

## **RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the meeting held at 8pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Apologies:** Eddie Wood, Graham Young, Sue Barber, David Coppen, Susie Davies, Maureen Worrall, Bhaghat Hundal, Chris Sprules, Margaret Wilkins, Matthews McEvoy, Alan Barrett

Absent: Paul Lake, Maureen Atkinson

Ruth Vigor-Hedderly attended to discuss Highways issues. She was meeting the Head of the Highways team and would raise all our comments. She had not got anywhere regarding turning back on the one streetlight in North Park where the path crosses the road and suggested we tried the Casualty Reduction team to support our case. The problem of the lack of enforcement of the planning restrictions on numbers of Cappagh vehicles has been raised with Dominic Grieve. The roads most in need of attention were discussed and it was agreed that the middle width restriction was the highest priority as the lorries are causing the road to break up.

**Minutes of the last meeting** Agreed with amendment under AOB it is Reeds Bridge rather than Meads Bridge that needs renovation.

#### **Matters arising:**

Buses – a new draft timetable is available which combines the bus from Richings Park and Iver and this seems to be more generally acceptable.

Paths at back of shops - completed forms are now urgently needed. We probably have enough to cover the path from Syke Ings to Wellesley but not for Wellesley to Bathurst Walk.

Bollards/area round shops – no update from Matthew

Parking round the shops. The shopkeepers are concerned about the effect the police letters are having on their business, equally residents concerned about the dangerous parking and at times are unable to easily cross the road, particularly if they are less mobile. Additionally traffic is blocked by parked vehicles, including the bus which causes it to be delayed. Ruth has agreed to hold a public meeting attended by council officials and the police to discuss the issue for the whole area round the shops.

Litter picker – there is a regular litter picker employed by Verdant who only covers the High Street. **Alan O to find out why the area round the shops in Richings**

**Park could not also be cleaned.**

Meeting Dominic Grieve – June 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Council tax – Bhagat has been investigating why our Council Tax is so high. Some is due to the Parish charges to cover Highways, the youth worker and a PCSO. He has had no clear response about the services from the Councils.

**Date of next meeting:** TUES 16<sup>th</sup> March. AGM Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April Mark Averill from the County Highways team was invited to come and speak but has declined.

**Treasurer's report.** Graham has indicated that there has been little activity this month.

**Planning** Cappagh the application was permitted and restrictions put on the number of lorry movements. Enforcement monitored on morning and found they were exceeding these but refuse to take action because there are so many lorries on our roads that a few more will not make a difference

Bardons Alan had enquired why there is a new application and it seems to have been put on the lists by mistake.

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley and elsewhere. These are on Ruth's list and action is promised O licences – it seems that little can be done.

Change of use of land at Mansion Lane Gypsy site pending a public enquiry on 3<sup>rd</sup> March

47 Syke Cluan permitted

21 Richings Way

31 Old Slade Lane

Farlows Lake – Boyers are considering applying to create a large marina.

### **Heathrow/hub station/Crossrail**

Back exit - core strategy response. We have had some success in that the new revised draft removes all reference to the back exit not being necessary and acknowledges that it may need to be considered if funding eg from the Hub can be found.

### **Update from Iver NAG**

The environmental audit was carried out with a PCSO but no police were available to attend the meeting to draft the action plan. Common issues from all areas of the Parish were parking, the state of the verges, litter and graffiti, drains and pavements. Little progress seems to have been made since the last audit last summer. The latest Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter was circulated.

### **Report from Parish Council**

Annual Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March in Iver Village Hall. Formation of Local Area Forum (LAF) Iver have now agreed to join. The next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm. Parking outside old post office – Alan O to raise with Parish, NAG will also raise. Bollards – nothing to report. Station path – Alan O to raise at Parish.

### **Report from County/District Councils**

Mostly Highways issues covered above. The extension of 30 mph zone along Richings Way and Thorney Lane South should happen in summer 2010. There is a new Bucks Freight Strategy out for consultation which we need to respond to.

### **Other Committee activities**

Traffic sub-committee/Speedwatch/ TSID data –we have been thanked by the police for the data we have entered on Speedwatch which has proved very useful to them. We are still working on fundraising to be able to buy the new Sentinel digital equipment. There appears to be more speed data available including from surrounding areas such as Parlaunt Road. Bill Lidgate has been asked if he can get it for us.

Mick Crowther's book and other records - nothing to report.

**AOB** none.

The meeting finished at 10.10 pm.