



WARREN & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date : Wednesday 8th July 2026

Start: 19.30hrs

Venue : Larks Mead Upper Warren Avenue

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

WADRA Business

2654 The **minutes** of May 20th were approved

2655 Review of **new website and content**. EM reported that some technical difficulties had been resolved

2656 Progress of **WhatsApp group**. It was agreed that a flyer about WADRA membership and it's WhatsApp group could be delivered with the notification about Reading Festival going to all homes. BG envisaged that it would act as an umbrella to the street community WhatsApp groups. **Action** BG, EM

2657 **Retention and archiving** of documents and important emails which are data protected. There seemed to be a variety of options for storing and indexing which merited detailed discussion in a smaller group to be convened by SB and to involve RON and Tim Miles. **Action** SB. RON

2658 **Events update** – trees and community garden BG was going to place a sign in the community garden acknowledging the supporting organisations. This would be the first time that the new WADRA logo would be used. (see above. Members thanked EM for this).

2659 **Quiz night** will not take place until November using the same question masters as in November 2025. **Action** EM will set the questions.

2660 **Walks** Ross Garden will lead a walk on 15th August focussing on local geology, At the same time a walk for families will be held in the Playing Fields BY BG followed by a BYO picnic. **Action** BG

2661 Treasurer's report

21st May 2026- 7th July 2026							
	Balance	IN	OUT	Details IN =		Details OUT =	
Savings Account	£18,487.05	£12.55		Interest - May- June '26		Bank Charges	£9.98
WADRA current	£1,301.55						
Petty Cash	£21.00						
HB =	£22.24						
Grand total	£19,809.60	£12.55	£0.00		£0.00		£9.98

The Coop bank would be approached for a fee free account. **Action** HB

2662 Planning Report AM reported another fairly quiet period since the last meeting. The changes are shown in yellow. There were 3 permissions, 1 withdrawal, 2 still under consideration and 1 considered not necessary.

251764	Twigmoor	Upper Warren Avenue	2 Storey Side & rear extension	D	05/01/2026	P: 16/06/2026
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 Extension	D	08/05/2026	Not Required
260352	Warren Creek	The Warren	Approval of Conditions	D	16/03/2026	P: 21/05/2026
260507	177	Upper Woodcote Road	New Gym at rear of existing building	D	14/04/2026	P:25/05/2026
260423	22	St. Peters Ave	Demolition of front canopy / single garage conv.	D	15/06/2026	
260794	22	Chazey Road	Single Storey Rear Extension& garage conv	D	15/06/2026	
260835	Moorings	Upper Warren Avenue	Rear Dormer & half hip roof	D	29/06/2026	W: 06/07/2026

2663 AGM The committee members who will have completed their terms by the AGM 7th October were willing to stand for re-election – AM, BG and RON. SH to give EM the names of their nominators and seconders. Other nominations to be invited on the AGM notice to be circulated in early September. EM to ascertain what AV support the speaker will require. Reports will be prepared and delivered by EM, AM and HB. HB to ask the usual scrutineer to look over the accounts. Doors to open at 6pm for room set up and meeting to start at 7pm. A break before the speaker with tea and biscuits to be provided from the kitchen by PR, Mrs McClean and perhaps Eileen Wallace. **Action** EM, HB, AM, BG, PR.

2664 RBC consultations. AM reported on the public meeting held to protest at the intended cessation of the Pink 22 bus route. AM to write to RBC on behalf of WADRA outlining the issues of concern. (this action proved unnecessary as the route was saved within days)

Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee

2665 The **management committee** meeting planned for July 7th had proved inquorate and was to be rearranged. EM reported a discrepancy between the information regarding The Heights school rental in the Trust accounts provided by RBC and that provided by the Heights School. This was difficult to clarify as RBC did not draw down rental by direct debit and the Heights only paid on receipt of invoice. The Trust needed a clearer picture of the nature of coaching on the playing fields in and out of school time. When were the pitches being used by the school and when by businesses? Where was the resulting revenue and was it in accordance with the Trust and lease conditions?.

2666 Deed of dedication. Following recent correspondence EM to write to the Fields in Trust explaining that their recommended actions had been undertaken and asking for them to take the next steps. **Action** EM

2667 RBC action re signage JH needed to follow up his request to RBC for signage re dog fouling etc. **Action** JH

2668 Local liaison It was agreed that EM would seek to update the new Councillor Saadia Saadat on WADRA concerns. BG would continue her links with the school and its new Acting Head. **Action** EM, BG

2669 Anti-Social Behaviour and neighbourhood safety JH would circulate dates likely to benefit from an adult presence.

2670 Any Other Business. EM reported that a licence application had been made to extend the hours of alcohol sales at the Reading Festival to 3 am and to have live music on the Thursday. Members were inclined to oppose such a move. **Action** EM

Dates of Meetings in 2026 suggestions

Sept 2nd pre AGM meeting, AGM Oct 7th, Nov date required