

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club**

**PRESENT:** Wendy M, David C, Eddie W, Margaret W, Alan B, Brian P, Maureen A, Tony C, Sue B, Maureen W, Susie D, Alan O, Graham Y

**APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Matthew M, Paul L

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Minutes were agreed with the addition of apologies for attendance received for the meeting from Sue Barber and Maureen Atkinson

Alan O and Maureen W had to leave for another meeting so the following issues were dealt with first.

3<sup>rd</sup> Runway – South Bucks will be opposing the development of the third runway.

Waste Incinerators – Bucks County Council planned a press release announcing that two of the preferred sites for waste would be turned down because of objections from the ministry of defense. South Bucks considered demanding a judicial review and the press release was withdrawn. The government has said that the previous minerals and waste project was not suitable for the core strategy so a new consultation will be taking place from 29<sup>th</sup> February. It will contain the favoured sites. The only thing that might impact on Richings Park is usage of the Richings Park waste transfer station. There are no plans for any additional minerals sites but the development of road access near Southlands Mansion has begun. This shouldn't affect Richings Park as the transport should go straight onto the A 412. Once the gravel has been removed, the area should be left as lakes. Grundons should be fully operational from May.

Cappagh – the managing director has been invited to attend a PACE interview for failing to comply with restrictions. Susie & Sue had received notification of an appeal from Cappagh against restrictions imposed two years previously. Sue will e-mail to Alan (**ACTION SB**)

Planning for 17 – 21 Bathurst Walk – Revised plan have been submitted. The only difference that Alan could see seemed to be walkways up either side and the removal of the bin storage area. The process will now extend until 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Development of 7 houses in Syke Cluan – This achieved planning permission. Alan objected using the rejection of the Old Slade Lane site as precedent. He expressed concern that this could set a precedent – the demolition of houses to create a new access road.

Flies – There are no flies yet but the web site reporting page is working. Environmental Health are keen on the idea and will pass on all figures to Thames Water.

Vehicle Activated signs – Not mentioned at last Parish meeting. Alan will chase up. (**ACTION AO**)

Width Restriction Sign – No response. Alan will chase up. (**ACTION AO**)

Cleaning of pavements – this should have improved as the new waste company have a pavement cleaner. Still need to make a fuss to get action.

Dog Kennel Bridge – The Ramblers Association, supported by the Parish, are going to speak to a petition that they have put into the House of Lords.

There are plans afoot within South Bucks for vehicle relief in the area within the next 5 – 10 years.

## MATTERS ARISING:

**1. Railway land signs:** TC sent the details to GY who contacted the sign makers but has had no response. TC will chase them up. **(ACTION TC)**

**2. Iver station:** There are new security services and the station has been cleaned up a little.

**3. Article in Iver Directory:** Graham will adapt something on the Heathrow issue and forward to Wendy. **(ACTION GY)**

**4. Speed Gun:** Tony has taken c. 200 readings with the following results:  
Using a sample of 30 at each location:

Location	Average Speed over limit	Maximum Speed
Thorney Lane South by slip road towards Tower Arms	+ 8mph	63mph
Thorney Sign towards Richings Park	+ 8mph	58mph
69 Richings Way towards North Park	+ 10mph	69mph
Width Restriction (North Park) towards Richings Park	+ 10mph	67mph
Opposite Richings Way	+ 7mph	
Old Post Office	+ 6mph	
Bridge over motorway	+ 7mph	

Tony would like to get some more data before the information is submitted but it may be best to send it in as it is collected to get it on the radar. Tony will send the data he has collected to Graham to put into a spreadsheet for Tina Heath and Tony will attempt to bring 200 new numbers every second meeting. More help would be appreciated. **(ACTION TC & GY)**

**5. Safer Roads Partnership:** No further info. Eddy will chase them up. **(ACTION EW)**

**6. SAT NAV:** Bucks CC are supposed to give in preferred routes. Wendy will talk to Alan re. lorries coming through the village. **(ACTION WM)**

**7. CCTV:** Nothing as Paul absent.

## DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 23 Old Slade Lane

AGM Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Cheese & wine?)

(Could all members think of info. For newsletter to go out re. AGM.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing new. Does recommend Sunday afternoon as a good time to collect membership.

## PLANNING

There is a house on Wellesley Avenue which has a new in and out drive but there has been no lowering of the payment. Could Alan check with planning? **(ACTION AO)**

A robbery took place on the farm opposite David. A 2m high fence has now been erected. Concern regarding the likelihood of graffiti. GY will write a letter from the residents association suggesting trellising **(ACTION GY)**

**HEATHROW** – There is no demonstrable economic benefit for London or the neighbouring counties. We should join an action group. Possibly NOTRAG.

Other action – Residents most directly affected should get official valuations. Could we write to Pinewood as they are developing and see what influence they could have on the new flight plans? The air pollution statistics haven't been extended past the motorway. They claim this is because they received no data from South Bucks. Alan to check. **(ACTION AO)**

There is a rally next Monday at Westminster Hall 7pm. Graham will speak to Alan re. details and get some posters up. **(ACTION GY)**

Where does our MP stand? Wendy to write. **(ACTION WM)**

### **NAG**

The next meeting will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> but Wendy will be on the rally. There have been quite a few disturbances in Richings Park lately – vandalised cars etc. There was a crime prevention event held outside Costcutter. This appeared to be well attended.

### **LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

They are going to do a push in Iver as it is not picking up fast. There will be a repeat quiz night for the Iver branch. Richings Park is doing fine except for a decline in numbers of people in the 'adults' category using the library. They are looking into why this may be.

### **OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Richings park design guide – ongoing

Mick Crowther's Book – Ongoing.

### **AOB**

GY – Wrote to Margaret Dewar regarding use of old library premises and was passed onto the facilities management group. Apparently the library had been left empty along with other premises to look at potential usage. The decision has been made to sell the property.

He has problems with web site transfer but is working on it.

SB – The windows are now going in and work should be finished on Wellesley Court by the end of April.

EW – People are concerned regarding the local bus service as they have heard it is only on a three month trial.

Notice board outside Youngs is a bit of an eyesore – decide to keep it until we know what is happening with the shop.

SD – Pointed out that there are slow worms in Richings Park and that councils need to take them into consideration when giving planning permission.

AB – Gave some photos for the web site and bill to be paid for upkeep of Kingfisher Gardens.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.