

WARREN AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- Minutes of the virtual Committee meeting held via Zoom videoconference
- Date: Thursday 26th Jan 2021 commencing 19.30hrs
- Present: Elisa Miles (Chair), Hayley Brommell (Treasurer), Martin Brommell (Secretary), Pam Reynolds, Alistair McLean, Bob O'Neill, Jane Bickerstaffe
- Apologies: None

1196. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes of the committee meeting held 26th Nov 2020 were signed off by the committee as an accurate record of the meeting. Copy sent to Kevin Miles to store on the WADRA website- **Action: Closed**

1197. Treasurers Report

WADRA Accounts –

Accounts 26 January 2021	Amount
Santander Savings & Current Fundraising	£30,048.15
Santander Current WADRA	£977.21
Petty Cash/Float	£57.00
Total	£31,082.36

- Figures include £10.00 for two new memberships, and two interest payments of £21.00 and £22.00 respectively making an overall increase in funds of £53.00.

1198. Committee member updates for minutes

The chair proposed that committee members produce a short precis for any updates to matters they are leading on so that the secretary can cut and paste into the WADRA minutes to save time. This action was agreed by all committee members. – **Action: All committee ongoing**

1199. Newsletter

Committee to send content to Elisa by end Feb'21/early March'21 to prepare the first quarterly newsletter of 2021. – **Action: All committee ongoing**

1200. Secretary Position

Martin has requested that he is replaced as secretary, effective from January 2021, to allow him to concentrate specifically on the growing commitments relating to MPF and the Safer Neighbourhood Forum. Chair is continuing the search for someone to take on this role. – **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1201 New Committee Members

Jan David and John Heaps have expressed an interest in joining the WADRA committee and will be invited to co-opt and join the next committee meeting on 9th March'21. Elisa to provide Martin with Jan and John's email addresses so that Martin can invite both to the next meeting. – **Action: Martin ongoing**

1202 Website

Elisa to arrange for a testimonial of Robin Bentham to be put on the website. – **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1203. Planning Applications

Old Planning:

No.	Address	Details	Dated	Status
200716	Pump Stn, Chazey Road	Demolition & replace with new house	03 Aug '20	Con 29/07
201131	3 St Peters Ave	Timber Building: Use as a Gym	24 Aug'20	P18/01
201151	21 Chazey Road	Annex to main building for parents to live in	8 Sep'20	Withdrawn
201233	Grass Hill	2 No, 3Bed Flats with Garages	21 Sep '20	
201331	High Ridge, Upper Warren Avenue	Replacement Dwelling	12 Sep'20	
201387	54 Chazey Road	Single side storey extension	12 Oct'20	
201472	Mapledurham Lawn Tennis Club (MLTC) MPF	Extension to floodlighting hours 20.00-22.00hrs	09 Nov'20	

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

1204. New Planning:

No.	Address	Details	Date	Status
201714	27a Hewett Avenue	Conversion of Bungalow to 2 Floors	14 Dec'20	
201713	31 Chazey Road	Loft extension 4 roof windows	21 Dec'20	
2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
201876	Blewgarth, The Warren	Demolition & replacement of boathouse & summer house	18 Jan'21	

C-Commented P – Permitted W – Withdrawn R – Refused CD – Conditions Discharged
 OS – Observations Sent (**NB:** No action to be taken on planning applications unless a resident/member requests our assistance on one of the current proposals.)

- Alastair to visit The Warren in determine whether there are any potential planning issues which WADRA may need to comment upon. – **Action: Alistair ongoing**

1205. Mapledurham Playing Field Pavilion £1000 from MLTC:

Nigel Stanbrook has asked the MLTC to re-allocate £1,000, originally for disabled toilets but no longer needed, to be used to buy kitchen equipment instead. This to include a hob, fridge and oven. Elisa is liaising with Nigel. **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1206. Mapledurham Playing Field Pavilion Kitchen Equipment

Chair to visit the pavilion Saturday 30th January'21 to establish what else is needed for the kitchen. –
Action: Elisa ongoing

1207. Deed of Dedication

Elisa advised that proposals regarding storage and retaining 5% land for any future development remained the key sticking points but that these are being reviewed. Once these issues are resolved, WADRA will press hard for the granting of future licenses. - **Action: Elisa/Martin ongoing**

1208. Storage at MPF

Elisa in discussion with Ben Stanesby and Daniel Mander regarding WADRA's needs. - **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1209. MPF Pavilion Grand Opening Event

Elisa unveiled a WADRA event plan for MPF and the Pavilion with a suggested date of Sat 17th July'21 for a grand re-opening event, subject to Covid-19 restrictions. - **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1210. Fundraising

A package of events has been presented to Luke Lloyd, RBC Parks & Leisure, by the chair. These include :

- Easter Parade w/c 29th March,
- Movie Night end July/early Aug
- Summer Fete & Camping Gear Sale 4 Sep,
- Christmas Fayre 18 Dec
- Weekly MPF Community Hubs every Thursday 12.00-17.00hrs.

The Community Hubs will be supported by Ways & Means and will require eight volunteers to support the afternoons. The question of public liability insurance to be raised by Elisa with Luke Lloyd along with seeking support to the overall WADRA Fundraising plan. - **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1211. Hewett Avenue Verge Scheme & Tree Planting:

WADRA applied for a Tree Pack from The Conservation Volunteers in mid-December and is waiting for a response. Jane will chase. RBC has given approval for tree planting and wild flowers in the verges, though the verges on the house-side of Hewett Avenue may be too narrow to support trees. Trees would not grow on the MPF-side because of the proximity of existing trees but the green space next to numbers 28 and 29 would be suitable. – **Action: Jane ongoing**

1214. The Heights Community Engagement & School Streets

Elisa to contact Esme Tiplady from The Heights one last time to establish whether there is a willingness to meet with WADRA and other interested parties to initiate community engagement between the Heights school and local residents, many of whom have expressed major concerns regarding key issues such as traffic & parking issues, air quality, safety, noise and light pollution.
Action: Elisa/Martin

1215. CADRA/EGRA Collaboration

Helen Lambert and Elisa have briefly discussed WADRA/CADRA collaboration but the opportunity has not arisen since to progress mutual areas of interest such as protection of green space across the borough. A final push to engage to follow soon. - **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1216. North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum

Martin advised the next NRSNF has been postponed until 18th Feb'21. He asked the committee to talk to local residents to establish what policing issues or concerns they may have such as begging, vehicle thefts, anti-social behaviour and other criminal activity, which residents would like addressed. –
Action: All committee ongoing

1217. The Caversham Bridge Newspaper

Testimonial for Robin and Eve Bentham to be sent to Phil, Editor of The Caversham Bridge, to put on the website by 21st Jan'21 and to go in the next publication. – **Action: Elisa closed**

1218. MPF Pavilion Naming

Elisa to contact Cllr Deborah Edwards, Head of RBC Trustees for MPF, to specifically request consideration is given to renaming the MPF Pavilion “The Bentham Memorial Pavilion” in honour of the incredible efforts Robin put in towards fundraising and maintaining the pavilion against the odds. Cllr Edwards has already responded to advise there is a process which needs to be followed and that other nominations need to be voted on along with WADRA’s. A decision is expected within the next two months. – **Action: Elisa ongoing**

1219. AOB

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:50hrs.

Future meeting dates for your diary:

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

- Tuesday 9th March 2021 commencing 19.30hrs