

# WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

## Minutes

**Date** : 12 November 2025 **Start:** 19.30hrs

**Venue** : Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

**Present:** Elisa Miles (EM) Chair, Hayley Brommell (Treasurer), Sally Hart (Sec) Stephen Bale (SB), Barbara Garden (BG), John Heaps (JH), Alistair McLean (AM), Bob O'Neil (RON), Pam Reynolds (PR)

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### 1 **WADRA Business**

- a) **Matters arising** from the last meeting not elsewhere on agenda-  
Logo – this was on hold
- b) **Progress of WhatsApp** group. BG reported that the group was set up but only a few members had opted in as yet. She would contact administrators of the existing road groups to encourage awareness of the new community group. A brief Christmas message to members would also call attention to the group. **Action** BG,
- c) **Events**
  - i) The **trees** from Econet would be planted on 7th December. **(this date was later changed to January)** Volunteers would be encouraged to assist and bring donated shrubs for infill in the community garden. **Action** BG and all
  - ii) The **quiz night** had been a success with participants at 7 tables. It was agreed that the purpose to develop community spirit had been achieved and a further quiz night would be held in late Jan/ Feb. The cost of entry would be increased and would include food. A PA system would be used and the possibility of a screen considered. The quiz would be shorter and more vigilance over the clandestine use of phones was needed. **Action** EM, SB
  - iii) A springtime walk would be offered to adult members to be led by Ross Garden on a Saturday looking to piggy back on the football catering if possible. Barbara Garden would arrange a short walk for parents and children. **Action** BG
- d) **Treasurer's report**

HB reported that the accounts for 2024/25 had been signed off.  
She had secured indemnity insurance.

It was agreed that the café would not be revived in the new year due to the cost and lack of other resources.

The following table did not include the final figures for the quiz night which had taken place the previous Saturday.

| 29th August - 11th November |            |        |       |                           |         |               |         |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-------|---------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Balance                     |            | IN     | OUT   | Details IN =              |         | Details OUT = |         |
| Savings Account             | £18,371.79 | £30.67 |       | Interest - Sept - Oct '25 |         | Pavilion AGM  | £42.45  |
| WADRA current               | £1,121.66  |        |       | café                      | £210.00 | Insurance     | £95.32  |
|                             |            |        |       | Membership x 3            | £15.00  | Sundries      | £8.19   |
| Petty Cash                  | £21.00     |        |       | Quiz night                | £44.18  | Printing      | £144.00 |
| HB =                        | £22.24     |        |       |                           |         | Quiz night    | £70.11  |
| Grand total                 | £19,514.45 | £30.67 | £0.00 |                           | £269.18 |               | £360.07 |

- e) **Planning Report** – AM reported that since the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 there had been 7 changes to the Planning Report spreadsheet-(at end of minutes). One permission has been granted for 1 St Peters Hill, 5 new planning applications have been made and 1 application was withdrawn, all shown yellow on the attached spreadsheet.

The application withdrawn relates to the land on the Warren, for a new build property on land previously designated for leisure. We objected to this application and no doubt Nigel Stanbrook will be delighted as he has an interest in the adjacent land.

The application for High Ridge is still under consideration.

No decision has been made by the Secretary of State on the Heights School Application

- f) **Annual General Meeting** – It was felt that this had been a successful evening enhanced by the presence of a ward Councillor and a gifted and passionate speaker. All agreed to try to find a comparable speaker for 2026 and to book hall for 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026. **Action** SH and all

- g) **Recycling strategy** The current consultation was noted – in particular the apparent intention to reduce the opening hours of the recycling centre and the government requirement that all local authorities should collect the same categories of rubbish.
- h) **Committee Christmas Dinner** it was agreed to hold it on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. The Pack Horse has been booked

## 2 **Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee**

- a) EM reported correspondence with Liz Terry (RBC) relating to the completion of a **Deed of Dedication**. It was agreed that EM would ask representatives to pursue the matter with Fields In Trust. AM offered to assist. **Action** EM to ask Messrs Corbett and Cavanagh.
- b) **Financial management of Trust** EM stated that Liz Terry was pursuing the matter of reporting to the Charity Commission.
- c) **Liaison with councillors** re traffic safety RON agreed to ask Cllr McGrother for a progress report. He would include his concern about the traffic on A4074n his letter to Cllr McGrother **Action** RON
- d) **Liaison with school**, A local resident, Yvonne Edgar, had prepared a discussion paper on the “walk to school” question and related school/community matters. EM would include committee members’ comments in a second draft. It was felt that the school should have taken action over the blinding MUGA lights which had not been installed to specification and, at the very least, needed collars to direct light down.

## 3 **Anti-Social Behaviour and neighbourhood safety** Nothing reported

## 4 **Dates of Meetings in 2026 suggestions**

,January 28 March 5<sup>th</sup> May 20<sup>th</sup>

## 5 **Any Other Business**

**Meeting closed 21.30**

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|--------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------------------|
| 250574 | 1 Gravel Hill Cot. | Blagrave Lane                  | 2 storey /single storey rear & side Ext'ns        | C | 21/04/2025 | Refused : 27/07/2025   |
| 250752 | High Ridge         | Upper Warren Avenue            | Erection of replacement Dwelling & Garage etc     | D | 09/06/2025 |                        |
| 250921 | 1                  | St . Peters Hill               | Rectifying unlawfull landscape works              | D | 30/06/2025 | P : 23/10/2025         |
| 250485 | Blagrave Lodge     | Blagrave Farm Lane             | Loft Conversion with rear dormer                  | D | 27/03/2025 | P: 15/07/2025          |
| 251174 | Land adjacent to   | Darlands & Gallants The Warren | Redevelopment of site for a 4 bed dwelling        | D | 25/08/2025 | Withdrawn : 27/10/2025 |
| 251098 | 207                | Upper Woodcote Road            | New Front Porch, rear conservatory & Balcony      | D | 08/09/2025 |                        |
| 251074 | 147                | Upper Woodcote Road            | Erection of new dwelling (retrospective)          | C | 15/09/2025 |                        |
| 251272 | West Chazey        | <u>Upper Warren Ave</u>        | Proposed new house                                | C | 15/09/2025 |                        |
| 251562 | 6                  | Kelmscott Close                | Replacement black framed windows                  | C | 30/06/2025 |                        |
| 250902 | 22                 | Chazey Road                    | Loft Conversion, 2 storey rear ext'n & new dormer | C | 10/11/2025 |                        |