

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th December 2007 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, David C, Eddie W, Margaret W, Alan Barrett, Brian P, Paul L, Maureen Atkinson, Tony C, Sue B, Maureen W, Susie D

VISITOR: John Biddle

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Matthew M, Graham Y, Alan Oxley

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

PLANNING FOR 17 – 21 Bathurst Walk

A planning application has been put in for the development of 19 flats with parking and exit near the station booking office. Concern was expressed and objections can be raised regarding:

- Right of way – The owner of the access road has not been notified
- Parking: There are only 23 spaces for 19 flats.
- Street scene
- Density: The leader of the council has supported the decision that South Bucks only needs an additional 94 dwellings a year.

If they receive 20 individual complaints then it must go to committee. The application no is 07/02312/FUL. You can appeal on line.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1. Railway land signs:** The sign makers can only do them in Perspex which cannot be attached. Tony will ask Signcraft in West Drayton. (**ACTION TC**)
- 2. Iver station:** The BTP have been around recently and spoken to certain individuals hanging around the station. The train service is now much reduced. Matthew has written to 1st Great Western regarding the cost of tickets from Iver compared to West Drayton. The increase in the price of a season ticket from 7th January is 5.6% for West Drayton and 9.7% for Iver.
- 3. Width restriction sign for TMR:** Nothing as yet and the barrier to West Drayton is still down.
- 4. Flies:** There is now a section on the website to collect info for when they reoccur. Please encourage people to add information about the flies or any other areas of concern.
- 5. Article in Iver Directory:** Wendy has written another article including information on dates, names of reps, flies and the library.
- 6. Speed Gun:** Tony has taken measurements on all routes into the area and has recorded on average 10mph above the speed limit for each of those areas. You do need a minimum of two people to get the registration and speed. Would it be possible to get a working party together? Maureen Worrall to forward an e-mail she received about a group who will chase up number plates of speeding individuals. (**ACTION MW**) Information to be placed on NAG agenda. (**ACTION WM**).
- 7. Safer Roads Partnership:** They were waiting for Stats. from SBDC. There are 40 similar problem areas in the South Bucks. area. The lady from SRP would try to ensure we were considered as a priority.

8. Smell from Paynes: No more recent problems, but after the last meeting, some lorry loads were dropped off. Environmental Health said contact DEVRA. There has been no activity since.

9. Cleaning of Pavements: There has been no litter picking and the streets are filthy. We were led to believe that the portfolio holder for the environment had said it would be improved with mechanical cleaning but nothing has happened. The new contractors took over in November, but the schedule is apparently still not completed.

10. Cappagh: Could EW take pictures of lorries without their fly sheets and ensure the number plate is on the picture. This can then be passed on to community policy who will take action on it. **(ACTION EW)**

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 16th January

Wednesday 20th February

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The new envelopes for next year are far more attractive and eye catching.
- It should be noted that we do represent 48% of the area which is greater than the current government.
- Concerns were issued regarding the increase in price. Are there any ideas that we particularly want to tackle. We need a reason for the increase. Any ideas to Wendy.
- Thanks to Eddie, Daphne & Susie for putting up the Xmas lights. Thanks to Eddie for purchasing new ones. Looks far more attractive.

PLANNING

65 Wellesley Avenue – Neighbours don't seem to have any concerns regarding the huge shed in the garden.

NAG

There was a meeting on 26th November. The new police delegate seems far more active.

The current focus is Iver Heath. E.g. the dispersal notice. They have begun completing reports and logging all calls and alerts they have received. They have also set up a direct e-mail contact with the community police.

We are getting more timely response. They are also setting up a system of environmental audits to look at a particular problem and come up with an action plan e.g. Iver Heath parking around the shops.

Graffiti: Please contact Glenda Collins in the first instance on 655331 or Iverpc@btirect.com and then Carol Bennett at South Bucks.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

Cornerstones is ticking over well. Closed 24th – 27th Dec and 1st Jan.

Iver has a good no. of volunteers, but could always do with more. It will be closed from 24th December – 7th January.

The café in Iver will become tea-rooms from 14th January.

PARISH COUNCIL

Vehicle activated sign – we offered £500 towards the sign from our own funds. The finance committee meeting have agreed to purchase one mobile unit to share between Richings Park & Iver Heath. We could have it for 2 weeks. (Unanimous vote to withdraw our £500 offer considering the suggested time share.)

OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Richings park design guide – ongoing

Mick Crowther's Book – Ongoing. Susie spotted article on archaeology within the borough and the history of the villages. Will contact department to ask if they are interested in the book.

AOB

MW – The government have written to all councils asking for preferred routes for SAT NAV. Can we check what Bucks are suggesting? **(ACTION AO)**

Illegal dumping – 0845 3301856

The Deputy Parish Clerk is leaving. The Parish Council will be in the police house from March.

BP – For the last two weeks, there has been a car parked. It has now moved further down the road but no one appears to know it. There is also a second car. Can we keep an eye out in case we are being used as airport parking?

DC – Old Slade Farm site is being cleared by a contractor. Keep an eye on it.

PL – The bank is being dug-out near Bisons and they appear to have dropped a lot of concrete.

Burglaries – could we put CCTV cameras to monitor the four roads into the estate? Or to monitor key areas e.g. substation. Paul will find out if it is legal to use as an individual. **(ACTION PL)**

AB – On Time are taking their own skip lorries and 8 wheeler tipper lorries up court lane.

Heavy rain caused 117 Thorney Mill Road to be flooded from water coming off the golf course. Thanks to Alan O who contacted Grundons. They dug a ditch and bank to retain the water. The drains still need to be cleared.

Meeting closed 10pm.