



Round Up June 2023

Your committee met this week and would like to update you on a range of issues. As always, do share it with anyone who would find it useful.

CADRA AGM

There were almost 140 people at our AGM in the New Testament Church of God. It was good to see so many of you and our thanks again to David Cliffe for his wide-ranging talk and to the Church for their hospitality. A copy of the report on the past year is on the [Website](#).

Copies of the booklet marking the **Centenary of Reading Bridge** sold well. These are available from Fourbears bookshop or to view [Online](#). We are delighted to see work underway to reinstall the final missing lampstand on the bridge.

The CADRA team will be at the **Parish Fete** in Caversham Court Gardens on Saturday 8 July, and we are already looking ahead at topics for the Autumn Open Meeting.

Caversham Centre

Work to replace the **collapsed sewer** in Church Street was estimated to take about two weeks which would conclude Friday 16 June. We don't yet have any news as to whether this will be possible.

There have been new reports of **aggressive begging** near Waitrose with different individuals involved. Aggressive begging should always be reported to the police. Please don't give money as you may be helping to fund a lucrative form of business.

Planning

The Planning Applications Committee on 31 May deferred a decision on the **Retirement Apartments on Henley Road** ([220189](#)), seeking further information on potential concerns. A tree protection order was confirmed for the remaining Poplar Tree on the corner of **George Street and Gosbrook Road**. The next meeting is on 21 June.

The revised application for a 5G mast on **St Peters Hill** ([230523](#)) is recommended for refusal by the planning officer, on grounds of its size, impact on trees and no alternative sites being evidenced.

The expected revised plans for **Caversham Park** have still not been submitted.

Detailed applications for **Reading Golf Club** continue, including biodiversity issues ([230622](#)) & ([230607](#)), boundary treatment and on-site play space equipment ([231841](#)). The Construction Method Statement Condition 29 ([220958](#)), including the important provisions for construction traffic, has still to be resolved and we continue to press for a solution to minimise the impact on local people.

South Oxfordshire District Council issued enforcement notices to Cosmonaut Leisure who operate **Caversham Lakes**, relating to application [P20/S3501/FUL](#) which was refused. Two separate appeals have been submitted against the enforcement and, while these are considered by the Planning Inspectorate, the operators may continue to use the site. An appeal has also been submitted against SODC's refusal ([P22/S0339/ND1](#)) for two dwellings at the **Old Piggery on Gravel Hill**, which does have permission for a single dwelling. CADRA will comment on all three.

As always, the relevant links can all be found on the [Latest Planning List](#) on the CADRA website.

Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness Sessions

Anti-knife crime charity, [The Ben Kinsella Trust](#) has launched a free online course for ALL parents and carers. Their June Workshop is now live. These sessions are a two-part course delivered over two evening sessions (June 20 and 27 from 7-9pm). Delivered by an ex-Police Officer, they come highly recommended but will book up quickly.

Emmer Green Noticeboard

Plans to repair the board are starting to take shape. We'd be pleased to hear from anyone willing to support the project.

River Academy

The new River Academy secondary school is due to open to Year 7 in September 2024. Their [Newsletter](#) gives details, including two open events this month.

And finally

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