



Warren Wood Residents Association 2022 Annual General Meeting

18th May 2022

Committee Attendees: Celia Darrington (chair), Chris Mullord (minutes), Michael Chilvers, Duncan Coupland (treasurer), Abbie Russell, Graham Keens, Sharon King and Pete Edwards (secretary)

Resident Attendees: see following page

Guests: Julia Wassell - Wycombe Independent (Totteridge & Bowerdean, formerly Ryemead & Micklefield), Matt Knight - Wycombe Independent (Ryemead & Micklefield) and Nabeela Rana - Wycombe Independent (Ryemead & Micklefield)

Apologies: Ivan Cicin-Sain, Inder Brar and Jenny Wiltshire

Location: Quakers Meeting House, London Road

Meeting opened at 20.10

Pete welcomed everyone to the AGM, first one since 2019.

Agenda Points

1. Chairman's Report (see following page) - Celia
 - Celia welcomed everyone and read the main points from the report.
- 1a. Election of the committee members
 - Sharon has decided to step down from the committee. Sharon was thanked by the for her contribution over many years to the running of the Association with her opinions, ideas and wealth of knowledge.
 - No new nominations currently to join the committee, will continue to seek additional representation, particularly (but not limited to) from the younger residents to ensure all ages of residents are represented.
 - Confirmed via majority show of hands for the committee to continue with current members.
2. Treasurers Report (see following page) – Duncan
 - Duncan read the main points from the report.
 - Question from the floor – what are the current number of members ? A – currently 100% as not been asking for membership fees for 2 years. Previously it was approx. 65 out of 85 homes. Approx 105 email addresses on the WWRA Newsletter Mailchimp distribution.
 - Proposed by Norman Ball and Seconded by Mike Wiltshire



3. Neighbourhood Watch Report (see following page) - Ray
 - Ray read the main points from the report.
 - Only a few households not on NHW.
 - Stressed that it's the neighbour's eyes and ears that are the sources of info and anything suspicious should be reported to help everyone.
 - Two NHW members have left the group.
 - Ran through points (see report) to help minimise risks, biggest risk currently being scams.
4. Special Guests
 - Julia Wassell
 - Julia thanked residents for their support, especially over the last few years during covid.
 - Introduced new colleagues as she is now representing a different area:
 - Matt Knight and Nabeela Rana
 - Julia was thanked by the committee and residents for her support during her time as the area's councillor.
 - Matt Knight
 - Matt gave an introduction of himself and reasons for being involved in local politics, helping the community.
 - Previous work - helped keep Wycombe Rye Lido open – now open 10 years.
 - Admitted to it being a difficult few years with the closure of Wycombe District Council and creation of Bucks County Council. Has meant it has become increasingly difficult to contact the right person and the council being one step further removed from 'on the ground' local knowledge.
 - London Road changes (over last few years) – cost of £4.5million to realign the traffic flow and improve pollution levels. Unknown if any improvements are caused by the new road layout or reduced traffic levels due to Covid.
 - Next action point to be taken on by Matt is the water pooling along various point, particularly along the Rye section.
 - The council have a £15 million fund to help buy empty shops which are revitalised and then rented out – an example being the new Wheatsheaf cocktail bar on the high street.
 - A new Community Board has been set up (due to less connections with Bucks County Council locally) - meets up approx. 6 times a year to discuss various Covid-19 recovery, resilience and regeneration, local infrastructure and transport, community cohesion, mental health and community, environment and climate change.
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/high-wycombe-community-board/>
 - More closer to WWD
 - new café and toilets on the Rye
 - parking on the estate by people using the town centre, especially the police and postal workers. Parking permits not wanted but without them, extremely difficult to do anything if vehicle parked legally on a public road. Highlighted that the police can park in town for £3 per day.
 - Double yellow lines leading to the estate will be extended on one side and discussion took place on the them being required on the brow of



the hill (leading to the estate) due to unsighted vehicles and low sun temporarily blinding the drivers coming on to the estate. However this is also by someone's house so would prove difficult. Matt will look for the agreed plans for the new lines and send them through to the committee to ensure they will work.

- Agreed that parking is always continuous and difficult to please everyone.
- Village Green Status
 - original application was submitted on the 7th August 2017. Various reasons for hold ups but the committee is committed to ensuring it is followed through to ensure no building can take place on the land and the area is protected for the future to be enjoyed by all residents.
 - Current status is a query has been submitted over the covenant on the land, on whether there is one or not. Trying to avoid public inquiry which is more time and expense.
 - Land has been highlighted as Highway (possibly due to there being road to the Abbey originally. Unsure who is cutting the grass, if Parks and Recreation are, council could be admitting it's not highway.
 - Matt will continue to push for a resolution.
- General Items
 - Street Lights – report any issue via the fixmystreet website (anything is supposed to be fixed with 28 days but this isn't being adhered to) but if no action, to email Matt.
 - Waterfall on the Rye – questioned whether anything could be done to the area right by the water to make a better picnic spot / paddling areas.
 - The Rye Adventure Playground – Abbie highlighted that 2 large pieces of play equipment (swings) has been completely removed without any information as to why or whether it's being replaced. Abbie to email Nabeela the information.
 - Pete highlighted that more action is required to help keep Wycombe tidier, particularly main roads.
 - Home Waste Bins – generally ok, no issues with new schedule, some reports of bins being thrown and broken by waste collectors. Any issues, email Matt/Nabeela.
 - £50 Green Waste Collection – Matt raised it at last council meeting but not much feedback, other than it was introduced after voting. The council don't legally need to provide a green waste collection, therefore is seen as an additional income generator.
 - Derrick Carr raised concern that Wycombe seems to be missing from many committees. Matt/Nabeela are aware, and trying to raise the profile of the town and ensure representation as Wycombe is 2nd biggest town in Bucks.

5. AOB

- Possible that new mayor could attend the WWD Jubilee Party – Nabeela to inquire
- Bee friendly wild flowers offered to all attendees

Meeting closed at 21.22



Chairman's Report 2022

Hello Everyone

Well, we are virtually back to normal now and beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel - although I think Covid will always be with us in some way or another. We have now discontinued our telephone emergency lifelines – which in fact we hardly ever needed thankfully - and also our regular Coffee Morning Zoom meetings, although they are still available if you wish to check in at all. Instead, we have reconvened with our 'face to face' Coffee Mornings, and we would love to see more participants in this fortnightly get-together. If you would like to join in, please contact me – Celia Darrington – on darlingcreation30@gmail.com and I can send you more details.

We are still sending out our regular Newsletter, thanks to Pete Edwards, and during the Covid lockdowns etc, it was especially useful in keeping up our spirits, but it now continues to keep residents notified of all sorts of local news and forthcoming events relating to our estate.

As you know, we have not charged you for the annual subscription for the last couple of years during the Covid period while we faced challenges such as work and pay pressures due to Furlough etc. We were able to use existing funds for supporting residents by paying for Zoom and Helpline Services, which have now been cancelled as they are thankfully no longer required. We are extremely grateful however to all residents for their neighbourly support and community spirit that was provided during that difficult time, but we now feel that it would be acceptable to resume the small annual collection this year to help fund ongoing social activities in the future. We hope you will reap the benefits of this by attending as many activities as possible, and maybe suggesting other possibilities worthy of our support.

Throughout the last year we still had the Gardening WhatsApp group, co-ordinated by Stuart Jones, which has provided invaluable support for our residents who like to swap plants and advice with other domestic gardeners. The Bridge Club however, which was set up and managed by Graham Keens, is still out of action, but it is proposed that it will restart in the very near future.

We did actually manage a few events over the last year, starting with a successful Hog Roast on The Green last July. This was quite well attended and was a good way to once again meet up face to face with our neighbours.

Thanks to the number of people who signed up for the free Voucher initiative, Openreach started work on the estate in the middle of last year to install Fast Fibre for internet connection. The project took slightly longer than expected but was finally finished in March this year.

In September we had a guided walk around Wycombe Town & the Rye which although had a rather poor attendance (9 residents) was enjoyed by all who took part.

In October, we actually managed a proper Progressive Supper, with a Halloween theme. A great night with some very imaginative food and decorations, which was attended by 24 participants.



Unfortunately, once again, our Carol Singing event had to be cancelled at the last minute – due to Covid issues – but we did manage to have our New Year's Eve Fireworks on the Green, and several families turned out in the cold to wish their neighbours a Happy New Year. There appeared to be more fireworks than usual going off all around us this year, and we had a good view from the top of the Green.

At Easter we held a competition for the best front garden or window display by the children, and several households took part, all receiving an Easter Egg for their efforts.

In April we kicked off with a Wine tasting event which attracted over 20 residents and was hosted by Derrick Carr – in Graham Keens' house.

We are still awaiting approval of our Village Green status application which John Fowler (a former Committee Member) has been battling for over the last 5 years, but hopefully the end is in sight now.

The Litter picking group of volunteers have been out a few times once again under the supervision of Pete Edwards, and have collected many bags of rubbish from around the area of the woods and river. Well done to all those who played a part in this venture - excellent work.

We now have Cadent Gas on the estate digging up the roads and laying new pipework in order to update the infrastructure for our gas supply. Although they originally indicated that it would take around 3 months, it appears that it will take a lot longer than that which means more disruption for a longer time.

Hopefully this will not interfere with our proposed Platinum Jubilee Celebration on the Green on Friday 3rd June, even though they have 'taken over' part of the Green for their machinery etc. The Jubilee event will take the form of a grand picnic whereby every household will bring a sharing platter of finger food to share with everybody, and will host various other attractions for both children and adults. A flyer will be sent out shortly to clarify the details. Please come and support this event and bring your friends and family.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Committee for enduring another year under my Chairmanship and for their loyal commitment. Unfortunately, after 9 years of being a valuable Committee member, Sharon King has announced her resignation. This will be a tremendous loss to the Committee as Sharon has always dealt so competently with some of the more intense items and has advised on some of the Community and Planning challenges we have faced. I would like to thank her on behalf of the Committee for all her hard work, especially throughout the Covid period, and hope that we will be able to still call on her for help occasionally in the future. On that note, I would also like to extend my thanks again, to all the volunteers who have stayed on call, and hope that we will not have to endure another lockdown whereby their help is required again.

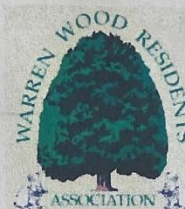


So, it just remains for me to ask for a show of hands from you all as an acceptance of the remaining Committee members for another year. However, we are now a man down, so to speak, and we would very much welcome some new blood to the Committee to better represent the interests of the young families who have recently moved to our estate. Being a committee member only requires a minimal amount of commitment, just a couple of hours a month to get together and come up with a range of social activities, and to work together to safeguard our community assets, such as the Village Green project. The majority of the current Committee have been around for quite a long time now, and I am sure there must be some younger residents who are eager to inject some new ideas into our unique community. Nominations would be extremely welcome.

Please, don't be shy!

Thank you all for listening. Are there any questions?

Celia Darrington
Chairman WWRA



The Warren Wood Residents Association Treasurer's Report for 2021/22

Through the year ending March 2022 the funds of the WWRA shrank significantly for a third year; the Covid Years when no subscription was requested by your Committee, since almost no community activities were possible. At the end of March 2019 the funds stood at £2194.56 and at the beginning of April 2022 they had fallen to £1310.65, which still includes the donation of £600 made by Julia Wassell whilst she was still our local Councillor. This latter remains earmarked for marking the transfer of our green space into a formal Village Green, which we still hope to happen.

