

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd June 2006
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy Morris, Margaret Wilkins, David Coppen, Maureen Atkinson, Eddie Wood, Alan Barrett, Tony Connolly, Susie Davies, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Matthew McEvoy, Paul Lake,

APOLOGIES: Maureen Worrall, Alan Oxley

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – Alan has e-mailed Hines associates regarding putting up the notice. There are a couple of changes that she came back with. The question of liability is not an issue as we don't own the land and Mick Crowther is to go ahead with statutory declaration, so that if in the future, the land is put up for sale, we can express an interest. **(ACTION AO)**

Kingfisher Gardens – The quote for railings for alongside the river from Jackson Fencing is very expensive (c. £1,100). Paul is going to approach West Drayton Fencing for a quote. Alan B will take photos of front railings to ensure they match. Eddie suggested approaching the Forge in Sutton Lane. Tony also knows someone who may give us a good deal. **(ACTION AB & PL)**

Street lighting on the corner of Old Slade Lane and The Poynings – The overgrown area has now been cut back by an unknown resident. Maureen can now inform Parish that the light can be fixed. **(ACTION MW)**

Garage at Richings Way – Alan is going to contact the enforcement people by e-mail. **(ACTION AO)**

Richings Way Rubbish – nothing has been done about this as yet.

Sewage Treatment Works – David will find the contact details and Wendy will contact them as although the flies have gone down, the smell is still an issue. **(ACTION DC & WM)**

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday 25th July; if we keep with our idea of the 3rd Wednesday in every month, the following dates will be – 20th September; 18th October; 15th November; 20th December

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was agreed that our subs needed to be raised, so from next year they will be £3 with the explanation that our general expenses are rising. We could then raise the subs to £5 the following year to help with a variety of projects such as subsidising the library, subsidising community workers, maintenance of Kingfisher Gardens. We would show the residents what their money was being spent on.

PLANNING:

56 Syke Cluan – This was refused.

5 Wellesley Avenue – change of use refused.

33 Wellesley Avenue - Planning permission was refused. A new application has gone in and now building equipment and a brick single storey construction at the end of the garden have appeared. There are concerns about the size. - OBJECT

53 Syke Cluan – OBJECT (WM to speak to AO)

Land adjoining Cedar House, Main Drive – OBJECT (WM to speak to AO)

153 Thorney Mill Road – OK as it is already an office.

11 North Park – OK.

73 Wellesley Road – Some concerns re. space.

24 Old Slade Lane – Concerns re. front wall which has been painted a similar colour to number 46 which had an enforcement order placed on it.

There are some issues regarding the amount of information we have regarding planning. As we now have no representative on the Parish Planning Committee, would it be possible for the Residents Association to have copies of the actual plans sent to us? **(ACTION MW)**

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:

Eddie has had a phone call from Gerrards Cross Police Station asking if he wanted to be informed about meetings. He rang the police station and said he was interested in the NAG group but they had no idea what he was talking about. No one else on the committee who completed the questionnaire has been contacted.

UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

A draft business plan has been shown to Bucks County Council to see if they are on the right track. They said that it seemed good. There has been a press release and an article in the local paper. The Iver Educational Trust is handling looking for grants. Now they are advertising and recruiting members of staff to make provisional appointments in August. The library task force will be at Iver Carnival with a float and a stand to raise the profile. The Iver library has an issue because the location is ideal space to meet government expectations for extended day provision for kids so there may be competition. Iver Educational Trust is not unduly worried.

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

County – Alan is still awaiting the walk around with Mr Schwier from Highways, he will e-mail him again. There are issues regarding places for Iver children at secondary schools.

District – They have begun tendering for waste collection. There are consultation meetings on the 6th July and 18th July. More details on their website.

The local development framework is close to being agreed. There have been objections from Gerrards Cross to the projected housing.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

The Garden Centre in Sutton Lane have requested that they be removed from the Green Belt.

FUTURE FOCUS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

Improving Our Surroundings:

- 1) Each member to look at parts of their roads which need addressing. **(ACTION ALL)**
- 2) List then to be compiled – which need the council to speak to owner and which can be dealt with by Parish Handy couple.
- 3) Obtain map of boundaries to check demarcation of property/housing.

Richings Park Design Guide

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

Other Suggestions:

CCTV Cameras – this and speed cameras will be covered by community policing group.

Raising the profile of Richings Park – Gather any information on history of Richings Park **(ACTION ALL)**. Is there an anniversary that could be celebrated? **(ACTION SD)**

AOB:

Graham – He needs people to send him information for the pages as he can't handle all the research. Please take ownership of a page and send him data and pictures etc. **(ACTION ALL)**. People keep walking through the hedge of the community garden. Can we get a small picket fence? This was agreed. Graham will ask Tony & Carol Symes to get some quotes. **(ACTION GY, TS, CS)**.

Matthew – the grass verge from 59 – 105 Bathurst Walk has not been cut. He has rung the council. Recommended iverweather.co.uk.

Alan B. – EMR have taken over the lease of West Drayton Recycling. They are a big company, so it would be a good idea to keep an eye on them. Hydrex had an environmental officer investigating the dust they throw up. He placed an enforcement order on them and they were closed down until the entrance and car park were resurfaced, the gates and railings moved back and no vehicles are allowed

to park out front. Bardens aren't using sprinklers and the grass verges still need to be cut (**ACTION
AO – walk about & to pass on info. Re scrap metal company to the council**)

Paul – had tree chippings fly-tipped outside the house at 10am on a Saturday morning. They have rung the council but nothing has been done yet.

Eddie – keep an eye on the land opposite him as there has been some activity there recently. 1/8 of an acre plots 61 – 93 have been sold.

Wendy – read thank you card from Daphne.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm