

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006**  
**at Richings Park Sports Club**

**PRESENT:** Wendy Morris, David Coppen, Graham Young, Eddie Wood, Maureen Worrall, Margaret Wilkins, Matthew McEvoy, Maureen Atkinson, Susie Davies

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Phillips, Alan Oxley, Tony Connolly

**ABSENT:** Paul Lake, Alan Barrett

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** were agreed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Railway land – No progression as yet.

Kingfisher Gardens – fencing has been reordered and paid for. The price had gone up slightly and the specifications had changed. Graham referred them on to Alan Barrett.

Sewage Treatment Works – No new information at present. **(ACTION WM)**

Resident's Garden – The fence has been ordered and should be ready at the end of February. At this point, we will need a working party to put it up.

Water main outside post office – Not repaired yet but is with the utilities enforcement people.  
**(ACTION AO)**

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** Maureen to give Wendy dates that she cannot make and Wendy will e-mail them to all members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The current account went overdrawn due to the fencing cheque and because Graham did not have a mandate to move funds between accounts. This will be sorted out soon. Thank you for the checklists, there are still some outstanding.

**PLANNING:**

The caravan – There is a planning application in to regularise usage. It is believed to be for trade, so hopefully there will not be too much traffic.

28/28a Bathurst Walk – This has been refused though there is concern over the buildings at the rear. Margaret has been told they were unsafe; perhaps the building inspectors need to be contacted.

39 Syke Cluan – This lost its appeal, but we should keep an eye on it.

17 North Park – there is a parcel of land at the back and concern was expressed re. Possible development.

38 Wellesley Avenue – Concerns were expressed regarding its fitting in with the environment.

**FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:**

Wendy was unable to attend the last meeting. There are concerns as nothing appears to have improved. Residents who expressed an interest in the group have never received any feedback.

**UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:**

New leaflets were distributed at Iver fair. They still need books as these haven't materialised yet. SBDC have said that the group can take shelving etc from Iver library. Volunteers will be needed in January.

There is still a possibility that they may have some presence in Iver library.

The mobile library was not parked in the stated place on the first Thursday.  
Graham has had no reply from the manager of Muller-Martini regarding support.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:**

There were only 140 responses to the core strategy consultation countywide. Wendy has responded to both the waste development plan and the minerals and waste core strategy.

**REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

Wendy has e-mailed expressing our concerns regarding the possible bus shelter.  
Bike trail – St Leonard’s Mound is unsuitable. An expert in bike tracks came to look at the site and the health and safety issues are insurmountable. Therefore, the slope will be removed and bushes planted in the New Year. The wildlife corners will be retained to keep it as natural as possible. Please can we have volunteers from the residents for the working party?

Flyers – Parish can’t do anything but Maureen will check if the enforcement officer at district can enforce the by-law.

Thorny Park – Wendy has contacted Glenda Collins (Parish Clerk) re Thorney Park and will write a follow up **(ACTION –WM)**.

Handyman – Wendy will state that weeding around the shops is a Richings Park priority.

**IMPROVING THE AREA**

No further suggestions.

**RICHINGS PARK DESIGN GUIDE**

The info regarding photos for the Richings Park design guide will go in the next newsletter.

**RICHINGS PARK BOOK**

No Paul today. **(ACTION PL & SD)**

**AOB:**

Wendy – She has the template for the newsletter and will try to get it out in mid-January. Inclusion suggestions were: Watch your speed; Dealing with graffiti **(DC will put something together)**

Destruction of verges and edges; parking with consideration for your neighbours.

Christmas Tree – Eddie will take the lights and try to sort out the junction box.

Trains – The new timetable started on Sunday and there are now fewer trains than before. After 9.00 there is only one at 10.00 and one at 11.00. Matthew has contacted FGW about the gap between 8.48am and 9.48am. There is actually a 9.04am train but it is not listed in the timetable.

Graham – handed out pages from the website that need updating and keeping updated. Susie agreed to take on useful contacts. Matthew will tackle the page of local information.

Nobody volunteered for the current issues page, so it was agreed that this would be timetabled. One person would have it for a month and then pass it on. **(ACTION SD)**

Maureen – Tony Williams has had a very serious injury. We will send a card from the residents association. **(ACTION SD)**

Matthew – Expressed concern re. the lights at Grundons.

Eddy – Concerned regarding the state of the pavements. North Park which was supposed to be swept more often, still hasn’t been done.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm