

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, Eddie W, Tony C, Susie D, Alan Oxley, Chris Sprawls, Alan B, David C, Matthew M, Paul L, Maureen A

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Sue Barber, Tony Connelly, Alan Oxley, Maureen W, Margaret W, Graham Y

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Corrections: Four Ells should be Fourels. Kam instead of CAM. He is the Police Community Support Officer. Minutes were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Railway land signs: Signs have been delivered and put up by Alan O. They are larger than expected so people cannot say they haven't seen them. There have been no comments from anyone. Next step find out who owns the land. Did it go to the crown? Wendy will try to establish what happened after it wasn't sold at auction.

2. Station Access: Wendy putting together packs of evidence over the summer to be put forward by Parish and then County will investigate and accept or reject.

3. Width restriction sign for TMR: Alan e-mailed everyone with the response from the traffic management people who have agreed to put a new sign on the roundabout. We will need to check it can be seen from both directions.

4. Article in Iver Directory: We need another article for August. Deadline will be July 18th. Wendy will be away. Feedback on traffic issues from traffic group.

5. Bollards: Need to contact District Council. Matthew will count damaged etc and contact District.

6. Yellow Lines: Alan absent – no more info.

7. Grass Cutting Schedule: waiting on Alan O

8. Area next to residents' garden: Send a letter requesting action to Glenda and she will research further. (Action WM)

9. Dogs on leads: Community Police Officers have researched the legal aspect. There is no legal basis for them to take any action. It is an issue for local by-laws. It apparently comes down to the district environmental health department. District had promised Parish councils that they would give them powers to issue tickets relating to this issue but nothing has happened as yet. At the present time, the Community Police cannot enforce anything.

10. Post Office Closures: At this point in time, the post offices in Iver, Iver Heath & Richings Park are not scheduled for closure although a few others in the area are. The number of closures in the area is already fixed, so if one of those is then saved, one of the others will have to be scheduled for closure.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 17th September

Wednesday 15th October

TREASURER'S REPORT

No new report as Graham not present.

PLANNING

No new information.

We need to check if there has been a new planning application for the land next to the resident's garden. It may have been five years since it was granted.

Richings Park Golf Course – original plan was turned down. There is a new application for the driving range. Building altered mainly in location rather than design so has moved to where there is an existing barn building. There will be no lighting and it will be smaller.

Heathrow Consultation/hub station: department of transport received c. 75,000 representations when they were only expecting c. 15,000. They have delayed the outcome until at least the end of the year. NOTRAG web site – trying to organise flash mobs.

Hub Station – We have suggested dates for a meeting with a representative from the company who have suggested it.

NAG

No new NAG meeting.

There has been a request for jobs that young offenders could undertake. We completed a list last year but nothing has happened so Wendy has sent the same list. Apparently they are reluctant to come out this far.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

No representatives for an update.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

No representatives for an update.

PARISH COUNCIL

Vehicle Activated Signs – Wendy has been chasing but still nothing.

The trees have now been cut back and made a very good job of it.

TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE

Meeting on the 2nd July and a plan of campaign has been agreed for the short term. Intend to put in a proposal to Parish saying that very little money is spent in Richings Park. Guy Verrier has been researching very clear signs that would help increase the visibility of the 30mph signs. (Especially as the street lights have now been turned off) He will put together some costings that will then be given to Parish.

Also discussed how we could do some better monitoring. Wendy has spoken to a man at Bucks Council responsible for Community Speed Watch schemes. It is similar to the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) but is smaller and send data to a palm top. It is entirely operated by the community once they have had training. We would purchase the equipment directly from the company who do the training, risk assessments and first year's maintenance. All included in the price. All we have to do is provide volunteers to man it and provide a volunteer who is trained in the use of the police database. Once there, it will automatically trigger police letters. Three tier scheme. First two = progressive warnings. Third will trigger a police visit. The level of activity will also start triggering police enforcement activities. The system is sensitive and will work in twilight providing the human operator can identify the colour and registration. The device can be tripod mounted. It is not intended to be obvious. The risk assessment to site them has lower criteria than SID. Costs are £2000 and £60 insurance premium. We will inform Parish that we will no longer contribute to a VAS and potentially offer to hire it out. We should inform residents of our actions explaining that it will benefit us all – would raise our profile and also potentially attract some volunteers. Put in the Iver Directory. (We will also need to purchase a simple Dictaphone machine for recording make, colour and registration of cars.) The committee agrees to the expenditures.

Wendy has been in touch with the council regarding a review of the width restrictions. Representatives from the county have agreed to come and meet with the traffic sub-committee.

Next Council meeting is 1st September at St Leonard's Hall. We would like people to attend and ask for the funding. Also include details in Iver Directory so other residents could attend if they would like to raise any issues.

AOB

Maureen W – Has been chasing the smart water issue at the police station and has been told we have got it in hand.

Alan O – Has had a number of comments regarding the turning off of the street lights. He and Wendy have both contacted County. There is supposed to be a local consultation before it happens.

Paul L – Apparently there have been people in the grounds of the club after midnight making noise (**Info – Graham**)

EW – There will be a horse fair at the end of Sutton lane next weekend.

AB – There are a few dead trees in Kingfisher gardens but most have come up really well.

Meeting closed 9.25pm.