

WARREN AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

- Minutes of Committee meeting held at Larks Mead
- Date: Wednesday 10th Aug 2022 commencing 19.30hrs
- Present: Elisa Miles EM (Chair), Hayley Brommell HB (Treasurer), Sally Hart SH (Secretary), Martin Brommell MB, Pam Reynolds PR, Alistair McLean AM, John Heaps JH, Bob O'Neill RON

1383. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held 13th April 2022 were agreed by the committee as a correct record of the meeting. It was noted that no meeting was held in June due to absence and ill health within the committee.

Action: Closed

1384. Treasurers Report of WADRA Accounts

HB presented the information below. Storage costs were coming down following camping gear sales. RON offered to scan the historic documents currently kept in store. Other items in store related mainly to the holding of events. JH offered to help with an inventory. A salvage operation after the 2022 Reading Festival would only take place if subsequent storage costs of the saleable gear could be met by Festival Republic. EM investigating. It was agreed that fundraising would be preferable to applying for grant aid if possible and that funds could be boosted by a future social which may be welcomed by members after the pandemic years.

13th April - 5th August					
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =	Details OUT =
Savings Account	£17,871.23	£ 6.71	£ 1,532.60	Interest - April - July	Robin Bench £114.95 RBC Café £464.25 DoD solicitor £953.40
WADRA current	£3,481.23	£1,708.44	£ 891.95	Café Donation £1,000	Café cakes £207.40
				Café £264.24	Café supplies £15.30
				Café hire £20	Café hire £127.35
				Tent £25	WADRA storage £398
				Dementia day £240	
Petty Cash	£46.40			HB = £22.24	
Grand total	£21,398.86	£1,715.15	£2,424.55	£ 1,572.20	£ 2,280.65

Note - dementia day payment in of £240 [+ £20 outstanding from RBC] £260 will be paid to The Caversham [golf] in the next report. Café cash of £62 for this period hasn't been deposited yet, so will be added in the next report

EM to ask Steve Brown pass back the signed accounts thereafter David Stephens or a cotact of AM would be asked to take on the role.

Action RON JH EM

1385. Planning Applications

AM reported the applications in the following table and commented that none of the 6 permissions granted since the last meeting were controversial. Application No: 221842: 25 Hewett Avenue. The proposed construction of a new house had been refused. Regarding new planning applications the committee considered applications 220441, 220635 and 220643 and agreed to submit comment. In view of the volume of impending home enlargements it was important for developers to be considerate neighbours.

Action							AM
211978	1	Hewett Close	Single Garage ,Front, Dormer and porch	D	20/12/2021	P: 18/05/2022	
2022							
212005	5	Grass Hill	Tree Protection and Ground Mats	D	04/01/2022	P: 11/01/2022	
212048	Donaldswood	Upper Warren Ave	1st Floor Rear Ext'n	D	04/01/2022	P: 03/05/2022	
212017	Willowbrae	The Warren	Demolition & Erection of New Building	D	17/01/2022		
220030	New Frogmoor	Blagrave Lane	New Timber Building	D	17/01/2022	P: 14/03/2022	
212605	5	Grass Hill	Non Material Change	D	11/01/2022	P: 11/01/2022	
220192	141	Upper Woodcote Road	Discharge of Conditions	D	21/02/2022	P: 09/05/2022	
220207	1	Mapledene	Proposed single storey rear Ext'n	D	07/03/2022	P: 27/06/2022	
220323	112	St Peters Ave	Loft Conversion with Velux window	D	21/03/2022	P: 10/05/2022	
220287	3	Mapledene	Tree House in rear garden	D	04/04/2022	W: 13/06/2022	
220478	91	St Peters Ave	1st Floor Ext'n and Front & Rear Ext'ns	D	11/04/2022	P: 09/05/2022	
220535	5	Grass Hill	Variation to Approved permission	D	23/04/2022		
220556	2	Hewett Ave	Infill Ground floor area	D	23/04/2022	P: 27/07/2022	
220530	Willow Bend	The Warren	Shed ancilliary to boathouse	D	23/04/2022	W: 19/07/2022	
220441	Meadow View	Blagrave Lane	Replacement House	C	03/05/2022		
220606	173	Upper Woodcote Road	Approval of Details in Planning Conditions	C	03/05/2022		
220635	11	St Peters Ave	Single storey side ext'n	C	16/05/2022		
220642	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	Extension to existing building	C	16/05/2022	W: 07/07/2022	
220643	3	Gravel Hill	New garage & French Drain	C	16/05/2022		
220671	White Lodge	The Warren	2 Storey Ext'n	C	23/05/2022		
220667	Norbrook House	Upper Warren Avenue	For approval of details to planning permission	C	23/05/2022		
220878	144	Upper Woodcote Road	Single storey Rear ext'n	C	27/06/2022		
220884	27	St Peters Ave	Single Storey & Rear Ext'n	C	27/06/2022		
220901	5	Balliol Road	14ft x 10ft Tressel to side garden	C	04/07/2022		
221062	Moorings	Upper Warren Avenue	Garden Building -Gym, Office & Bathroom	C	01/08/2022		

1386. Mission statement. Committee confirmed their mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the area for its residents. SH to redraft guidance for committee members.

Action SH

1387. Website

Further useful links had been added including guidance for salvaging volunteers at Festival. A history of the pavilion and more gallery pictures of past events could be added. SH was asked to simplify her proposals for the photo competition with fewer categories.

Action: SH and EM through Kevin Miles the webmaster

1388. Logo The designer asked to update the logo had moved away. It will be revisited at the next meeting.

Action: defer

1389 Membership. EM has still to approach a potential new committee member. Committee will recommend to members at the AGM that the WADRA boundary should align with that of the new ward boundary. A courtesy note will be sent to CADRA to explain this and assure that, as now, while nesting within the CADRA area, WADRA will maintain its current focus and activities

Action SH and EM

1390 Newsletter and AGM A newsletter will be distributed including advance notice of the AGM which will take place in Mapledurham Pavilion Hall on Oct 19th. It was decided to invite a speaker on a topic of interest to members. The newsletter will outline WADRA's activities for the neighbourhood.

1391. Mapledurham Playing Fields

- i) **Deed of Dedication** It was agreed that the relevant papers should be available on WADRA website so that members could see for themselves the considerable effort that had been made to effect a positive outcome and assess whether RBC had acted responsibly in reporting our position to the Trustees.
- ii) **MPF Committee** No chair has been elected and the current membership of the management committee is unknown other than that certain members had outrun their terms.
- iii) **Anti-social behaviour** is of increasing concern. MB has held several discussions on site with officials and councillors after regular disturbances late on Friday evenings by large groups of teenagers drinking and causing damage. MB will try to establish which agency has direct and or delegated responsibility for dealing with ASB and what performance indicators are in place.
- iv) **Autumn Events** WADRA will hold the usual Halloween event on October 29th.
- v) **Café/Hall/kitchen bookings** The Thursday afternoon café has reopened with generous support from Blend. On re-opening the volunteers found the kitchen and tables in an unhygienic state and have expressed concern to RBC.

1392 School. Noise is still a concern exacerbated by the intense use of the facilities in the school holidays by a company offering holiday play. MB and HB maintain a liaison with the head to monitor sound and light nuisance. Two closest residents have agreed to meet CLLR Kitchingham in the new term. JH offered to revisit the community use agreement to establish what was free to the community and when. The climbing frame is still in place near homes.

Action HB,MB,JH

1393 The Caversham Golf Course Despite two reminders the Head Greenkeeper has not offered a date for the course tour.

Action SH

1394 Neighbourhood Safety This item was deferred. MB to attend an imminent North Reading Safety meeting and raise issues mentioned above

1395 Date of next full committee meeting 5 October with small group meetings before that to prepare for AGM.

