

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date : 11 September 2024 **Start:** 19.30 hrs

Venue : Larks Mead

Present: Elisa Miles EM (Chair), Hayley Brommell HB (Treasurer), Sally Hart SH (Secretary), Barbara Garden BG, John Heaps JH, Alistair McLean AM, Bob O'Neill RON, Pam Reynolds PR. Observer Stephen Bale

1521 Stephen Bale was welcomed to attend the meeting with a view to standing for election to the committee.

1522 The minutes of the committee meeting on 19 June were agreed.

Matters arising

1523 Logo EM displayed 3 possible examples. It was suggested that she should display refined versions for member comment at the AGM. It should be readable in grey scale as well as colour. **Action EM**

1524 Archive RON reported that 2/3 of the boxes had been digitised with cross referencing for ease of retrieval.

1525 Member list update. The possibility of an information only WhatsApp group for members was discussed. Members would be asked by Mailchimp for permission to add them to the group. **Action EM**

1526 Phone mast. Vodaphone had erected the 30m mast illegally on the Upper Woodcote Road without planning permission and objections had been raised but there was no sign of it coming down. Recently a car exiting the nearby retirement flats had experienced a near miss due to the pavement clutter obscuring the view. AM was expecting a statement from RBC on the matter. If necessary, AM to make a FOI request to ascertain whether RBC was receiving a lease income. **Action AM**

1527 Treasurer's report HB tabled her report.

18th June - 11th September							
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£18,154.40	£31.57		Interest -July August			
WADRA current	£1,507.04	£836.06	£581.20	Café	£336.06	Printing	£111.00
				Café Sponsor	£500.00	Café cakes	£187.20
Petty Cash	£45.00	HB =	£22.24	[Festival Republic]		Pavilion hire	£283.00
Grand total	£19,706.44	£867.63	£581.20		£836.06		£581.20

EM stated that the cost of cakes in the cafe could be reduced using home resources and displaying all ingredients. Several suggestions were made for themed afternoons to boost income. SB would explore further advice regarding donations from Festival Republic. **Action EM, SB**

1528 Planning Report AM tabled his report.

The RBC planning portal was being changed and currently was no longer user friendly and required some patience to retrieve information

230726: 147 Upper Woodcote Road: This application was submitted in June'23 and revised proposals have now been made.

Mr J Phillips {neighbour} has written a letter to RBC to ask them to reconsider this application.

231023: Heights School: No progress, still undecided. See below.

231270:270708:241108: Warren Creek, The Warren:, two applications had been refused and a further CLP – a Certificate of Lawfulness, under Permitted Development, was likely to go to Committee in late October.

240554: 133, Upper Woodcote Road: This is for a small side extension and is still valid.

240564:79, St Peters Avenue Permitted on 12 July 2024.

240808: 28, Chazey Road: Small porch extension, applied for on 22 June and permitted on 19th August'24.

240489: 7 Maple Dene: Part garage conversion and side extension. Still valid.

240766: Magnolia House previously Tonilla: This is a a large 3 storey ext'n and was submitted on 1st July '24.

No planning approval has been granted yet, but work has started on demolishing part of the existing bungalow.

6 Kelmscott Close: Part ground floor and first floor ext'ns. Approved on 02/09/2-04

240824: The Shanty : The Warren Small extension to front of house.

240254	12	Wychcotes	Rear Ext'n to ground floor and 1st Floor	D	11/03/2024	P:05/07/2024
240408	191	U W A	Ext'n to rear to replace conservatory	D	15/04/2024	P:11/07/2024
240323	6	U W A	Single storey side Extension	D	29/04/2024	P:12/07/2024
240841	Blagrave House	U W A	Side Ext'n & alterations to side & rear	D	29/04/2024	P:24/06/2024
240424	Jasmine Cottage	The Warren	New Roof and single storey ext'n	D	30/04/2024	P:02/08/2024
240564	79	St Peters Ave	Single Storey Rear Ext'n	D	13/05/2024	P:12/07/2024
240600	5	St Peters Ave	Rear Ext'n & raised terrace	D	28/05/2024	P:21/06/2024
240808	28	Chazey Road	Proposed Front Porch	D	01/07/2024	P:19/08/2024
240489	7	Maple Dene	Part Garage Conv & Side Ext,n	D	24/06/2024	
240766	Tonilla	Magnolis House UWA	Large 3 storey Extension	D	01/07/2024	
240839	6	Kelmscott Close	Garage Conv. And first floor Ext'n	D	08/07/2024	P:02/09/2024
240824	The Shanty	The Warren	Extensions to existing buildings	D	15/07/2024	
241108	Warren Creek	The Warren	Approval of Conditions	D	26/08/2024	

1529 Action AM to enter an observation regarding the leisure use of the Warren Creek area.

Following queries from neighbours AM to ask RBC the status of 145 and 145a Upper Woodcote Road -if flats then council tax would be due on both

1530 Re Heights School The application by the Heights School to increase its roll had still not been to Planning Committee. Members expressed concern that the intake may have risen in September regardless.

1531 Draft agenda for AGM The agenda for the AGM was agreed. **All** to write their reports in advance and submit them to BG who would minute any discussion. A screen and projecting laptop would be required by the speaker. A biographical note about the speaker and any new people standing for election to the committee should also be provided in advance.

1532 Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee. Friends of Mapledurham group would be joining the Management Committee which would next meet in November. EM had written a letter of welcome to the new Head of Heights school and hoped that she would visit the café in the near future.

1533 JH asked for a statement of the formal responsibilities of RBC with respect to MPF and expressed concern that vehicles were being parked across the access for emergency vehicles. Paths were also overgrown BG said Friends of Mapledurham were due to cut down ivy and trim some paths. EM asked for her opinion on the damage to trees in Upper Warren Ave which appeared to be linked to construction deliveries.

1534 Community Café In order to foster community spirit and boost numbers feature events would be planned. Ideas put forward included: charity such as air ambulance to receive and safely wipe old electronic devices, coat drive, locally sourced Christmas fare tasting and sales, pop up pub.

1535 Anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood safety It was noted that the North Reading Safety Forum was no longer active as police and councillors had been pulled from attendance. JH felt that walking groups of adults in the evenings had contributed to a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

1536 Reading Festival EM had not received any complaints but SB noted that the noise from the funfair on Wednesday and Thursday had been excessive and he had complained to RBC. **Action.** EM to submit observations concerning the recorded music and the positioning of the stages

Date of Next Meeting 9 Oct AGM, 20 Nov 2024

The meeting closed at 21.45