

# WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

**Date** : 20 November 2024

**Start:** 19.30 hrs

**Venue** : Larks Mead

**Present:** Elisa Miles EM (Chair), Sally Hart SH (Secretary), Stephen Bale SB, Barbara Garden BG, Alistair McLean AM, Bob O'Neill RON, Pam Reynolds PR.

**Apologies** Hayley Brommell HB (Treasurer), John Heaps JH,

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**1537** Stephen Bale was welcomed to the meeting following his election to the committee. He will be added to all group communications and his profile would be posted on the website. BG noted that she, and possibly others were not receiving information circulated through Mailchimp. **Action EM** to check Mailchimp against the members list

**1538** The minutes of the committee meeting on 11 September were agreed. In future, SH would ask for online agreement to committee minutes in order that they could be published as soon as possible.

### **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

**1539 Logo** EM circulated possible examples. She suggested it could be the subject of a competition. **Action EM**

**1540 Archive** RON reported that digitisation was continuing. He had found duplicates of many documents.

**1541 Member list update.** BG agreed to set up a WhatsApp group for members. Members would be asked by Mailchimp for permission to add them to the group. **Action BG** The walking group whats app would be revamped as a group for the Committee **Action JH**

**1542 Phone mast.** The street light which had been attached to the old mast had been repositioned. AM felt it was the wrong side of the green boxes and RBC advised that they do not receive any payment for the mast on the Woodcote Road,

### **Matters arising from AGM not elsewhere on the agenda**

**1543 Attendance.** In the hope that more members would venture out It was agreed to try to book the hall for a Wednesday in early October 2025 with a starting time of 18.30. The proposed WhatsApp group and a hand delivered paper notice would also be used to boost attendance. **Action SH, BG**

**1544** All asked EM to pass on their thanks to the Speaker for a very useful session. She had already done so. EM had put the slide presentation on the website and would also put the figures relating to the interest earned by the Trust money under the care of Reading Borough Council. She reported that several people had agreed to write to relevant bodies to urge better management of capital assets of the Trust highlighting the legal obligations of Trustees, current conflicts of interest, and the need for a meaningful Deed of Dedication.

**1545 Treasurer's report.** EM confirmed that there had been no charge for the dates when the café was closed. A Christmas mini market was to be held alongside the café on November 28. She proposed

that WADRA should hold a quiz in a Thursday evening in January or early February, PR and EM offered source material. **Action** SB and BG to collate the quiz questions.

12th September - 18th November							
Balance		IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£18,202.13	£47.73		Interest -Sept -Nov			
WADRA current	£1,500.08	£525.39	£532.35	Café	£525.39	Café cakes	£235.20
						Pavilion hire	£297.15
Petty Cash	£45.00						
HB =	£22.24						
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>£19,747.21</b>	<b>£573.12</b>	<b>£532.35</b>		<b>£525.39</b>		<b>£532.35</b>

**1546 Planning Report** Since the last meeting, there have been 6 new applications and 1 decision. None of the new applications appear to be contentious, however, the application for Warren Creek has been revised yet again. The one refusal was against the application for The Shanty in the Warren. There has been no decision yet on Tonilla ( Magnolia House) or 147 Upper Woodcote Road.

240824	The Shanty	The Warren	Extensions to existing buildings	D	15/07/2024	Refused: 07/11/2024
241108	Warren Creek	The Warren	Approval of Conditions	D	26/08/2024	Withdrawn: 30/09/2024
241276	197	Upper Woodcote Road	Garage conversion & infill below rear balcony	D	07/10/2024	
241328	130	St Peters Ave	Single storey ext'n on ground floor	D	14/10/2024	
241360	5	Grass Hill	Change to external materials & siting of house	D	21/10/2024	
241281	Springwood	The Warren	2 Storey Rear Ext.n & 1st Floor Balcony etc	D	04/11/2024	
241448	4	Scholars Close	Front, Side & Rear Ext'ns & solar panels	D	04/11/2024	
241461	Warren Creek	The Warren	Single storey ground floor Ext'n & new dormer	D	04/11/2024	

**1547 Local Plan** The implications of various elements in the consultation draft of the Local Plan were considered. These included Chazey Barn, green spaces, the proposed Park and Ride off A4074, the third bridge route, dwellings behind Symeon place and further use of Hemdean House.

**Action** AM to attend one of the consultation events and submit comments on behalf of WADRA having shown members a draft and then copy to CADRA.

#### 1548 Traffic

There was a discussion about traffic issues arising in the vicinity of Mapledurham Playing Fields when visitors to football matches and people collecting school children caused hazards. Examples include: the junction of St Peters Avenue and Chazey Road, in Hewett Avenue and in Knowle Close. Pavilion hirers were hampered when their clients could not access the Pavilion parking area. BG outlined the implications for residents in unadopted roads such as Chazey. SH had written to Cllr McGrother concerning hazardous overgrowth in Blagrove Lane. **Action** EM to seek a meeting with Cllr Jenny McGrother to discuss these issues

**1549 End of Year newsletter** A newsletter to be issued to include notice of the Quiz and other updates.

**Action** EM, SH

**1550 Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee.** EM reported that the work had continued through one-to-one liaison particularly in respect of RBC management and the School. Hayley Harrison, Head of the Heights School, had met with a group from the committee and Mr Stanesby from RBC. She was brought up to date with the concerns of neighbours about light and noise disturbance. It was also pointed out that hirers of the school – such as Koosa Kids - were using Trust facilities without benefit to the Trust. A board would be provided advising people when users of the pavilion had to have easy access. There was a possibility that the schoolchildren could care for the verge near the drive but it would have to have protection from dog fouling, BG said Friends of Mapledurham eco and gardening group had been hoping to maintain the verge.

**Action** BG to liaise with the school over management of the verge

**1550 Anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood safety.** A recent event in Caversham had been poorly advertised and also poorly attended. The CSO was focussing on other things. **Action** JH would be asked to continue the walking group initiative next year.

**1551 Date of Next Meeting** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Unconfirmed suggested further committee dates March 12<sup>th</sup>, May 7 or 21<sup>st</sup>, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, AGM (?), Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

The meeting closed at 21.45