

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 15 February 2023

Start: 19.30hrs

Venue : zoom – Thanks to MB for setting up zoom sessions enabling members to steer clear of various domestic viruses. Due to technical difficulties Pam Reynolds(PR) and Alistair McLean(AM) could not be heard and Elisa Miles(EM) joined by telephone after a quarter of an hour and could not always hear the other committee present who were – Hayley Brommell (HB), Martin Brommell (MB), Sally Hart(SH), Bob O’Neil (RON) and John Heaps(JH).

WADRA BUSINESS

1408 Minutes of committee meeting on 16 November 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

1409 Treasurer’s report. HB emphasised that the camping sales figures spanned the report to the November committee and this one. The café and pavilion hire figures related to the invoices received from Reading Borough Council during the period.

23rd November - 15th February							
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£ 17,898.17	£ 20.45		Interest - Dec - Feb			
WADRA current	£ 3,905.44	£ 1,818.37	£ 1,062.63	Café	£ 270.77	Café	£ 218.40
				Camping Sale	£ 270.18	Pavilion hire	£ 612.95
				Festival Republic	£ 853.70	Web hosting	£ 96.09
				Reading Lions	£ 500.00		
Petty Cash	£0.00	HB =	£22.24				
Grand total	£21,803.61	£1,838.82	£1,062.63		£1,894.65		£927.44

1410 Planning Applications. Crawfordjohn: 3 Planning Applications have been made for this property. The first proposal was to extend the existing property, but this was withdrawn. The second application (221245) was for a completed demolition of the existing property and a complete new build. This was permitted on 20th August 2022. The third application (221878) was for a single storey Rear Extension (an after thought perhaps) to the new construction and this was permitted on 14th February 2023. The name Warren Peace is now on the property. The RBC records make no reference to the name being changed and the 2 permissions are still in the name of Crawfordjohn.

The Application for 30 Chazey Road (221482) was withdrawn.

The application for an 18 metre high tele-pole on St Peters Ave (221825) was refused, so it was certainly worthwhile objecting to this application.

There were 2 separate applications for 4 Hewett Ave, one for a garage conversion (221463) and another for a rear dormer extension (221790)

221125	Charmwood Cott	Upper Woodcote Rd,	Approval of Reserved Conditions	D	18/08/2022	P: 13/09/2022
221196	Blewgarth,	The Warren	Approval of Details in Planning Conditions	D	22/08/2022	P: 21/10/2022
221072	5	Grass Hill	Changes to Siting of 3 Bed House	D	23/08/2022	P: 28/09/2022
221245	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	Replacement Dwelling & Garage	C	30/08/2022	P: 24/10/2022
221287	Willowbrae	The Warren	Approval of Conditions	D	15/09/2022	P: 10/10/2022
211359	1	Hewett Ave	Reduction in Dormer Size	D	27/09/2022	P: 10/11/2022
2023		2023				
221463	4	Hewett Close	Garage Conversion & 1st Floor Ext'n	D	10/10/2022	P:15/12/2022
221526	68	Chazey Road	Single Storey Rear Ext'n	D	14/10/2022	P: 20/12/2022
221566	174	Upper Woodcote Road	2 Storey & Part single storey Ext'n	D	31/10/2022	
221482	30	Chazey Road	Gable & Roof Ext'n	D	14/11/2022	W/D: 23/01/2023
221645	South Hill	Upper Warren Ave	Rear single storey Ext.n	D	14/11/2022	P: 13/01/2023
221644	Blewgarth	The Warren	Dem'ion of existing ,applic'n for new house	D	21/11/2022	P: 23/01/2023
221790	4	Hewett Close	Flat Roof Dormer at Rear	D	12/12/2022	P: 23/01/2023
221819	2	Kelmscott Close	Single Storey Rear Ext'n	D	12/12/2022	P: 27/01/2023
221825	55	St Peters Ave	18 High Street Pole & 3 cabinets	D	19/12/2022	R: 27/01/2023
221878	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	Rear Ext.n	D	04/01/2023	P: 14/02/2023
221625	The Moorings	Upper Warren Ave	Replacement House	D	09/01/2023	
221827	5	Grass Hill	Approval of details reserved by Condition 3	D	09/01/2023	P : 31/01/2023

1411 Membership drive EM reported her plans for a welcome pack to include a leaflet/letter and useful links. An article for the Bridge would be submitted by April 1st. **Action** EM

1412 Website. Priority had been given to setting up the photo competition. Updating was also ongoing. In line with the membership drive a “friends” category would be created as agreed at the AGM. EM suggested keeping a master members list on Google Sheets. EM to explain process to HB and SH. **Action** EM, HB, SH

1413 Photo competition . SH thanked Kevin Miles for his expertise in setting up the application process. One ineligible application had been received from outside the area even though the applicant had agreed to the terms and conditions. Publicity to continue. Action SH EM.

1414 Logo/ Publicity nothing to report. **Action** PR

1415 Emptying the small storage unit – EM to agree date to pass items to AM and RON for pruning and archiving. **Action** AM,RON,EM

1416 2023 events

- I. It was agreed that no items from the 2023 Reading Festival would be put in store for later sale as the market for camping goods in Caversham seemed saturated. Salvaging would be considered if there were charities willing to take the material immediately.
- II. There would not be a Halloween parade in view of the poor turnout in 2023.
- III. It was felt that WADRA should not hold a formal event to mark the Coronation on the Coronation weekend as several other events were in planning.
- IV. Following checks with RBC the AGM was booked for Wednesday evening Oct 11th.
- V. Members to suggest a speaker. **Action** ALL

1417 Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee –

EM reported that several items requested at the previous meeting had not been covered and she expected them to be dealt with at the forthcoming meeting on March 15th . These included clarification of the spaces referred to in the draft deed of Dedication, the current status of that document and its relationship to the Local Plan.

It was noted that the term of Councillor Carnell, the new Chair, expires in May 2023 when he will presumably stand in the council elections. WADRA should be ready with a briefing for interested voters.

1418 Anti-social behaviour/ Parking. MB had alerted RBC to several recent incidents.

1419 Community Café - Themed Café afternoons would be planned and publicised. The maintenance and cleanliness of the Pavilion were being monitored through reports and photographs. **Action** EM/PR

1420 School –

Mitigation of sound and light nuisance. The monitoring of the environmental impact of the school was ongoing in accordance with the guidelines from RBC **Action** MB

1421 North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum -MB attended the NRSNF held 26th Jan’23 with representatives from Thames Valley Police, RBC ward councillors and various neighbourhood groups including Residents Associations. Key topics covered included a Police update, an update from the main Safer Neighbourhood Forum, community speedwatch, water safety, encampments, no cold caller zones, fires at Bugs Bottom and road markings.

1422 Dates of further committee meetings in 2023

March 29th

May 10th

August 9th

AGM booked 11 October. A committee meeting in late September/ early October will be necessary.

The meeting closed at 9 pm