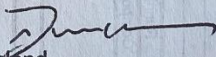
The big event of this year, the Hog Roast was the first time we have used pre-ordering and pre-payment with the option to do this directly into the WWRA bank account. In the end we made a manageable loss of £108.56. We also invested in membership of the Open Spaces Society, which has proven very valuable during the efforts to persuade the Council to reclassify our Green, and the cost of the Community 'phone number and Zoom Licence. The latter have now been stopped.

The result has been a reduction in the WWRA funds of £411.17.

It is recommended that we request an annual membership subscription from the WWRA household of £10 for the coming year to allow a wider range of events and activities to be planned for 2021-22. Subscription envelopes will be distributed shortly, with payment possible by cash, cheque or BACS.

The contact information currently held by the WWRA will continue to be held securely in line with reasonable data protection practices. Should any residents wish to amend their contact details this will be possible by returning the subscription envelope, or at any time by contacting a member of the Committee who will assist.

The Accounts for the year 2021/22 are appended. These reflect the true position of the Association.


Duncan Coupland

WWRA Treasurer

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Warren Wood Neighbourhood Watch Annual Report

2021/2022

The last 12 months have been a quiet period and with Covid continuing during this time, it has also helped with the security on the Estate. We have had a few incidents during this time, which the residents have been made aware of at the time of taking place. However, we must stress that we should be vigilant at ALL TIMES, not only for our own families and homes but also our neighbour's and friends on the Estate.

The main area of concern overall is SCAM's that are taking place every minute of the day generally by phone calls and we have been made aware these have been on the increase lately. Therefore, please make sure that you or family members are very careful when answering the phone and providing details that cause theft in some sort of way. These people are very professional and this is their job to rob people of their money, livelihood and personal data.

Other risks at this time of year, what with light nights, holidays and returning to work after Covid, houses are left empty so please make sure everything is locked and secured at all times, inform your neighbours that you are away so they can maybe look after your property. We have included the list of do's and don't's at the end of the report as per usual and hopefully this will contribute to the normal level of security you take. Also, a list of useful numbers in case of an emergency which you can contact directly.

If anyone has an incident at home or is concerned about something, please report it to the NHW or a member of the WWRA as it will help with the safety and security of all the residents of Warren Wood.

It is with sadness and thanks that two of our NHW co-ordinators have left the team. Lyn Whiting moved away in early spring and Graham Bunsell is looking to take time out. I would like to thank both of these co-ordinators for their help and assistance over many years with the team.

SAFETY POINTS TO HELP KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SECURE DURING THE SUMMER

1. If going out, please lock all doors and windows, including cars, garages, sheds and garden gates.
2. Do not leave keys visible or by your front or back door.
3. Make sure all valuables are out of sight and nothing is left in your car which is valuable.
4. Park vehicles on your drive or in the garage at night.
5. Do not leave ladders, garden tools or accessories out, especially overnight.
6. Always set Alarms or Cameras if you have them.
7. Leave a radio, light or set timers to come on when you go out.
8. Inform your neighbours or someone that you are away. (when we can).



Useful Numbers

Thames Valley Police	0845 850 5505
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
Trade Standards	0845 404 0506
Emergency	999
Non Emergency	101

Warren Wood Co-ordinators

Jenny Ball	HW 558129
Ray Cook	HW 527201 or mobile 07710857501

Best regards

Ray Cook

Neighbourhood Co-ordinator



AGM Resident Attendees

Name	Address
Maria Chilvers	56 Warren Wood Drive
Trevor Flower	24 Warren Wood Drive
Elaine Carr	52 Warren Wood Drive
Derrick Carr	52 Warren Wood Drive
Michael Doel	30 Warren Wood Drive
Norman Ball	10 The Briars
Jenny Ball	10 The Briars
Jane Burley	15 Warren Wood Drive
Ray Cook	16 Warren Wood Drive
Dan England	46 Warren Wood Drive
Mike Wiltshire	3 The Brackens
Vernon Holmes	12 Warren Wood Drive
Sylvia Holmes	12 Warren Wood Drive
Julia Johnston	35 The Briars
Rosemary Lewry	20 Warren Wood Drive
Alison Cicin-Sain	6 The Brackens