting:

Jane Bickerstaffe to contact Carolyn Jenkins to establish location of services, then arrange a meeting to include Trish to agree the provision and planting of edible and other plants, along with wooden posts and signs advising "Council approved edible verge scheme – no parking". Mowing plans to also be established. – **Action Jane**

1171. Council Leader Jason Brock Zoom meeting

Draft/send email to thank Jason Brock for writing to the DoE but raise concerns about impact to wellbeing of residents from continued construction work by Keir and the new health and safety risks posed by dangerous parking of visiting football clubs parking along both verges in Hewett Avenue. **Action: Elisa**

1172. Noise & Vibrations at MPF

Write to Richard Eatough & Matthew Burns to request that RBC make this a stage 2 complaint because the council refuse to change planning conditions to reduce permitted noise levels or durations and are still adopting averages. Should a satisfactory outcome not be forthcoming, WADRA will take this case to the Ombudsman. **Action: Alistair**

1173. Storage Container at MPF

Elisa to continue discussing provision of a suitable storage container on MPF with RBC and CTFC. One proposal put forward was for “shared space” with the football club to allow WADRA to store camping gear from the Festival prior to sale. **Action: Elisa**

1174. School Streets

Martin to produce 1st draft of a letter regarding School Streets to be sent to Karen Edwards and Nick Waldon of The Heights. Letter to focus on health and safety, clean air benefits and continued retention of the Heights prestigious “Reading Modeshift Stars Primary School of the Year Winners”. **Action: Martin**

1175. Agenda Item for AGM – Ward Changes

Elisa to contact David Stevens, Mayor of Reading, to ask if he will speak at the virtual AGM regarding the impact of proposed Ward changes across the borough. – **Action: Elisa**

1176. CADRA/EGRA Collaboration

Martin to draft a letter regarding proposals by CADRA and EGRA to campaign against the proposed development at Reading Golf Course. Martin’s draft to focus on taking a neutral position regarding this specific campaign but WADRA’s willingness to work collaboratively with CADRA and EGRA in support of the overall protection of green space right across the borough. This must include their written support for objecting to any further development at MPF. **Action: Martin**

1177. AOB

1. Pursue concept of a “new neighbours pack” in conjunction with RBC and local tradespeople
2. “Halloween Trail” for willing participants
3. Publishing of the message from Ben Stanesby concerning status of the pavilion and fences at MPF

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 22:00pm.

Future meeting dates for your diary:

To be held at Larksmead, Upper Warren Avenue, RG4 7EB commencing 19.30hrs (Zoom if Covid19 restrictions continue)

- AGM – Thurs 22nd Oct (venue tbc)
- Thurs 26th Nov