

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date : 9 August 2023 **Start:** 19.30hrs

Venue : Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

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

Apologies: Martin Brommell MB

WADRA BUSINESS

1450 The minutes of the committee meeting on 10 May were agreed. The next meeting would be held on September 27th and the AGM on October 11th.

1451 Treasurer's report

10th May - 9th August							
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£ 17,950.58	£ 34.38		Interest - May - July			
WADRA current	£ 2,529.93	£756.13	£ 940.16	Café	£ 756.13	Café cakes	£ 503.40
						Pavilion hire	£ 254.70
						Storage	£ 143.87
Petty Cash	£63.00	HB =	£22.24			Café sundries	£ 38.19
Grand total	£20,543.51	£790.51	£940.16		£756.13		£ 940.16

It was noted that the café may need further sponsorship after an autumn review. The proposed arts and crafts event was likely to be postponed due to lack of interest from exhibitors. In the light of storage costs and the saturated local market WADRA would not salvage camping gear for resale from the Festival site. Charities had been invited to send trucks to pick up salvage but none had accepted. Small items such as clothes, unopened food and toiletries would be passed directly to charities. It was felt that no further legal expenses would be incurred with respect to the Deed of Dedication.

Action HB to check whether the storage deposit has been returned. **All** to review café finances in September and plan some fundraising. **EM** to liaise with salvagers and charities.

1452 **Financial Preparation for AGM** – Noting that the financial year ends on August 31st AM agreed to ask his contact to audit the accounts. The one- off membership subscription had remained at £5 for a very long time and SH asked if the AGM might be asked to raise the one-off subscription.

Action AM to invite audit. **Committee** to consider AGM items in detail in September.

1453 **Membership drive.**

Action EM to put final touches to newsletter to include late items of news. This would be circulated by email. **SH** to give all the distribution list for hand delivery to non-members with suggested routes for committee members.

PLANNING REPORT

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WADRA Planning Report						09/08//2023
Current Planning Applications						
Key: O: Objected: C: Commented: N/A: No action: P: Permitted, R: Refused, W:Withdrawn						
CD:Conditions Discharged			Con: Start of Consultation Period			
C: Committee Decision			D: Delegated Decision			
Number	Property	Road	Description	C/D	Dated	Result
2023		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	W/D; 16/06/2023
230249	27	St Peters Avenue	Single storey Ext'n and 1st floor Ext'to rear	D	05/04/2023	P: 29/06/2023
230451	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	Change of wall materials to Painted Render	D	24/04/2023	P:11/05/2023
230672	Crawfordjohn	Upper Warren Ave	1st Floor Ext'n over rear canopy	D	30/05/2023	
230687	24	ST Peters Ave	Single storey Ext'n rear and front	D	30/05/2023	
230726	147	Upper Woodcote Road	Front, Side and Rear Ext'ns	D	06/06/2023	
230843	144	St Peters Ave:	Single Storey Rear Ext'n	D	03/07/2023	
230887	6	Mapledene	Timber Orangeryto replace existing	D	03/07/2023	
230972	11	St Peters Ave:	Single Storey side Ext'n	D	31/07/2023	
230982	11	St Peters Ave:	Arboricultural Impact Assessment	D	31/07/2023	
231002	Blewgarth	The Warren	Approval of details : Biodiversity	D	31/07/2023	
230913	Stable Cottage	Upper Warren Ave	Proposed works to a Tree	D	24/07/2023	P: 24/07/2023
231038	8	Wychotes	Removal of exposed limb of Cedar Tree	D	25/07/2023	P: 25/07/2023
231040	20	Chazey Road	Single Storey rear Ext'n and Garage Convers	D	07/08/2023	

AM presented the latest applications. He was anticipating the application from the Heights School to expand its intake and would advise the committee directly. **Action AM**

1455 Follow up to AGM 2022 – logo: **Action EM** and **PR** will ask a third party to firm up their idea. Membership.: In order to engage with residents who use the area but live outside, as much information as possible will be openly available on the website. Deed of dedication: **Action EM** to check on the composition of the Trust and the date of its next meeting. She will brief the two new local councillors at the end of August.

1456 **Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee.** EM had circulated her notes of the last meeting at which she had been elected Chair. She was seeking clarity regarding the representation from Caversham Trents. **Action EM** to contact Caversham Trents and to chase up the minutes and calendar of future meetings.

1457 **Proposed Expansion of The Heights School** EM had previously circulated an action plan. It was agreed to circulate a leaflet about the issues alongside the members newsletter. An objection to the planning application would be sent. Letters would also be written to the ward Councillors, Matt Rodda MP, CADRA, the press and the school. Sample letters would be placed on the WADRA website. **Action ALL**

1458 **Anti Social Behaviour**

- Report of sub group AP1442 – an initial ASB Focus Group workshop was held on Tues 27th June'23. Representatives were Martin B (chair), John Heaps, Alistair Mclean and Paul Carnell. JH anticipated that the recommendations would be tightly focussed on keeping MPF safe through intervention and prevention. Members were given a copy of the draft working slide deck for information.
- AP1443 – Elisa and MB met Sam Juthani, new Mapledurham Labour ward councillor, on Saturday 27th May'23 for an introductory meeting. This provided Sam with an overview of the big issues affecting Caversham Heights and specifically MPF. Since that meeting Sam has attended the MPFMC and also the NRSNF which has given him an even greater insight into key issues. and to keep the members informed of WADRA's activities

1459 **Preparation for AGM** – The invited speaker will be Lynn Bushell who is head of communications for the RBH project EM and MB will meet her via Teams to discuss her presentation. It was important to “advertise” her attendance as a guest speaker asap to increase attendance levels. We might also want to think about extending invitations to CADRA & EGRA . three weeks before October 11th. According to the Constitution the convening notice shall be issued by the Secretary no less than 21 days prior to the date of the AGM i.e. September 20th. With notice of the AGM, nominations for membership of the Committee will be invited, as vacancies become due in accordance with Clause 4.2 (retirement by rotation) and to meet the requirements of Clause 4.4 (number of elected members). Any member may request the Committee to consider an item for inclusion on the agenda for the AGM. Such a request must be delivered to the Secretary in writing prior to WADRA's year-end on 31 August. **Action EM SH**

1460 **Any Other Business**

Festival lighting check. JH and SH to accompany RON on the river to check lighting spill over homes in the Warren, **Action RON,SH, JH**

1461 **Dates of next meetings**

Sept 27th

Oct 11th AGM