

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st July 2010

PRESENT: Wendy M, Susie D, David C, Maureen W, Eddie W, Sue, Paul L, Guy, Alan O, Kam
(new resident from 12 Old Slade Lane)

APOLOGIES: Margaret W, Bhagat H, Maureen A, Graham Y, Tony C

ABSENT: Chris S, Judy, Alan B, Matthew

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Agreed with amendment – Alan O was absent

MATTERS ARISING

Awaiting response from Mark Averil re. risk assessments: Wendy got a response today. Simply says we are going to carry on anyway regardless. Dismisses it as it is very generic. Wendy has emailed to Tony for his comments and suggestions for next steps.

Parking round the shops: Meeting took place a week ago with Chris Schwier, Ken Malochnie and Ruth Vigor-Jones. They have agreed to look into the possibility of using the area in front of the shops as a parking area. They will write to all the shop owners to ask if they will be prepared to let the council use the land. They will also survey for a possible plan for parking. Two delivery drivers were unable to get through while they were there. Residents parking – still looking into it, subject to another review. They want to reconsider how they operate it. Parking at the time the school bus returns is terrible. Could the police be encouraged to come and monitor at the bus arrival time? This could help improve the parking around the shop area.

Parish have been looking to spend their discretionary money – AO suggested marking to get people to park considerately. Could put white H-bars down. Also some bollards to fill the gaps. Sue will arrange for a letter from Wellesley Court Company to warn people that they are parking on their land and action will be taken.

Meeting with Dominic Grieve Sep 17th: Following previous meeting when number of issues were raised, he has agreed to meet again on September 17th at 7.30pm – location to be confirmed.

Council tax –spend in our area – Bhagat is still on the case. He challenged people from Highways on what money was spent in this area. Could not let him know. We asked Mark Averil at the AGM how we could be involved in feeding back to Highways on their consumer survey. It has now been revealed that the survey is 1000 telephone calls to residents. In 2009, 52 were to numbers in Iver. All are recommended by the residents' panel – random survey!!!! They have said we are welcome to join the residents' panel. Wendy will volunteer.

Wendy has also asked for information about the governance and the only answer received is that there are formal procedures in place to avoid any conflict of interest. Also managed to find key performance indicators: Condition of unclassified roads, changes in peak period traffic flows in High Wycombe.

Drains Xroads by shops still blocked and Old Slade Lane: meeting with Colin Rayner still not taken place. Busy part of the year. Will pursue a bit later in the year.

Land by St Andrews: Rotting fruit – environmental officer has now said need to get the council involved to involve the environment agency. They have been down to the farm again and there hasn't been a single smell from the farm. Wendy has spoken to the Environment Agency and it has been logged as a fairly high level concern. The farmer has been issued with a stop order. If he contravenes the order then he will be subject to a large fine.

Incinerator cttee: Alan does know they have set up an educational facility and will find out about the committee from Slough Council (**ACTION AO**)

Speed Check Parking Bays: Guy has enquired but hasn't got anywhere. Has spoken to a solicitor who has said that if they were put in for a specific purpose, then no one else has the right to park there. Has investigated the possibility of signs agreed to get an A4 size. Guy has also investigated the use of the spaces – can be used for any county approved operation. No progress with Speed Watch to get them to operate from the bays as regularly as they stated they would.

Residents' garden: Alan B has got Hydrex to provide us with a gardener on a regular basis to take care of Kingfisher Gardens. He will turn up c. once a month. Alan has met him and talked about what we need doing.

Community Pay Back team have done footpath towards Langley which looks very good. They have started on the residents' garden. Disposed of 30 sacks of rubbish from the garden. They have started digging along the fence and the chopping. They are going to paint the railings. They will then move down to paint the railings in Kingfisher Gardens. Anything else we can think of, we can add to the list.

Grass cutting/Verges: The original cutting was just with strimmers because they had the wrong type of vehicles to carry the heavy equipment. They have been down Syke Ings. According to the website, they should have done Thorney Lane and Thorney Mill Road this week. The web site shows when they are due in your neighbourhood and also which road works are taking place. Doesn't show where community gangs are and the reporting system hasn't improved?

NEXT MEETINGS:

No meeting in August

Wed 15th Sep

Wed 20th Oct – apologies SB and MW

TREASURERS REPORT:

Up to date road subscriptions sent out to members by e-mail.

Sale of hand speed gun – Guy has tried three times on eBay but only got up to £5 so didn't meet reserve of £25. We can keep as reserve.

PLANNING:

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley – action promised – nothing has happened and it is getting worse.

Change of use of land at Mansion Lane Gypsy site public enquiry result Enquiry is 7th September

Farlows Lake Marina Parish gave it an okay as long as it meets certain requirements.

17/19 North Park Land is still for sale

Fences Old Slade Lane Still ongoing

44 Somerset Way permitted just recently when building virtually complete, problems with overlarge rear building not on plans. Neighbouring residents have been to Parish to complain.

27 Somerset Way refused

35 Somerset Way refused

Land behind 55 Syke Cluan – resubmission permitted

105 Bathurst Walk permitted

15 Wellesley Ave refused

15 Richings Way permitted

12 Old Slade Lane – Enforcement action for rear building

Thorney Mill Sidings – South Bucks submitted no comments. AO is going up to the planning committee. They are trying to claim that it is an operational siding. The designated site that they have linked has a siding that runs down one edge but Alan has never seen it used for delivery or loading in all the time he has lived here and the other siding has only ever been used for receiving stone. They claim they are currently using the site for transporting stone to Acton. Alan will be challenging this. There is no loading or unloading equipment and Alan has photos of the siding without this equipment. If it is not an operational site then there is no implied permission.

The second point will be that if you go up the track – Colnbrook Logistics Centre has plenty of working sidings and would be a much better site.

Parish rep, county councillor and private person all get 4 minutes each so if there are enough there, they would have 12 minutes to present case.

Wendy has spoken to Dominic Grieve who was going to talk to the council.

33 Ridgeway – pending

Thorney Business Park retrospective change of use to vehicle dismantling yard – application to district withdrawn – no application to County yet

33 Wellesley Ave – pending

42 Old Slade Line –

Colnbrook Landfill – extended to December 2012

HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION:

Hub station proposal has resurfaced – Arup have submitted a proposal to HS2 to build the hub station here. When the new administration came in they asked the proposals to be reviewed. Lord Mawhinney's review has just been received and he has come out against the hub station here. He believes the hub should still be at Old Oak. Still keep an eye out for any changes.

Crossrail – submission to South Bucks for removal of Dog Kennel Bridge, Crossrail agreed to come to our next meeting to discuss their plans for the Iver area. Plans to demolish over the Christmas period when they are closing the whole line. But we don't want it demolished if it is not essential. They have no proposal re. the footpath so we will need to raise that with them at the meeting as well as the

proposed works at Iver station. We have no idea of the levels of noise likely to occur.

Cappagh Meeting:

Date for the meeting has been agreed – 13th September 1pm including walk about for anyone who wishes to attend.

Cappagh operations manager has stated he will be in contact with Eddie in a few weeks.

VOSA phone line 0800 0304103 where you can now report unsheeted or overloaded lorries – need registration number, company name, date, place and the time.

Hayley is also going to find out if we can report speeding lorries to VOSA as well.

Kam will try to find out about O-licences on the sites

BACK EXIT - CORE STRATEGY RESPONSE.

Waiting for inspector to examine new strategy which has been submitted today.

IVER NAG:

Still trying to chase the council re. dog mess disposal bins.

Policing – Clayton has moved on to Burnham and replacement is going round in the next few weeks with Clayton to show him/her the issues.

Rob Mellor has gone to Beaconsfield.

Hayley and the current PCSOs are staying and we may be getting another PCSO temporarily.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Community payback – Parish not prepared to do the necessary admin unless they were working on Parish land. Would need someone to administer it on a voluntary basis. Will only happen on parish land so there will be no graffiti removal in Iver.

Station path – Alan O to raise at Parish – The question is whether or not we can get the station path protected as a footpath and don't see why this couldn't happen.

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Paths at back of shops – didn't succeed with this despite having over 20 forms.

Local Area Forum LAF meeting – Eddie attended but got the impression they were still finding their feet and get procedures in place. Did get some money for the nursery in Iver. Priority list compiled at the workshop.

OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

SPEEDWATCH:

Safer Road Partnership Guy

New equipment ordered and has arrived. Guy will set it up. Do we need to put out Speedwatch signs?

Yes but we can put either end of the road or we can put up Police Speed Check Area signs instead.

They will need to be A3. Bucks County are objecting to permanent sign so we should do them laminated at the present. Paul will try varnishing it to some hardboard so we have temporary signs that are more weatherproof. He will make four to be distributed around the park: North Park gate, Court Lane and Thorney gate.

Contacts from other Speedwatch Groups None have had any come back to take down the signs from their councils.

TSIDs info – Nick fisher asked Eddie if we could help get the information off as County have requested it.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK: Nothing new

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul – Any plans for a school through the new system of volunteers setting up a school? None that anyone has heard of.

Why are we looking to provide older people with services outside the local area in the LAF plan?

Eddie – Time to plan a big press release listing all our grievances with organisations, the county for not helping us etc Have a very well worded press release sent to everyone. If we have enough grievances, then we need to attract the press with some clever stunt. Eddie will start listing all the points and we can start to work on it.

There have been reports of burning of plastic and wood around North Park – contact environmental health

Meeting closed at 10.30pm