

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date : 12th March 2025

Start: 19.30 hrs

Venue : Larks Mead

Present: Elisa Miles EM (Chair), Sally Hart SH (Secretary), Stephen Bale SB, Hayley Brommell HB (Treasurer), Alistair McLean AM, Bob O'Neill RON, Pam Reynolds PR.

Apologies, Barbara Garden BG, John Heaps JH

1569 Matters arising from the last meeting not elsewhere on agenda-

1570 Logo – no further action since last meeting. The **Quiz night** had been cancelled and would be postponed indefinitely.

1571 Archive RON was thanked for the digitised archive which SH had found useful and legible. He was asked to keep original signed documents – otherwise the paperwork could be disposed of. **Action** RON

1572 AGM 2025 has been booked for Oct 8th. SH would approach the company behind the drone super highway pilot for a possible speaker on the present and future use of drones in the area. Failing their acceptance PR would approach a contact to speak on the subject. **Action** SH, PR

1573 Formation of WhatsApp group. EM to liaise with BG re status of her pilot and then members to be invited to join. BG, EM

1574 Treasurer's report HB tabled this report. She had not yet found a suitable interest bearing account as agreed at the last meeting. The future of the community café was discussed in the light of dwindling numbers of available volunteers. Also, the weather in recent months had limited casual custom and costs of pavilion hire were not covered. It was decided to cease the café on March 20th. Hopefully the small band of helpers would make themselves available for future social events. **Action** SH to notify Reading Play, EM social media.

| 16th January - 12th March | | | | | | | |
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| | Balance | IN | OUT | Details IN = | | Details OUT = | |
| Savings Account | £18,250.04 | £16.18 | | Interest -Feb '25 | | | |
| WADRA current | £1,362.81 | £86.30 | £164.10 | Café | £86.30 | Café cakes | £79.20 |
| | | | | | | Pavilion Hire | £84.90 |
| Petty Cash | £45.00 | | | | | | |
| HB = | £22.24 | | | | | | |
| Grand total | £19,657.85 | £102.48 | £164.10 | | | £86.30 | £164.10 |

1575 Planning Report

AM tabled his summary

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| 240766 | Tonilla | Magnolia House UWA | Large 3 storey Extension | D | 01/07/2024 | P: 02/12/2024 |
| 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 | 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 | P: 25/11/2024 |
| 241328 | 130 | St Peters Ave | Single storey ext'n on ground floor | D | 14/10/2024 | P: 02/12/2024 |
| 241360 | 5 | Grass Hill | Change to external materials & siting of house | D | 21/10/2024 | P: 25/11/2024 |
| 241281 | Springwood | The Warren | 2 Storey Rear Ext'n & 1st Floor Balcony etc | D | 04/11/2024 | Refused: 27/02/2025 |
| 241448 | 4 | Scholars Close | Front, Side & Rear Ext'ns & solar panels | D | 04/11/2024 | P: 07/02/2025 |
| 241461 | Warren Creek | The Warren | Single storey ground floor Ext'n & new dormer | D | 04/11/2024 | P: 20/11/2024 |
| 241586 | 96 | St . Peters Avenue | Single storey ext'n and Dormer window | D | 02/12/2024 | P: 21/02/2025 |
| 241646 | Magnolia House | Upper Warren Avenue | Approval of details to Condition 3 pf P P | D | 07/12/2024 | P: 07/12/2024 |
| 231023 | Heights School | Upper Woodcote Road | Increase class sizes up to max of 420 | C | 16/12/2024 | Refused: 16/12/2024 |
| 2025 | | | | | 2025 | |
| 241705 | Lomorna | Upper Warren Avenue | Pt Gnd Floor Pt 1st Floor Ext'n & new garage | D | 20/01/2025 | P: 14/02/2025 |
| 241701 | Cherry Croft | Upper Warren Avenue | 2 Storey Front,side & rear Ext'ns . | D | 03/02/2025 | |
| 250132 | 74 | St Peters Avenue | Change to 1st Floor Dormer & new window | D | 03/02/2025 | |
| 241525 | 25 | Chazey Road | Erection of Outbuilding | D | 07/02/2025 | P: 31/01/2025 |

Since the last meeting there have been 7 changes to the planning situation in the WADRA area – shown in yellow. 1 was refused – Springwood in The Warren – excessive hard standing and insufficient information on flood risks. 4 were permitted (see sheet) and two still under consideration Cherrycroft in Upper Warren Avenue and 74 St Peters Avenue.

1576 Members observed the increased activity at Tonilla and High Ridge in Upper Warren Avenue and speculated about the management of deliveries when other permitted projects in the vicinity also started.

Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion

1577 Management Committee Jane Bowen of Mapledurham Parish Council had contacted EM as Chair of the Management Committee querying its current status. EM said the committee members needed assurance that the Councillors were acting in the best interest of the Trust rather than RBC. It was probably the reason Councillors and officers had withdrawn from the Committee.

1578 Financial management of the Trust The news that there were no plans for the Trust to meet in 2025 was heightening concern about the finances of the Trust. Further to the discussion at the last meeting AM would discuss future action with Mark Corbett. RON suggested that Jane Bowen seek legal opinion from South Oxon D. C. also he would ask the auditors for their opinion. Action AM, RON.

1579 Deed of Dedication. Ongoing **Action** EM and John Holland

1580 Liaison with school- parking, lights, acoustics, use of pitches etc.

EM had recently discussed these issues with Hayley Harrison, the school headteacher. With respect to road safety, it had been decided to adopt a carrot and stick approach. The school, the head and the users rep from the management committee would write jointly to RBC asking for a safety scheme to help with parking and access issues particularly during school hours and football events. They would also address concerns about the crossing on the A4074 which could be improved by positioning a lollipop attendant and also improving lighting of waiting pedestrians. A forthcoming Sustrans initiative would help to highlight the walking to school policy over a two-week period. Numbered tickets would be given to children who did not arrive by car and small rewards given to those who collect the most. It was agreed that WADRA would contribute £50 to this.

1581 AM reported that he had enquired about using the MUGA and had been asked to pay a rental. He had pointed out that it was free to residents under the community use agreement which was clear on the affixed notice. He was then given the key code.

1582 Anti-Social Behaviour and neighbourhood safety

In the absence of JH this item was postponed

1583 The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

1584 Dates of further meetings in 2025

May 21st, September 3rd, October 8th (AGM), November 12th

NB the date of the next meeting was subsequently changed to **May 28th**

