

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, Susie D, Graham Y, Eddie W, Alan B, Maureen Atkinson, Paul L, Matthew M David C

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Tony C, Alan Oxley, Margaret W, Bhagat Hundal, Maureen W, Sue Barber, Judy Teader

ABSENT: Chris Sprawls

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Correction – 32 North Park hasn't been knocked down, it has been applied for.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Station Access: Consultation period finished. No comments as far as we know. 17th 18th December, Bucks will be talking to those who applied. Iver District Countryside Association will be supporting the applications as well.

2. Article in Iver Directory: Any thoughts for January? Something about being vigilant with increase in break-ins lately? Encourage people to look into 3rd runway etc as announcement forthcoming.

3. Bollards: Simon Gray at S. Bucks has been contacted. He has agreed to look into it. Matthew has done a site map and he has agreed to do a site visit. Matthew will e-mail the info. And include the flooding. Nearly all the bollards are chipped and marked in some way. What would be most effective will need to be discussed. **(ACTION MM)**

4. Disabled Parking Signs: Nothing from Alan as yet **(ACTION AO)**

5. Dogs not on leads: District Council still say that they cannot put dog control orders in place.

6. Street light turn off: One of Alan's neighbours came to the entrance to the golf club on Thorney Park and car almost knocked them over. She asked for phone number of lighting people so Alan rang them and also raised the fact that several lights that should be on are not. Alan gave the numbers of the houses and she gave reference numbers etc and then came back to Alan the next day to inform him that nothing could be done until Council had agreed which would be switched off. Also, the next day the lights were fixed. She said the best time to get problems logged at Highways on Call is by calling in the evenings. There are now many others in South Bucks complaining about lights off in their own area, so short term response to our concerns is unlikely. Parish didn't respond to the initial consultation – could this be highlighted in Iver Directory?

7. Dominic Grieve: No further response.

8. Community Call for Action: Wendy needs action about the state of the roads. What do we want done? What are the problems? What have we tried to get done? Info to Wendy please. Should include problems we have with the drains not being cleaned frequently enough. Horrendous pavements down Thorney Mill Road. **(ACTION PL & TC)**

We have finally received an e-mail to say replacement of signage (yellow back 30 signs & replace 40mph signs) and road markings along North Park has been authorized to go ahead early in the New Year. Additional signs of road narrows and junction ahead as well as new priority signs at pinch points. He is also considering extra 'slow' markings on the road.

Thanks to Eddy & Tony for the Christmas tree lights.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 21st January – Apologies EW & MA

Wednesday 18th February

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing new. Will be chasing up insurance on speed gun and also to get funding from the parish for Christmas tree.

(Check that Cornerstone are being paid for their electricity by Parish for lighting)

PLANNING

21 Syke Cluan – gates & railings – refused. Will presumably go to appeal now.

Old Slade Farm - appeal. To object – need to add on to system. Also check that your previous comments have been carried across. Deadline 5th January. Reference: APP/NO410/A/08/2090432

12 Old Slade Lane – Application to demolish, taking 14 & 16 as precedents

1 North Park – demolition and rebuilding of two houses. Turned down a second dwelling on same site several years ago because of lack of space.

Field on North Park – people looking at field (plots sold in the past as a scam) again so may be worth looking at.

Somerset Way – house looks like it is being built in front of the building line.

Syke Cluan/Syke Ings/Somerset Way – more and more debris and mess. Can there not be something included in planning permission to address this? Matthew will put everything into e-mail to Wendy.

(ACTION MM)

HEATHROW CONSULTATION/HUB STATION/CROSS RAIL

Nothing new – waiting for the government's response. Wendy has spoken to Arrup; they will come and talk to us next year. Slough are apparently very interested in the proposal as they would like to be considered as an interchange. Arrup will need to make a decision fairly soon to fit into the Crossrail project.

NAG

Another complete set of new people – from police and district council. Still focusing on traffic particularly outside the middle school in Iver. Had problems getting our speeding data onto the police computer but have had an assertion from Sergeant Bryant that our data will be uploaded.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

All books have now been removed from St Peter's Centre. Still trying to work with Iver Junior School on Extended Schools programme, but those plans seem to be stalling. Quiz night went well nearly £600 profit.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

Alan has had discussions with Chris Schwier about improvements/maintenance but nothing on them at yet. Five sites for TSIDS have been approved but unsure as yet what they are. Apparently they can be put on lampposts but they must be high up and weigh c.20kg so new idea that there will be sockets put in sites and TSIDS plugged in on poles.

PARISH COUNCIL

Agreed to put forward our hard standing proposals for funding for next year. Hard standing on the Mound pointing East and bottom of Wellesley pointing West so police vans will have somewhere to park and monitor speed etc. Iver Parish putting it in as next year's project with joint local area committee. They are putting in Vehicle Activated Signs in Denham.

New Development will be called Northumberland Walk.

Sandy Oxley may be looking at putting a children's play area on her land but is awaiting Crossrail info.

Following our requests for double yellow lines at the end of Bathurst Walk, they are looking at putting £10,000 towards two short term parking bays for people visiting the post office.

Signs will be going up to inform residents that the police will be wearing body cameras.

TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE

Speed watch - The first set of letters have gone out but current volunteers have been unable to do anything for the last month. Should have a training session to get more people trained and involved and out getting figures. More volunteers needed. Eddy will give a date for training and this will be forwarded via e-mail. Unless we put more effort in, we will look like we were making a fuss about nothing.

Volunteers (there should be two people at all times) should have the direct line number to the police and some way of informing the police that they are out taking numbers.

Mick Crowther's Book – Alan Oxley didn't have a chance to talk to Mick before he left so Wendy will talk to him. Then we will look at what to do with it next.

AOB

AB – Manager of Curry Paradise is worried about the sandwich bar that has gone for retrospective planning, as it comes under takeaway so that could then be adapted for any food. Did we realize that planning for a sandwich bar would allow any takeaway?

Swan Road in Iver – public footpath on left: people who own the property have ripped out the footpath sign and stated that this is now private property. Can they do that? There is a form on line that people can use to complain. Wendy will mention to Parish.

GY – reminder Thursday and Friday 11th & 12th December 3pm – 9pm – public consultation regarding development of sports club.

Meeting closed 9.50pm.