

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2007
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: , Maureen Worrall, Margaret Wilkins, David Coppen, Eddie Wood, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Matthew McEvoy, Sue Barber

APOLOGIES: Wendy Morris, Alan Oxley, Susie Davis, Maureen Atkinson

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – Graham had sourced two insurance companies who offered public liability insurance for private roads - approx cost of £350 +/- . Insurance would also cover Association for other activities. Committee agreed for Graham to continue discussions with the insurance companies to ascertain best price. **(ACTION GY)**

Iver Station – Maureen was advised by Mike Hillyard to call local police in the event of problems in this area. BTP were happy for local police to be involved. We must keep pressure on police to solve the problems. Local police number is 0845 50505.

Residents Garden – A work party is required for Sunday 29 July for painting. All volunteers to be at the garden by 10 a.m. As many people welcome as possible.

Flies – Fly complaints should be forwarded to the Environmental Officer. Pots were being given out to people which when returned were sent for investigation. As far as Thames Water were concerned, the matter was being driven by Slough Council, who were spraying all the sludge with Aquapoy and covering it with fine mesh so that the flies could not escape. The compost at Paynes was another possible source.

Graham suggested that he source a ‘no win-no fee’ solicitor who could institute legal action against Thames Water, which may change their attitude, which was authorised by the Committee. In the meantime, we should all monitor the situation. It was noted that consultants were due to visit addresses in Richings Park to talk to residents.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday 19th September

PLANNING:

20-22 Thorney Lane South – Fair Price Food & Wine (Londis) – single storey rear extension

30 & 30a Bathurst Walk – Mr M Khan (Costcutters) – single storey rear extension

30 & 30a Bathurst Walk – Mr M Khan (Above Costcutters) – conversion of 1st floor and roof space to three self contained flats.

13 Somerset Way –(Stewart O’Malley) Detached dwelling

Land at rear of 49 Syke Cluan – Mr P Burns – Detached dwelling, and construction of vehicular access, landscaping

42 Old Slade Lane- SW Knight – Two storey side ext inc replacement garage

17 Somerset Way – Mr and Mrs Carson – Ext to existing front porch, single storey side ext, part two storey/part single rear extension

26 Wellesley Ave – Mr S Nagy – Two storey and single storey front and side extension. First floor rear extension and rear conservatory.

Concern was raised with regard to the conversion to flats above Costcutters, which would inevitably increase the parking problems being experienced there at present. Maureen to check with Alan with regard to Highways.

IVER NAG GROUP

Permission has been granted for portable skateboard ramp at Iver Village Junior School 20-24 July.

“Chillin’ in the Park” for 16 years old and under on 2 – 3 August at Iver Recreation Grounds

It was reported that all the graffiti had been cleaned up in the Richings Park area. However, further graffiti has since appeared. All incidents of any criminal acts should be reported via phone or email to NAG.

It was reported that the Railway Station was being monitored by the police. Young people still hanging around crossroads.

Discussion about NAG followed and how people were becoming disillusioned. It was suggested that as Beaconsfield NAG was reported as a successful organisation, that we should look at what they are doing different to us. Graham suggested that professional facilitators should be considered to get people to talk together. Maureen advised she would pass this suggestion on. NAG is to hold annual review in September.

FEEDBACK FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

All going well. Richings Park library funds are not quite being met by users fees and fines, but simple fundraising should cover shortfall. Iver library is different matter. The library will be sharing premises with Children’s Centre who will have priority. Staff will have to be appointed to run the library as arrangements will be different to those in Cornerstone. Anticipate premises to be ready by July. Alan to keep committee advised. £10 000 donation from South Bucks. District Council has been received which was to be split equally between Richings Park and Iver.

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

The preferred EFW sites for South were Wapseys Wood, near Bell House Hotel and the Springfield Farm at Beaconsfield.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Bus shelter – Maureen advised that a decision needed to be made as to whether to proceed with the proposed bus shelter outside Wellesley Court. Maureen read an objection received from Wyn Jupp of 3 Wellesley Court and Sue, on behalf of Wellesley Court residents, also objected to the siting of the bus shelter. The main objection was that it would become a magnet for the youths who hang around the crossroads and it would give them shelter and encourage them to stay there longer, causing a nuisance to residents. The re-siting of the bus shelter to next to the Residents’ garden was considered but there were difficulties with the site due to the large tree. After discussion, it was unanimously decided to scrap the bus shelter proposal and to try and utilise the £4000 funding on other amenities for the area.

AOB:

SB: Advised that refurbishment work on flats should start shortly. Arranging meetings with builders and architect to arrange programme.

EW: Was surprised no mention had been made of the Mobile exhibition held on 22 June in the village, which dealt with the traffic plan for the area. He advised that Cappagh was being taken to task, as they had broken the enforcements with regard to the starting times and amount of vehicles using the site. They have until 15 August to rectify the infringements, otherwise they face penalties of £1000 per breach.

EW: New speed limits have been in force for several months, but there does not appear to be any enforcement by police. He has been in touch with Safe Partnership but was advised that it had to go through County level before anything could happen.

EW: has advised Highways of faults. Potholes, manhole covers missing in area.

BP: Believes dust in the air is to do with Cappagh vehicles and believes samples should be sent to the Environmental officer for testing. Margaret felt it was to do with Heathrow and that she would be able to supply samples for testing from her patio area.

MMcE: The hole outside the Post Office has not been fixed. Alan said it was being chased but it is still there. He reported that there had been a recent fatality at the station. No action being considered with regard to the overcrowded trains at certain times.

Bison: Complained about the noise emanating from site from 5-6am in the morning. He was advised to keep a diary of all events and also to get neighbours to do the same. Once logged, complaints could then be made to Environmental Officer at Aylesbury.

MW: Concerned about the parking facilities in Bathurst Walk, especially with new flats being developed.

GY: Noticed that a branch in Residents Garden had been vandalised. Will try and tie the branch back up. Reported on subs and asked various members to chase for outstanding subscriptions.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm