

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date : Thursday 29 January 2026 **Start:** 19.30hrs

Venue: Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

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

WADRA Business

2601 Apologies Barbara Garden (BG),

2602 Signage alerting dog walkers to be responsible for mess. It was agreed, in the first instance, to ask RBC to provide 5 signs similar to those commonly seen in other parks. Two signs each for entrances in Chazey Road and Hewett Ave and one for the main entrance.

RON observed that some walkers of multiple dogs seemed to be running a business in the park and questioned the legality of this. **Action JH** after **EM** introduces him to the responsible officer.

2603 EM had circulated a New Year newsletter update after which members had raised the issue of driving in poorly lit areas when pedestrians, dogs and other animals were difficult to see. High beamed lights were considered blinding but were often the only way to get a clear view. It was decided to encourage all to adopt bright apparel. Action **SH** to pilot a poster

2604 Progress of WhatsApp group. In BG's absence it was assumed that all who had requested inclusion were now in the group.

2605 Events update – Community garden. The bed for the trees had been prepared but frozen ground had prevented planting on the chosen date. The next **quiz night** was likely to be held in late March when the quizmasters returned from holiday. It was expected that Ross Garden would be arranging a **spring walk** at about the same time.

2606 Treasurer's report HB tabled her report. She recommended finding an alternative current account without charges. The Coop Bank community service was suggested. **Action HB**

12th November to 28th January 2026							
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£18,418.13	£46.34		Interest - Sept - Oct '25		Pavilion	£42.45
WADRA current	£1,086.50			Car boot sale	£90.00	Bank Charges	£9.98
						Web Services	£72.73
Petty Cash	£21.00						
HB =	£22.24						
Grand total	£19,525.63	£46.34	£0.00		£90.00		£125.16

2607 Planning Report AM reported that since the last meeting on 12 November 2025 not much had changed, as there had only been 4 changes, as shown in yellow on the Planning Report spreadsheet (below)

Planning Permission was granted for 207 Upper Woodcote Road, 6 Kelmscott Close and 22 Chazey Road. Currently under consideration was an application for Twigmoor in Upper Warren Avenue. A planning officer had visited the property. PR reported that her complaint re lack of due process with respect to the decision on Cherry Croft had been escalated to stage 2. The application for High Ridge is still under consideration.

2608 The Secretary of State allowed the Appeal by the Heights School on 18th November 2025, to increase class sizes to 30 pupils per class (420 in total). The decision was subject to certain conditions including an acoustic fence and footpath. **Action AM** to request 1) RBC Planning Dept to advise when these works would be carried out and ensure that it would be before acceptance of extra pupils, 2) annual travel plan required by RBC from the school, 3) the policy re off road parking and 4) that the MUGA lighting be reverted to that for which planning permission had been given i.e. 6 lights not 4.

2609 There was discussion about the disruption caused by contractors' vehicles parking in Upper Warren Avenue and Blagrove Lane. At times they were blocking access to homes sandwiched between Magnolia House in the Avenue and Meadow View round the corner in Blagrove Lane. EM had written to local councillors about this. It was felt that planning conditions should be clear that this was not permitted and that anticipated future construction in the same area should have very strong conditions concerning the practices of contractors and the need to contain activity within the property unless exceptional permission was sought. **Action AM**

2610 RON raised the issue of Chazey Barn (Grade 1 listed but in decline) since the scaffolding supporting the structure had been partially removed, allegedly due to unpaid invoices. **Action RON** to investigate the policy and principles applied to Listed buildings in our area.

High Ridge	Upper Warren Avenue	Erection of replacement Dwelling & Garage etc	D	09/06/2025	
1	St . Peters Hill	Rectifying unlawfull landscape works	D	30/06/2025	P : 23/10/2025
Blagrove Lodge Land adjacent to	Blagrove Farm Lane Darlands & Gallants The Warren	Loft Conversion with rear dormer Redevelopment of site for a 4 bed dwelling	D	27/03/2025	P: 15/07/2025
207	Upper Woodcote Road	New Front Porch, rear conservatory & Balcony	D	25/08/2025	Withdrawn : 27/10/2025
147	Upper Woodcote Road	Erection of new dwelling (retrospective)	D	08/09/2025	P: 22/12/2025
West Chazey	Upper Warren Ave	Proposed new house	C	15/09/2025	
6	Kelmscott Close	Replacement black framed windows	C	30/06/2025	P; 22/12/2025
22	Chazey Road	Loft Conversion, 2 storey rear ext'n & new dormer	C	10/11/2025	P:07/11/2025
Twigmoor	Upper Warren Avenue	2 Storey Side & rear extension	C	05/01/2026	

2611 Suggestions for AGM speaker. PR suggested a topic and potential speaker. She was asked to enquire whether the speaker was available. **Action PR**

2612 RBC Consultation on Priorities for Neighbourhood Spending of the Community Infrastructure Levy. It was agreed that traffic management was a priority. **Action JH** to review the document and frame a reply

Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee

2613 Deed of dedication the original case having lapsed the matter is now being pursued with Fields in Trust

2614 Financial management of Trust. The accounts RBC sent to the Charity Commission were deemed inadequate e.g. they omitted any reference to the income of over £1.3 m received when the school was established on the land. A resident with experience in such matters was investigating and recommending action. Meanwhile EM would write to relevant officers asking for the details to which beneficiaries are entitled. **Action EM**

2615 Planting- see above

2616 Liaison with councillors re traffic safety. EM waiting for further action from councillors.

2617 Liaison with school - progress of discussion paper from Yvonne Edgar. All commented on the excessive use of Playing Field parking by parents of the school at drop off and particularly well before pick up times. It was suggested that the Parkinsons group who use the pavilion and the tennis club should record their feelings about the matter. It was noted that the school displays a banner of apparent accreditation from Modeshift. The criteria applied to achieve accreditation were unclear. **Action EM** to follow up by asking Modeshift

2618 Anti-Social Behaviour and neighbourhood safety

It was regretted that recent vandalism, including the total destruction by burning of a memorial bench, had not been captured by CCTV. It was important to maintain an adult presence in the park on afternoons and evenings when large gatherings were likely. **Action JH** to provide a list of critical dates for 2026

Dates of Next Meetings

March 25th May 20th

Meeting closed at 21.30