

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006 AT RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Paul Lake, Brian and Alison Phillips, Jeanette Watkins, Graham Young, Maureen Worrall, Margaret Wilkins, Mick Crowther, Mike Quincey, Carolyn and Richard Self.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST A.G.M.:** The Chairman summarised minutes of 28 April 2005 AGM.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** The minutes were approved for adoption.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were none that could not be dealt with later in the meeting.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:** The Treasurer, Wendy Morris, presented the Annual Accounts, which were fairly straightforward. The main expenditure had been on Kingfisher Gardens, and the paid-up membership was down, unfortunately, at 49%. Our current balance is £6,395. Mukhtar Ali was thanked for his work as Hon. Auditor, and he offered to audit the accounts next year. The accounts were approved and adopted. Proposed by Tony Connolly, seconded by Gill Oxley.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** Daphne Wood was due to retire and did not wish to be re-elected. Eddie Wood was willing to take her place as Road Steward. There were no other new offers to join the committee. Paul Lake, Matthew McEvoy, Alan Oxley, Brian Phillips and Graham Young were due to retire but were willing to stand again. They were re-elected en bloc, together with Eddie Wood.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their hard work, especially the Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, and also to George and Rose at the Post Office for receiving membership subs.

**GUESTS** – Tony Young and Mark Clifford from the Police were welcomed to the meeting. They reminded residents about the Neighbourhood Policing Public Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Sports Club, which would be attended by Mike Hillyard. They aim to set up a Neighbourhood Action Group to identify local problems in the Ivers. Paul Dunham and Alan Barrett raised issues concerning traffic and they were urged to bring these matters up on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – land near Bisons considered by Bucks C.C. for Waste Transfer Station was recommended by the Inspector to be reserved because of its position.

**Cross-Rail** – since the exhibition Bucks C.C. has got English Heritage to list Dog Kennel Bridge, and in conjunction with the Cross-Rail project there was a discussion about providing a car park near the new bridge in Thorney Mill Road and a back exit link from the industrial estate sites onto motorway network.

British Rail Board Residual Body has held a consultation on what will happen to land between the canal and the railway. The Residents Association wants it protected, not developed, and maybe the Parish or District Councils could purchase it.

R.P.R.A. ASSETS – The main asset is our garden, and our continued thanks go to Tony and Carol Symes for their voluntary work on it.

LAND BY IVER STATION– Our attempt to claim adverse possession has not been successful so we propose to erect notices to welcome residents using it while the association looks after it.

106 THORNEY MILL ROAD, KINGFISHER GARDENS – was opened officially on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006, after extensive funding and work. Residents are welcome to use it for their leisure.

HIGHWAYS – Continued problems with dirty pavements, potholes and drains. The best policy is to call “Highways on Call” on 0845-230-2882.

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW – At last the consultation process has started and it is expected that North Park and Richings Way (part) will be re-instated to 30 mph towards the end of the summer . We must ensure that this is enforced by vehicle activated signs possibly funded by Parish, and some police mobile speed cameras, which have so far been refused.

LIBRARY CLOSURES - The questionnaires produced positive responses, and it is hopeful that with some funding for a paid librarian and an organiser of volunteers, we can set up a community library, possibly in conjunction with Cornerstone. After the Chairman objected in his capacity as County Councillor, the Cabinet has delayed closure of our existing library until end of October. Discussions continue as to the form the new library will take.

The Chairman concluded his report by announcing that he was standing down as Chairman, and that a new Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary would be appointed at the next Committee meeting. He said it had been a pleasure to serve as Chairman and he asked for his thanks to be recorded to Daphne, who had been on the committee for 14 years, a large number of these as secretary. He will stay on the Committee in his capacity as County Councillor.

The Chairmans report was adopted by Eddie Wood.

The meeting also recorded a Vote of Thanks to Alan for all his efforts during his term as Chairman.

## **A.O.B.**

Trevor Tinnion complained about the state of the pavements in Richings Way, the garden rubbish being dumped in the hedgerow, and the need for pruning near the highway. The Chairman agreed to contact Highways, and explained that the pavement re-surfacing was done on a priority basis according to usage.

Ann Manning (54 Syke Cluan) complained about excess development of bungalows each side of her, particularly no. 56 which has applied to be a 3-storey house. The Chairman offered to discuss with her after the meeting. He said that we had a general problem within Richings Park, not necessarily acknowledged by the District Council, of over-development and changing character. If there is strong enough opinion from residents we should push Parish or District Councils to try and register our estate as a conservation area to preserve the architecture. Eddie Wood suggested putting pressure on the Planning Department to restrict heights of extensions.

Ann Manning also complained about dog fouling and this was attributed to one particular dog, which the residents could identify. Mukhtar Ali offered to have a word with its owner.

Tony Symes asked about fencing and gating at the south end of the residents garden. Previous discussions have discouraged general access to the garden due to lack of third party insurance and the fact that it would invite yobbos.

Jackie Miles raised the issue of parking at the shops, largely caused by commuters. A paying car park would not solve the problem, as Langley residents drive to Iver to park free.

Stafford Salt asked why the St. Leonards Mound was being cleared. It was explained that it was to help with security for the houses behind it and to deter fly tipping.

Mukhtar Ali suggested that Montys spare tyres stored to the rear of the shop posed a fire hazard. He asked about progress with CCTV cameras and was assured by the Chairman that Iver was getting towards the top of the list.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. and there were about 60 residents present.

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