

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at Richings Park Sports Club**

**PRESENT:** Wendy M, David C, Graham Y, Alan O, Tony C, Maureen W, Matthew M, Sue B, Susie D, Guy, Paul L, Margaret W

**APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Chris Sprules, Maureen A, Eddie W, Bhagat H,

**Invited Speaker: Rob Meller – Neighbourhood Police Officer**

How is Richings Park going to be covered? Each Neighbourhood Officer has individual shift pattern. Iver has 4 police Officers and 3 PCSOs. Hayley Edwards is one of the Neighbourhood Officer. Area should be covered up to 10pm. Shift patterns can be changed to meet a specific issue but PCSOs can't work past midnight for H&S reasons.

How do we contact someone? No specific officer for Richings Park. Can go to Iver police station when opened by volunteers 10 – 12 and 2 – 4 on Tuesdays. Thames Valley Police website – neighbourhood policing section. Non-emergency number = 08458 505505. Wendy has e-mail address and mobile number of Hayley if people need it.

New Inspector: nothing to share at the moment regarding the new appointment.

Move to Gerrards Cross: Still no confirmed date on the move. How will the area be policed when it is shut? Short term – probably detrimental. Core shifts = 24/7 emergency call out with responsibility for the whole of South Bucks. Neighbourhood Officers are familiar with a particular area and deal with community issues e.g. graffiti, speeding on a particular road. The core shifts work out of Burnham and Gerrards Cross. With the changes, the neighbourhood team will move to Gerrards Cross initially for three months. Once the police station has been renovated, the core shift will move into Iver – therefore far more visible police presence.

There is a shortage of vehicles for the number of staff. Waiting to hear on vehicle provision.

Traffic Issues – Along North Park & Thorney Lane: Speeding and the sheer volume of traffic. Pinch Points are particularly poor as lorries try to force their way through and mount the kerb. Guy Verriers (30, North Park) invited the police to camp out in front garden in plain clothes to see the problems. This was accepted. Is it worth writing to lorry companies with details of the drivers who are driving badly? This is a good idea - people will need to volunteer to do this. We would need the registration and time for Barden's lorries if there are any problems. Would it be possible for the neighbourhood police to go in and remind companies about their responsibilities in terms of good driving? Yes. Rob will have a think about any other actions that can be taken.

Local Crime Statistics: We appear to be a local hot spot – Above average on burglaries and vehicle crime. Iver is a geographically vulnerable location. What is being done about it? Target specific people responsible for burglaries but this is very labour intensive. Very difficult to catch the offenders. What plan of action do the police have to deal with it? Patrols going on all the time, surveillance on individuals etc. Is there anything else the community can do? Make sure everything is reported so that the police can build up a clear picture of issues within an area. Make sure you report suspicious cars. Concerns over what numbers to call in worries. Could we get more neighbourhood watch signs up with numbers to call in concerns?

Dogs on Leads – The only legislation that the police can act upon is the dangerous dogs act. They have spoken to the owner of the dogs which cause concern. There is legislation that dogs must be on leads, but South Bucks will not arrange for this to be implemented.

Street Lights Turn Off – Any support from the police in this would be greatly appreciated. Agree that this is unsafe. The police were not consulted with the original decision to switch off.

Unsheeted Lorries (particularly Cappagh) – This is not being enforced by the planning people at present. Can the police do anything about it? Rob will look into it.

Many thanks to Rob for attending. He will return next month to give us some feedback.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. **Station Access:** Wendy met people from County. Not very helpful or hopeful. We need to collect more evidence to prove that people used to drive up beyond the booking office. Wendy will get some more forms. We asked Barden's for some help to tarmac again and they said to write. Wendy has written but received no reply. Alan & Alan will chase up at next meeting with Bardens.
2. **Article in Iver Directory:** Heathrow airport and access to station.
3. **Bollards:** MM will try and chase up before next meeting.
4. **Disabled Signs:** AO will raise it when he chases up about the double yellow lines.
5. **Meeting with Dominic Grieve:** Raised issue re housing in Old Slade Lane & Poynings etc. he agreed to write to BAA. Finally received response in which BAA state that it is very difficult to see what impact the third runway will have on Richings Park which is why the residents have not been consulted. Dominic Grieve also wrote to the police authorities and still not had a response.
6. **Community Call for Action:** Please can Wendy get information on the impact of traffic etc on the state of the roads. **(ACTION TC & PL)**
7. **Footpath on Swan Road:** Signs have been put back up. There is still a footpath.
8. **Sports Club Development:** Open days took place. C. 55 questionnaires sent back. Gave some ideas. Interesting meeting with Julian Wilson from the parish on the possibility of receiving funding £:£ matching from football association for Iver Recreation Ground. Issues with it being green belt land. So raised possibility of team sports facilities throughout Iver as a whole. Look at who does what and rotating activities. E.g. Sports Club could be the function hall for all football clubs in Iver Parish. Watch this space.

#### **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February –  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March -  
 AGM – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Asset cover for the speed camera – Graham was looking for it as a separate item. Zurich have special provision for charities etc. far better deal, so have swapped insurance. The people doing the speed watch are covered by the parish.

#### **PLANNING**

**Old Slade Farm** – Appeal has been withdrawn (AO will verify).

**12 Old Slade Lane** – Refused

**1 North Park** – Has received permission for demolish and rebuild. 2 houses.

**Development on corner of Old Slade Lane** – Several people have commented looks like flats. It is supposed to be two pairs of semi-detached houses. Alan will ask enforcement to check. **(ACTION AO)**

**Kerbs at 65 Wellesley Avenue** – Alan will check up.

**Cape Boards** – No further information.

**Fourells** – Extend fence (Bhagat was burgled again – wants fence for security)

**Residential Good Design Guide** – On South Bucks planning site.

#### **HEATHROW CONSULTATION/HUB STATION/CROSS RAIL**

Government agreed to support third runway. Fundamental concerns were not addressed. NOTRAG will continue to campaign against. The Heathrow Hub did seem to form part of the announcement. We will await more information. However, two other high-speed rail connection schemes have been put forward within the last few weeks. What will be the impact on valuation of houses currently in Richings Park? We should be gearing up looking for compensation levels from BAA. Paul will see if he can find a valuer. **(ACTION PL)**

### **NAG**

Meeting held last week. They have evidence to prove there is a problem in Iver High Street with speeding etc – now looking at next steps. Aggressive driving is one of main concerns. New Inspector Beverley Pearce wants to start moving things forward, so they will be carrying out another consultation.

### **LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

Nothing new on the horizon at this stage. Fundraising continues to be main issue.

### **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS**

County will be making decision soon on company for upkeep of roads etc. Should be decided in the next week.

South Bucks have decided to move forward on the parking issue to take it to the next stage of deliberation. Shared services consultation continues. Bucks are going to shed 400 jobs over a period of time.

Decision about waste supplier in near future.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Vehicle Activated Signs – one in Iver High Street. Came to put in Richings Park but discovered the fitting didn't fit around lamp post. Idea was to put it outside St Andrews.

### **TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE**

Plenty of Speed Watch sessions over the Xmas period. Letters have gone out. Another batch pending. Biggest issue is that every session has had Guy & Eddie doing it. We need other people to volunteer – means fairer work load and safer as not the same two people doing it all the time, which may make them targets for angry people. Can you all give Guy possible times that you can do it: Please e-mail Guy – [guy.verrier@zen.co.uk](mailto:guy.verrier@zen.co.uk) (GY – Tuesday Afternoons) **ACTION - ALL**

Mick Crowther's Book: Wendy has spoken to Mick. He is very happy for the residents to do anything we want with it. Wendy has history aspect that can also be added in.

### **AOB**

Alan B – OTR Tyres have applied for lorry license. Can object if you are a neighbour. Difficulty is it is on the Hydrex site which is in West Drayton.

117 & 115 Thorney Mill Road – Both had windows broken by golf balls – getting no response from the golf club. They have offered to pay but claim that it is not their responsibility. In terms of health and safety – who is responsible? The owner of the land. He should consult a solicitor. It is not a council matter.

Eddie – Organised a litter pick. Did it take place? Yes. David saw them at the Sutton Lane End. Guy saw them today picking up rubbish.

Alan O – c. 2002 parish plan needs to be updated. They intend to run three focus groups – one in Richings Park, one in Iver and one in Iver Heath. 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Cornerstone in the afternoon. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm in Iver Heath.

Driving up Syke Cluan is hugely difficult – builders lorries and delivery vans.

Graham – Iver recycling called to ask for a meeting. He was concerned about village being spoilt. He claims there is a secret bidding war going on to develop Bisons into a waste disposal centre. May be talking about Waste Transfer Station which we are aware of.

Matthew – Large pothole on railway bridge has been reported to highways.

Maureen – Yellow residents' signs – Grammatically incorrect.

Margaret – Drainage at the crossroads towards the station – huge amount of water. Dug out about a year ago. They do clear but not very fast. Could contact highways on call. Meeting closed 10.45pm.