

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006**  
**at Richings Park Sports Club**

**PRESENT:** Wendy Morris, David Coppen, Maureen Atkinson, Eddie Wood, Tony Connolly, Susie Davies, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Paul Lake, Alan Oxley

**APOLOGIES:** Maureen Worrall, Paul Lake, Margaret Wilkins, Matthew McEvoy, Alan Barrett

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** were agreed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Railway land – Alan has received a copy of the statutory declaration and plan. This now needs to be witnessed by an independent solicitor. Next step is to have signs created. Tony knows a sign maker who he will ask. Alan will send him the wording. **(ACTION AO & TC)**

Kingfisher Gardens – No further action as yet. Wendy will chase this up with Alan and Paul.  
**(ACTION WM)**

Street lighting on the corner of Old Slade Lane and The Poynings – Alan will inform the parish that this can be fixed. **(ACTION AO)**

Garage at Richings Way – Alan has contacted the enforcement people by e-mail. Nothing has been done as yet. He will write again. **(ACTION AO)**

Richings Way Rubbish – Alan took the man from highways around last week. They will not remove the rubbish which does not count as fly tipping but will cut back the overgrowing plants.

Sewage Treatment Works – Wendy will contact Nugent House as there should be no smell at all from the works according to their plans. **(ACTION WM)**

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 20<sup>th</sup> September (apologies AO), 18<sup>th</sup> October; 15<sup>th</sup> November; 20<sup>th</sup> December

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Subscriptions are doing quite well, up to 38%. Outstanding bills need to come in now, before Wendy hands over to Graham.

**PLANNING:**

Alan, Maureen and Wendy are to meet and discuss how the Residents Association can best give input to planning consultations. By April, plans should be accessible on line. The Electronic list will be redirected to Wendy.

30 North Park – Full planning permission granted.  
3 Richings Way – Full planning permission granted.  
73 Wellesley Avenue – Full planning permission granted.  
39 Syke Cluan – This has gone to appeal.

1 The Richings – No objections.  
77 Bathurst Walk – No objections

Maize Maze – Some concerns over the closeness of the entrance to the pinch point but it is being debated as to whether planning permission is needed and by the time a decision has been reached, the maze will have finished.

Public Enquiry regarding enforcement notice against Cappagh. This is to be held at Iver Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am. Alan will be there objecting and will send copy of his written objection to members. Wendy will write an objection from residents association. **(ACTION AO & WM)**

**FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:**

There will be a meeting tomorrow night to discuss priorities. WM & AO attending. Brian raised a point regarding burglar alarms that are always going off during the day. He will write some information for residents which Graham will place on the website. **(ACTION BP & GY)**

**UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:**

There is now one task force with Alan as chair and Graham as treasurer. The lottery grant launch has now been delayed which means that the start up will be slower and smaller as there would not be any money until May/June of next year. Iver Educational Trust trustees are concerned about the financial risk and want the libraries separate from themselves so that they are not committed to any loss. They will however continue to work in partnership. The council have confirmed the rental of the Iver site at a low community rental rate. Also they are looking to work with the new proposed children's centre to share resources and costs.

Graham asked residents if they would be happy to leaflet their roads in order to gain further interest, donations of books etc. also whether they would take round direct debit forms for those residents who had expressed financial support in the original questionnaire. Members were happy to leaflet but concerns were expressed about collecting direct debit forms.

Residents may be offered two types of payment, £5 per month DD or £50 one off payment for 15 months membership. Brian asked whether they had considered a loyalty scheme whereby if they have donated a certain number of books, they can borrow some free.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:**

County – An issue has been raised at County regarding the Household Waste Recycling Sites. There is a lot of trade going in despite the low barriers. It is proposed that the barriers be removed and that the workers at the tip refuse DIY items such as old baths etc. Normal domestic customers could drop off a maximum of three DIY items at a time in a normal car. If they have more than this, they must ring the council for a free permit. They can then drop off six items. If driving a van then they would need a permit whatever. This will involve employing a couple of permit issuers at Bucks, but otherwise would be managed at the tip. There will also be ANPR cameras in place to catch repeat offenders. Committee members thought this was a ridiculously bureaucratic scheme that would save no money. Highways – Alan took them on a tour of Richings Park and focussed especially on the state of the gulleys. The dirt is at the grating on most of the ones in Thorney Lane. The gulley emptying machine is on its way. Somerset Way is beyond maintenance and needs a full drainage system. Richings Way footpaths are falling apart.

Statement of community involvement – Comments needed by 4<sup>th</sup> August. Alan pointed out that when residents eventually get consulted on planning, we will need clear justification for any objections.

**REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

None

**FUTURE FOCUS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

Improving Our Surroundings:

AO to get hold of maps which indicate responsibility for grass cutting. We can then make a start on potential places for the parish handy people to work.

Can all members give Wendy a list of areas in their roads that need looking at? **(ACTION – ALL)**

Richings Park Design Guide

Eddie will take photos of buildings and we can then decide on good/bad practise and compose a document for Parish Council. **(ACTION EW)**

Website:

Graham re-iterated that he needs help keeping the website updated. Please can members volunteer for a page. **(ACTION – ALL)**

Raising profile:

Alan will track down Mick Crowther's book. Susie will type up. **(ACTION – AO & SD)**

**AOB:**

Tony – when will the 30mph speed limit take affect? It should be implemented in the Autumn. Alan will find out if it is still on schedule. **(ACTION – AO)**

Susie – mentioned that she had received notification of night works in August on the train lines.

Wendy – The additional commuter trains will start in December. They will run every 15 minutes.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm