

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Maureen Atkinson, Graham Y, Matthew M

Resident – Mr Bhagat Hundal

Query over his property Four Ells and the comment in the previous minutes about enforcement. It was explained that the query was concerning the description of an out house as a 'bungalow'. He explained that this was the surveyor's language. The building is not a dwelling but a training/play area for his children. Mr Hundal also expressed concern over the addition of another Vellux window to Thorney House and asked why people can make changes to a listed building without making a planning application. Alan has written in the past about the Vellux window but will chase it up. **(ACTION AO)**

Mr Hundal also stated that he had offered his property as a site for the police to monitor traffic but that they had never taken up his offer.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1. Railway land signs:** Graham is to deliver them to Alan this week.
- 2. Station Access:** Please complete the forms discussed last week. Wendy will give out grid reference. We will ask them to be classified as byways open to all traffic. Photos of usage would be particularly helpful. Wendy will collate the forms and Parish will put them forward.
- 3. Width restriction sign for TMR:** Still being chased by AO.
- 4. Flies:** Alan O will send the reports to environmental health. There have not been huge numbers. They did appear when it was first warm but they have vanished again.
- 5. Article in Iver Directory:** Wendy has written another article and included the information on smart water from Eddie as well as a general request to keep the place tidy.
- 6. Web site:** Graham is adding the information regarding the NHS consultation this week.
- 7. Dog Kennel Bridge:** Alan believes that it will not be stopped by the House of Lords. He spotted several lorries up there and discovered that they are putting the sludge from a water purification works there to dry out and to be used on the fields. Alan also spoke to Thames Water and they have said they are still putting the sludge on fields.
- 8. Bollards:** No Matthew to comment.
- 9. Yellow Lines:** Alan has sent an e-mail. He also raised it at Parish Council and got very little support. They didn't seem to want double yellow lines in the area. Residents parking will not happen unless South Bucks moves into decriminalized parking penalties. The District will be reporting back on this by the end of the year. It was also raised that the marking for the disabled spot is fading. Alan will ask the relevant people. **(ACTION AO)**

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 9th July Apologies – MW, MW & AO
Wednesday 17th September

TREASURER'S REPORT

Road lists were distributed. An invoice is needed for Wellesley Court to pay as a collective. **(ACTION GY)**

PLANNING

17 – 21 Bathurst Walk – no more news

31 Old Slade Lane – Gone to appeal

Old Slade Farm Industrial Units – Rejected

Cappagh – They are still working and seem to have increased lorry movements. Bucks enforcement has given them 6 months to meet the requirement for a plan showing how they are monitoring and covering lorries.

Paper Recycling Plant – AO went to Hillingdon to see Jean Palmer, head of planning. They have given permission for office accommodation. Alan commented on the 300 lorries a day and Jean stated that they would have needed to apply for planning permission. The owners of Wallingford Road have commented that the lorries did not have legal permission to cross their site. This implies that the lorries would have to go down Iver Lane. The residents of Iver Lane have been told that access is through Wallingford Road!! This will need to be monitored.

Sutton Lane Garden Centre wishes to expand to include a DIY section.

Heathrow Hub Station – Wendy chased up the company who stated that they were building a massive hub which is rumored to be on the site of Thorney Mill Golf Course. The press release stated that all authorities had been contacted. District and County had heard nothing. Neither had Hillingdon. Alan has contacted Bucks County Parks people. It would be a railway station fed by high speed trains. At the station people would check in and then take a loop route to the terminals. The company has agreed to talk to us and Wendy will e-mail a date for the meeting. **(ACTION WM)**

NAG

The police didn't attend the last meeting and without them there was nothing the group could do.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

St Peters Centre café has closed. Volunteers at the library there have said there is no custom (location is a major issue) so the library is closed. They are looking at a way of linking with the junior school.

Cornerstones continues to thrive.

19th September – Fundraiser auction £12.50 a ticket.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

There is a dispute regarding Farnham Park Golf Course (municipal) and concerns that it is going to be sold. There are major issues with the structure of the club house.

Pathfinder project – still being debated.

Street light signs (Thorney Mill Road & North Park) – Stating that they are no longer in use. There are concerns for pedestrians and cyclists that use it. The roads were not on the original consultation and Alan has written to complain.

Incinerator – The discussion is still ongoing. It is not operational yet but we need to keep an eye on environment figures once it is up and running. Query regarding the identity of the community representative at Grundons.

PARISH COUNCIL

Vehicle Activated Signs – Nothing yet, we were supposed to hear in June.

Parish Report – There was concern that Richings Park was hardly mentioned at all.

Meetings – We were not aware of the Parish AGM as residents would have attended. If there are any ideas for projects in Richings Park that could be funded from Parish, please let Alan know.

TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE

Guy Verrier stated that he could produce a VAS for £350 but it would have to be run off a street light which would make it less likely to be stolen. He also has access to highly reflective signs.

There has been lots of speed checking. One person was recorded doing 100mph down North Park.

CAM (police organization) attended and will speak to Sergeant Bryan about the possibility of a police representative attending the meetings.

Next meeting (July 2nd) will be action planning which will then be taken to Parish.

AOB

MW – What is happening regarding the Parish Council offices? – The police want to move in there and have agreed a price for the lease of the police house as the Parish Office. The police have to convert it. There will be parking spaces at the front, several offices and a kitchenette. The time scale is dependent on the police.

Maureen has also chased up smart water and Hayley has said that the crime reduction officer is on a month's leave. She will follow it up.

SD – queried if anyone knew what had happened regarding man being chased by the police behind Buckfield Court with helicopters etc? No one had heard.

EW – There are a lot of white markings on the road for repairs but no action. It was advised that we should all start logging on Bucks internet – Highways on call.

CS – The tree at the top of Somerset Way is dangerous as it blocks vision coming out of the road. Alan will mention it to Parish.

AB – Concern regarding grass verges as none have been cut. Alan O Has e-mailed and will ask for the programme of cutting. The person to contact is Chris Schwier at Bucks County Council.

AO – The development in Syke Cluan is underway.

MW – Concerned about the overgrown property next to the Residents Garden. Chris will ask Glenda at Parish about cutting it back and charging the owner. Could we also contact the Tree Preservation Officer as the tree is being damaged?

SB – The tree outside Wellesley Court was an issue because of its roots. This has now been sorted out. There is another tree that is too close to the buildings. This will need to come out soon. The car parking in their car park by non-residents appears to have stopped. Also people have stopped using it as a cut through to the station.

Meeting closed 10.20pm.