WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Date: 10 May 2023 **Start**: 19.30hrs

Venue: Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

Present: Elisa Miles EM (Chair), Hayley Brommell HB(Treasurer) Sally Hart SH (Secretary) Martin Brommell MB, John Heaps JH, Alistair McLean AM, Pam Reynolds PR and Bob O'Neill RON (from 20.30)

WADRA BUSINESS

1439 With two minor amendments the minutes of the committee meeting on 29^{th} March 2023 t were agreed as a correct record

1440 The following future committee dates were agreed August 9th, September 27th, October 11th AGM

WADRA BUSINESS REQUIRING DECISIONS

ASB

1441 EM summarised the current situation with respect to ASB. Cllr Paul Cornell's intervention had helped clarify the lines of responsibility for reporting and action with the police admitting that there is an ASB problem in the Playing Fields and surrounding area. Since the Council election it was likely that he would cease to chair MPF management committee. However, his knowledge of the issue and of the key players would be useful if he agreed to maintain contact

1442 JH presented his perspective on the ASB issues emphasising the need for a long term strategic approach. EM stated that as the voice of the local community WADRA should work with other agencies in a supporting role. One issue to be addressed was reporting incidents since RBC and TVP systems did not relate and their definitions of ASB also differed. With this in mind, JH, MB and AM agreed to examine the issue in detail with North Reading Safer Neighbourhood representatives. **Action JH,MB,AM**

Relationship with ward councillors and MPFMC in particular.

1443 EM had written to the newly elected CLLr Sam Juthani requesting a briefing meeting. The membership of the MPF management committee was discussed as it was likely other members may stand down as well as Mr Carnell. Mark Corbett, a charity expert and philanthropist, had provided valuable insights into the financial relationship between the Trust and RBC. It was agreed that Mr Corbett be invited to join WADRA committee as a coopted member. His assessment should be clarified with supporting information and put to

Jason Brock for a response. EM would consult with a friend about involving the Charity Commission. **Action EM**

Recruitment Drive

1444 EM circulated contact information for comment before being lodged on the website as a resource for members and friends of WADRA. SH to finalise a draft leaflet to go to all households reporting on achievements and inviting non-members to join. SH hoped the extension of the deadline of the photo competition would encourage people to consider what matters to them about the area. Maria Sweet would be asked to lead a session on taking phones for photography at a café afternoon. **Action SH**

1445 With respect to the AGM decision to acknowledge friends of WADRA who did not live in the area but were regular users of its amenities, it was agreed that through social media people would be invited to be on WADRA's communication list. **Action EM**

ROUTINE WADRA BUSINESS

Treasurer's report.

1446 HB presented her report. insert

30th March - 9th May											
Balance			IN		OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =			
Savings Account	£	17,916.20	£ 9	9.96		Interest - April					
WADRA current	£	2,713.96	£26	3.77	£391.35	Café	£ 26	50.77	Café cakes	£	148.80
						Misc	£	3.00	Pavilion hire x 5	£	212.25
									Storage [64.13 paid		
									twice credit ?]		
Petty Cash		£63.00	HB=		£22.24				Café sundries cash	£	30.30
Grand total	£2	20,693.16	£273	3.73	£391.35		£26	3.77		£	391.35

Storage costs were reducing and the aim was to eliminate them completely. RON had digitised much of the written archive with perhaps a third still to be done. Items such as reusable shopping bags and large storage bags still had to be disposed of perhaps via social media.

Planning Report

1447 AM presented his report (below). He highlighted the changes to the external rendering) of Crawford John (Warren Peace). He confirmed that no application had been recorded to enlarge the class sizes at the Heights School.

			WADRA Planning Report			10/05//2023
			Current Planning Applications			
	Key: O. Object	ed: C. Commented: N/A: No	action: P. Permitted, R: Refused, W;Withdr	awn		
	CD:Conditions Discharged Con: Start of Consultation Period					
		C: Committee Decision	D: Delegated Decision			
Number	Property	Road	Description	C/D	Dated	Result
2023		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: 04/01/2023
221625	The Moorings	Upper Warren Ave	Replacement House	D	09/01/2023	P: 24/04/2023
221827	5	Grass Hill	Approval of details reserved by Condition 3	D	09/01/2023	P: 31/01/2023
230291	25	St Peters Ave.	2 Storey Rear & single storey Front Ext'ns	D	20/03/2023	
230339	30	Chazey Road	Loft Conver'n with 2 dormers and front porch	D	27/03/2023	
230249	27	St Peters Avenue	Single storey Ext'n and 1st floor Ext'to rear	D	05/04/2023	
	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	Change of wall materials to Painted Render	D	24/04/2023	

Any other business

1448 Community concern had been expressed about the aggressive manner adopted by the organiser of Air Soft activity in addressing families while apparently carrying rifles and telling them to leave traditional footpaths near the bluebells on Mapledurham Estate. SH agreed to raise the matter with the Estate Manager. **Action SH**

1449 Coronation seeds. EM had approached RBC concerning the scattering of red, white and blue wild flower seeds at suitable locations around the playing fields. Members suggested locations to consider. **Action EM**

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Date of next meeting August 9th