

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007**  
**at Richings Park Sports Club**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Matthew McEvoy, Margaret Wilkins, Maureen Worrall

**RICHINGS PARK GOLF CLUB**

The general manager of RPGC attended to let the residents know of the development at the golf club. The plan is to create a 14 bay driving range (6 bays on upper floor). The length will be c. 351m and at present there is no need for netting by the road. There may be some placed at the edge to protect the adjacent cottage. The lighting will be 'burn lighting'. This is a new form of lighting designed to stop the halo effect from disturbing neighbours. There will be no towers; trenches are dug with mounds behind so that the light is thrown along the ground. The range will be open until c. 10pm. The hope is to encourage more members, especially juniors. All residents are invited to the display at the golf course.

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

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Railway land – Alan suggested three possible wordings for the sign. It was agreed that Graham would find out the cost of public liability insurance for the land as well as the garden before we decided which sign is best as the insurance company could probably advise us best. **(ACTION GY)**

Website – DC has given the section on graffiti to Graham. Graham would appreciate members keeping an eye on the site and helping him keep it up to date.

Garage at Richings Way – AO has written to Jane Carter at enforcement.

Water Main, Drains and flooding – Alan continues to remind those responsible on a regular basis.

Iver Station – The MD of First Great Western has responded. The ticket office is now open on a regular basis, the signalling operates more often and the ticket machine is working most of the time. They have agreed to check the station more regularly. There are still issues regarding security. There was an attack at knife point two weeks ago but British Transport Police just don't want to know. If there are any concerns, please contact the local police on 0845 50505

Residents Garden – Thanks to Eddie, Tony and Alan for putting up the new fence. Eddie has some paint and there will need to be another working group to paint the fence. There also needs to be a paving stone by the gate.

Width Restriction Sign – Continues to be on the to do list for the council.

Langley Tip – Service is much better.

Flies – These are still around. South Bucks, Slough and Thames Water have linked up to try and sort it out. They are trying to map the migration of the flies. Eddie has pots to capture some and send back to the environment office. They want to spray in the short term and find a more permanent solution for next year. AO will have a word with the environment department to see if we can get some pressure on to have it sorted out.

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – (Maureen to chair)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**PLANNING:**

South Bucks Planning Portal is now up and running ([www.southbucks.gov.uk](http://www.southbucks.gov.uk) )

Areas of concern:

38 Wellesley Avenue – had permission for an extension and now decided to go for a new site.

Land next to Buckfield Court – had permission for two flats, now attempting to make them bigger.

Thorney Mead – AO went to object but objections pretty much ignored.

#### **FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:**

This is in a difficult position at present. There are no resident members to carry out actions and ideas. They have tried to talk about the traffic issues but the police would not get involved. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, let Wendy know.

#### **FEEDBACK FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:**

All going well. Graham handed out leaflets for the fundraiser at Iver rec. The new mobile library has not appeared as it was broken into on its first day and had the computers stolen. It has now been repaired but cannot get out of current lodgings until the entrance is widened. (This has been delayed by the discovery of an air-raid shelter!!)

#### **REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:**

The preferred waste sites will be brought into the public domain on Friday. It is likely that Richings Park will be a safeguarded area.

Wendy has completed the following consultations: Open Spaces and the Interim guidance on residual Parking Standards. This is based on the government standards to reduce the number of parking spaces per home to encourage the use of public transport.

District – There are issues regarding the lack of provision for mothers with young children and for youths.

#### **REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

Vehicle Activated Signage – This will be discussed by the transport committee although it is quite expensive.

Bus shelter – It has been suggested that the bus shelter be placed on the corner opposite Costcutter outside Wellesley Court. It was agreed that we would canvas the people who use the bus to see if a shelter would be welcome. Wendy will speak to Maureen (**ACTION WM**)

Sports Club – There has been a meeting to see whether the club could do anything to help with the issue of disaffected youth. There are a number of possible initiatives. However, one of the things that has become clear is that the children are hanging around because they cannot access after school clubs as they have to get the bus back from the Chalfonts. Parish Council are going to approach County regarding funding a later bus.

#### **FUTURE FOCUS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

Richings Park Design Guide – Nothing new as yet.

Mick Crowther's Book – Susie is going to type up over the summer.

#### **AOB:**

Alan B – shared pictures of Kingfisher Gardens which is growing beautifully and has seen the birth of some ducklings. He will purchase some plastic bollards to stop people parking. Asked if Alan could check about reimbursement for the dead trees. (**ACTION AO**)

Alan O – had heard of a resident's association that organised trips for the residents. Any thoughts?

Graham – Could Cornerstones spill over into the residents' garden? They are covered by third party insurance. This was agreed on the understanding that the furniture wouldn't be left in the garden.

Twinning with another place – this was thought to be a generally good idea.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm