

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th December 2009

PRESENT: Wendy M, Eddie W, Susie D, David C, Bhagat H, Maureen W, Paul L, Chris S
APOLOGIES: Graham Y, Alan O, Judy T, Maureen A, Margaret W, Tony, Sue, Matthew M
ABSENT: Alan B

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Agreed and accepted

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Route 459 – Ruth held a drop in surgery with over 20 attendees and she has had meetings since. There may be some legal redress going on with a similar issue re. a local council having responsibility to provide public access. This should be monitored.

Paths at back of shops– keep on trying to get forms back for evidence.

Bollards/area round shops – Waiting on Matthew and Wendy hoping to set up a meeting to discuss this and many other issues with Ruth.

Residents Garden – Chris has been doing a great job. We need to get some more slabs. Wendy has contacted council about broken bin but nothing has been done. She will follow up reference number. Also, crack in wall outside Wellesley Court.

Rubbish Collection from shops – Nothing noticed recently. Difficult to tell if the rubbish is coming from the shops or the flats above the shops.

Bardons waste transfer station – Alan O contacted Bucks council and asked them about it. Response was circulated to members. They are currently supposed to be moving all the rubbish left behind by previous occupants. Just need to keep an eye on it and let the planning enforcement officer know if something is going on that shouldn't be.

NEXT MEETINGS:

20th January – RPRA sport (apologies: AO)

17th February – RPRA sport

TREASURERS REPORT:

Purchase of new lights for the Christmas tree because the original ones didn't work.

Public liability insurance renewed as well.

Need to claim for the lights from the council.

PLANNING:

Cappagh: Objections submitted by Wendy. Cappagh claim they only send five or ten lorries out a day.

Bardons: AO to enquire why there is a new application when it is the same as already permitted.

Wendy will chase up.

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley: On list for Ruth

Thorney Mead: garage application under permitted development.

O licences: Alan to action.

Old Slade Farm: permitted

12 Old Slade Lane: roof has been refused under permitted development.

55 Bathurst Walk: permitted

44 Somerset Way: pending

78 Syke Ings: refused

55 Syke Cluan: pending

17 Somerset Way: pending

HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION:

Environment committee of department of transport have agreed that Heathrow third runway won't cause problems, but everything else will have to reduce by 90%. Department of Environment appears to disagree!!

BACK EXIT MEETING WITH DISTRICT/COUNTY:

Met with District representative. They have agreed to change the core strategy so that what they had planned for Court lane would expand to include other industrial sites in the area and that the development that would be permitted would be limited to those that do not include HGVs. This will then give them a lever to refuse applications in the future. Couldn't quite persuade him to accept the

issue of a back exit to specifically allude to it in the strategy but it will be implicitly alluded to. Discussed the crossrail issue. He appeared to have old data/information and we clarified the issue.

IVER NAG:

Output from EVA. Walkabout in September and finally in November some actions have been taken e.g. issues have been reported to Highways. Really just appears to be a tick box exercise. Parking – draft form and letter being produced for residents to note down the numbers of persistent offenders.

PARISH COUNCIL:

4th January is next Parish meeting. Residents could attend and raise some of our concerns including the fact that the meeting that was supposed to be held in Richings Park has now become the AGM. Parking outside old post office – Alan to raise with Parish
Thorney Park – haven't heard anything more.
Bollards – Should be on the agenda for funding next year.
Station Path – Alan O to raise with Parish re. possible purchase.

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Street lighting - risk assessments sent to County. Wendy had a disagreement at South Bucks Transport symposium. Their representative said that their risk assessments had taken into account the issue of pedestrians but we have seen them and they do not.
Data from traffic monitors - request with Ruth. She still hasn't managed to get the data.
Speeding enforcement sites - on-going. Still no 30 signs
Width restrictions - on-going and exacerbated by more accidents.
South Bucks Transport Symposium – Wendy attended but very few people from Iver/Richings Park. They presented their cases about the various issues. Workshops highlighted relevant issues e.g. bus services. Possibility that they will be looking at diffusing the money to the communities in rural transport areas to decide what would be best thing to do. Keen to avoid major issues such as relief roads. Beaconsfield are also after a relief road so there was a lot of support to discuss the issue and it was listed as one of the top five priorities for county to look at in their strategy.

TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE/SPEEDWATCH/TSID DATA:

A new camera has been developed so that a photograph is taken and the speed recorded. Developed by Oxford County Council. You plug it into a laptop and get all the data. People from Oxford demonstrated it to Eddy and Wendy this morning. They were very impressed. It costs c. £2500. Discussed whether we can sell the old camera and approach Parish to ask for possible funding. Could we write to local companies to ask for funding? (**ACTION PL**) Also could ask local councilors to fund from their community grant.
No TSID data as yet. Wendy will chase up in the New Year.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK & OTHER RECORDS:

Sue has done a large amount of typing. Susie has scanned in a number of newspaper clippings. Need to sit down and work out how all the data/information etc matches with photos.
Stella has written a whole section on the older history – medieval etc.
Susie to out census results for Richings Park – 1841 – 1901.
Paul to look for copy of book he was given a while ago – unsure if it was the book or the Richings Park Guide we have already typed up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Wendy – Thorney Farm Field Consultation – only 94 responses. Most were in favour of woodland/planting/community garden etc. least favourable = car parking and renting to a farmer as well as c.15 that objected to it outright. The full report will be given back to Sandy Oxley (the land owner) and left for her to make a decision.

Susie – Width restriction on Thorney Lane in Hillingdon – Gate has been removed as there were so many problems since the width restriction has been moved. Wait to see what happens next.

David – Contacted Highways on Call regarding flooding on Old Slade Lane. 9 days later, they responded that they would cut back the vegetation and spray it out and would be sorted out this month.

Heard nothing more although vegetation was cut back. Jill Duckfield agreed to have it cleared. David has reminded her of this. Add to list for Ruth.

Bhagat – May miss some meetings next year as he is being sent to work in Birmingham.

Eddy – when they rebuild houses, they put up hoardings and live inside while the hoardings are up and allegedly, don't have to pay council tax while the hoarding is up. Is this true? Also, what is happening about the colourful railings in Syke Cluan? Add to Ruth's list.

Meeting ended 10.00