

WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date : Wednesday 20 May 2026 **Start:** 19.30hrs

Venue : Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

Present _Elisa Miles (EM) Chair, Sally Hart (Sec) Stephen Bale (SB), Barbara Garden, Alistair McLean (AM), Bob O'Neill (RON), Pam Reynolds (PR)

WADRA Business

2637 Apologies Hayley Brommell (Treasurer HB), John Heaps

2638 The **minutes** of committee meeting on March 25th were approved.

2639 Matters arising from the last meeting not elsewhere on agenda-

- **Pavilion maintenance** – broken tiles follow up with RBC required. Football Club working party to trim grass **Action** EM
- **Review of new website and content.** **Action** all members to review and comment to EM
- **MUGA lights** The RBC planning department considered the 4 lights were in line with planning requirements. AM to establish what plans they were referring to and to compare with the plans he had seen which showed 6 lights, which could be lower and less intrusive, If there was an inconsistency BG to consider escalating the matter with Cllr Ballsdon. **Action** AM, BG
- **School expansion** see below para 2631

2640 Progress of WhatsApp group. BG reported that increased numbers were required for it to be effective. **Action** BG to explore the possibility of linking to existing road WhatsApp groups e.g. The Warren, Chazey Road and St Peters Ave. If people on those groups accept the invitation to join WADRA whatsapp they will be invited to join WADRA at no charge.

2641 Retention and archiving of documents and important emails which are data protected. RON was asked to liaise with Tim Miles to establish a filing design and procedure for document retrieval. **Action** RON

2642 Events update – The trees and **community garden** were progressing well with room for some more plants. The **quiz** night has yet to be confirmed. **Walks.** Ross Garden has planned a walk which could take place on 18th or 19th July or 15th or 16th August. The Caversham golf course could be included if the greenkeeper were available to attend. **Action** BG to provide a walk description, date and maximum numbers. She will offer a treasure hunt in the park for children accompanied by a responsible adult. A BYO picnic could be held in the Park at the conclusion. **Actions** BG, EM.

2643 Treasurer's report

SB and EM had sold the remaining festival tents. RON asked whether WADRA could purchase a boot scraper/ brush for use by walkers as well as footballers. A contribution would be made to the cost of bark chippings for the community garden.

27th March - 20th May 2026						
Balance		IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =
Savings Account	£18,474.50	£26.59		Interest - Apr - May '26		Bank Charges £9.98
WADRA current	£1,306.54			Tent sale	£90.00	
Petty Cash	£21.00					
HB =	£22.24					
Grand total	£19,802.04	£26.59	£0.00		£90.00	£9.98

2644 Planning Report AM tabled his report which had no apparent contentious applications.

2026						
251764	Twigmoor	Upper Warren Avenue	2 Storey Side & rear extension	D	05/01/2026	
260203	7	Kelmscott Close	Part Single storey & part 2 storey side & rear Ex	D	02/03/2026	Withdrawn:01/05/2026
260381	29	Chazey Road	Single Storey Rear Extension	D	30/03/2026	P:15/05/2026
251100	Moorings	Upper Warren Avenue	Replacement Dwelling Garage & outbuildings	D	04/08/2025	P: 24/03/2026
260218	5	Grass Hill	Car Port & associated landscape	D	17/02/2026	P: 27/04/2026
260613	22	Chazey Road	Rear Extention	D	11/05/2026	

2645 WADRA had supported CADRA and Kidmore PC at the recent planning enquiry into housing developments near Emmer Green. The impact on Caversham was a major factor. Kidmore PC had started crowd funding to meet the costs of putting their case.

2646 There was a discussion about rumours that Reading University Rowing Club were looking to dispose of their premises on the Thames Also the issue of residents acting without applying for planning approval was discussed.

2647 AGM speaker progress - the speaker, photographer, Matt Emmett, would be invited to sell some of his material.

Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee

2648 The next **management** committee meeting to be held on 7 July when an election for the Chair was due. EM had several issues to clear with Cllr Hornsby=Smith before then, in particular relating to the financial management of the Trust e.g. the issuing of invoices and depositing of receipts. Documents relating to the roles and responsibilities of the Trust, RBC and the management Committee had now been placed on the relevant section of the WADRA website. RON referred to the relevant historic papers he had scanned to CD and which clarified the basic accounts structure previously used.

2649 Deed of dedication Fields in Trust had replied positively to a request to help revive the process to achieve a deed which would preserve the playing fields without loopholes. The Operations Coordinator, Naomi Oamen, had provided for a checklist of actions and information to be completed before helping with the case. AM hoped that FIT could hold the Deed. **Action** EM, SH

2650 Liaison with newly elected councillors Saadia Saadat a Conservative had been elected along with Cllr Ballsdon. BG offered to acquaint her with WADRA work. **Action** BG

- 2651 Liaison with school,** HB, BG to meet the Head to determine progress on the planning conditions required before the increase in school roll could be implemented. E.g Acoustic wall, pathway, traffic management plan and annual review of community use agreement. **Action** HB.BG
- 2652** Options were considered for countering disruption caused by school users parking inappropriately. It was felt that, if the Toddlers group and the Parkinsons group, wished some cones could be placed near the pavilion to give them space at specific times.
- 2653 Anti-Social Behaviour and neighbourhood safety.** EM would be unable to attend the next meeting, It was hoped Martin Brommell or John Kavanagh would report back. Nick Haskins would be asked to clarify what information could safely be passed on to members, perhaps through a synopsis. **Action** EM

Dates of Meetings in 2026

July 8th and Sept 2nd pre AGM meeting, AGM Oct 7th