

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2007
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy Morris, David Coppen, Graham Young, Eddie Wood, Maureen Worrall, Matthew McEvoy, Susie Davies, Alan Barrett, Brian Phillips, Tony Connolly

APOLOGIES: Alan Oxley, Margaret Wilkins, Maureen Atkinson, Sue Barber

ABSENT: Paul Lake

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – No progression as yet.

Kingfisher Gardens – fencing has arrived, but Alan had to make them to size and fit them. Thanks to Alan for organising it.

Sewage Treatment Works – No new information at present. **(ACTION WM)**

Resident's Garden – Fence should arrive at the end of February. Working party will then be needed.

Web site – Those people with pages are still working on them.

Water main outside post office – Not repaired yet but is with the utilities enforcement people.
(ACTION AO)

30mph – is now operational and lorries appear to be sticking to it, but the signs are inadequate. There are none painted on the road. Query to County about providing appropriate signage e.g. large yellow borders around signs, illumination and larger signage. Could we get the electronic signing? **(ACTION AO & WM)**

Road sweeping – all roads in Richings Park have been swept.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 21st March

AGM – Thursday 26th April

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No transactions. Subscription tick lists – Thorney Lane & Thorney Mill Road to be returned please.

Graham will write a letter to Parish to claim our grant for the Christmas tree lights. **(ACTION GY)**

New Christmas tree lights will be bought. **(ACTION EW)** Bank mandate – Wendy needs to go to the branch in Slough as the next signatory in order to change the mandate.

PLANNING

18 Old Slade Lane – seeking to see if it's legal to build an outbuilding.

17 Bathurst Walk – playroom in back garden. Parish Council have not objected.

87 Bathurst Walk – amendment to previous submission.

17 North Park – Application initially turned down.

73 Richings Way – No objection from Parish. Concerns as it is at such a dangerous part of the road. Tony will object as a near neighbour.

NEWSLETTER

Information needed from David. Alan has no further information regarding Kingfisher Gardens. Paragraph regarding dog fouling – (NB Parish working on developing on the spot fines.) Maureen will enquire about bins. **(ACTION BP)**. Give firm deadline for refusing photos of houses.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:

Wendy was unable to attend the last meeting. The new Inspector came. Bill Lidgate said that the Iver NAG was getting mixed messages from the residents of Richings Park although Wendy had sent an e-mail with the resident's response to questions. He suggested that there was a meeting between the Iver NAG and residents. They suggested a play area, which shows that they don't understand the issue; these are young adults.

Tina Heath has produced a list of the graffiti. Maureen has been handing out the permission notices, but there is no sign of the paint yet.

The wall at the back of Wellesley Court has been cleaned up and a non-graffiti surface added.

UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

Will be opening on February 10th at 11am. Hoping to get the leader of the District Council to open it. Shelves have been removed from Richings Park Library and other equipment which will be used in Cornerstones. Donations are coming in; more would be welcome. There will be a reference section, books on loan – borrowing at 50p a time and a swap system. As books run out, they will be recycled and sold in Cornerstones. Volunteers needed to start the library. The originals have been e-mailed but about ¾ have not responded. It was a long time ago.

Iver library – still in the air about how the existing premises will be used. The County claims to have consulted the schools, but the headteachers have heard nothing about this.

Still looking for sponsorship from local businesses if anyone has any ideas. Bookmarks/printed stamps sheets with advertising space?

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Nothing to report with Alan absent.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Removal of flyers – This would have to be brought up with County so it will be passed on to Alan.

Bus shelter – This will be going ahead. Concerns over whether it will be vandal proof. Pleased that there will be protection for the residents who travel on our local bus.

RICHINGS PARK DESIGN GUIDE

The info regarding photos for the Richings Park design guide will go in the next newsletter.

RICHINGS PARK BOOK

No Paul again. **(ACTION PL & SD)**

AOB:

Eddy – Has had to have the inspector out a lot recently because there have been several road kills i.e. badger. Response has been pretty poor.

Matthew – Still concerned over the trains. Always late. Worth writing a letter expressing our unhappiness. Slough and Maidenhead have united forces to complain about train services. Matthew will put something together from the residents. **(ACTION MM)**

David – Whose responsibility is it to clear a branch/tree that has fallen from private property on to the road? David will call highways to find out. **(ACTION DC)**

Alan – Concern re. drains outside the North Star. The path is six inches deep in mud. It is highways responsibility, but it needs a more permanent solution. Could Alan O contact them? Alan would like to accompany him when they go for the tour of the area. **(ACTION AO)**.

Bardons have got a meeting next week, so if anyone has any issues, please let him know so he can raise them.

Maureen – Issue from Margaret regarding the floods by costcutters. Difficult to walk around with the mud bath. Raise with highways. **(ACTION AO)**

Susie – Received news that Cappa have won appeal with some restrictions. Eddy stated that this should be enforced by South Bucks District Council enforcement officer. We need to report infringements.

Wendy – Un developed land next to resident's garden has been cut back now.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm