

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th June 2010

PRESENT: Wendy M, Susie D, David C, Maureen W, Tony C, Alan O, Graham Y, Chris S, Eddie W,

APOLOGIES: Margaret W, Bhagat H, Sue, Judy and Alan B

ABSENT: Maureen A, Matthew, Paul L, Guy

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Agreed with correction that Mr Payne farms the land by St Andrews.

MATTERS ARISING

Further responses from Mark Averil circulated: Could we go any higher? There is a new website coming next week which should answer our questions but we really need to take this further as the response is many buts and maybes. Wendy has asked for governance arrangements for the company. We can also speak to highways before the next LAF. Give him a week more to respond on the risk assessments. Also invite him to a future meeting.

Parking round the shops: Still ongoing issue and still waiting for bollards. No answer from Parish as yet. Need to keep on to Parish about the two hour issue i.e. to ensure it is enforced. Pushing to have a meeting to discuss. This will hopefully take place in August at Cornerstones. Could residents take pictures of the parking issues and e-mail them to Graham. He will then put a slide show together.

Meeting with Dominic Grieve June 11th: Raised many issues principally traffic and HGVs. He took on board a lot of the issues and was going to talk to Bucks and South Bucks. Hopefully he will make some progress. He was quite adamant that the Thorney Mill sidings application was not legal and said he would talk to Bucks. He suggested another meeting in late September, early October.

Council tax –spend in our area – Bhagat is still on the case assisted by the statement from the incoming administration which states that councils must publish all expenses over £500.

Drains Xroads by shops still blocked and Old Slade Lane: Reported to Highways and still blocked. Still trying to arrange a meeting with Colin Rayner.

Land by St Andrews: Mr Payne doesn't have any licences to do what he is doing although SBDC say he has because he told them they had. Contacted environment agency who have been looking at the issue. The smell was bad last weekend. Guy e-mailed them and they have now said that if there are any further incidents, we should call the hot-line immediately. However, Eddie tried the hot-line and was passed to another agency. He has been told to make other arrangements.

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Speed Check Parking Bays: They are not going to put notices up. Could we put our own up as they are being used for general parking? Guy has been chasing. They won't do an assessment of how often they will use the bays until they have done a year's monitoring. They have said they should be here 12 times a year but we have only seen them c.3 times and they have used the parking bay once – they recorded 42 people in two and a half hours.

Residents' garden: Thank you to Chris for finishing off the paving. Still need someone to help with the grass cutting. Alan B has had a brainwave re Kingfisher Garden as he wasn't getting anywhere with sponsorship. He is going to contact the new fishing tackle shop to see if they will sponsor as they have Kingfisher on their website.

Grass cutting/Verges: It is now the county that are doing the grass cutting. Response from Mark Averill saying they have had some issues since it's come back in-house but believes they have now been resolved. Parking on verges is a problem in the area – police have had a lot of complaints so have looked into it and established it is a ticketable offence. They now have the okay to issue tickets to people who park on verges persistently. First time they will put out a warning notice. If you have a problem, let the community police know.

Colne Valley Park: Maureen attended a meeting. We can use their logo to say we are part of the Colne Valley. Are there any restrictions in its use? Not that they stated. We can add a link from our website. Wendy will ask for some information to include. They have got some funding to do some work on Reeds Bridge over the canal and save it from being shut.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wed 21st July

Wed 15th Sep

TREASURERS REPORT:

Slightly down on last year but not a great deal. Keep door knocking.
Sale of hand speed gun – no news from Guy.
Graham has received the invoice for the gun. They want payment before we can have the gun.

PLANNING:

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley – action promised

Change of use of land at Mansion Lane Gypsy site public enquiry result Alan O

Farlows Lake marina

32 North Park refused but has been divided into two houses. Guy is checking if they needed planning permission.

17/19 North Park

Fences Old Slade Lane Wendy has been chasing district and has been asked now to call them.

Richings Park Golf Club permitted

44 Somerset Way pending

62 Bathurst Walk permitted

20 Old Slade Lane permitted - dangerous precedent – they have allowed them to put up huge gates and fences right on the highway.

27 Somerset Way pending

35 Somerset Way pending

Land behind 55 Syke Cluan – resubmission pending

105 Bathurst Walk pending

15 Wellesley Ave pending

15 Richings Way pending

12 Old Slade Lane – enforcement action? Seem to have stopped work on it.

Thorney Mill Sidings – New owners have put in an application to build another recycling plant next to the Bardons one. Dominic Grieve has said he will look into it. Wendy is trying to organise a meeting with county to raise the issues regarding the site.

33 Ridgeway – Retrospective application for the demolition of the existing buildings and redevelop it into seven units.

Thorney Business Park retrospective change of use to vehicle dismantling yard – withdrawn because District want to refer it to County despite the fact that it is contrary to their core strategy. One of the buildings near Bisons site.

33 Wellesley Ave

HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION:

Heathrow have just started negotiations again on making it more efficient. Dominic Grieve is going to try and find some answers re the hub station.

New application for Crossrail.

Cappagh Meeting: Many Cappagh lorries. They stated that they are dismantling and removing all the old buildings but there is lots of concrete going into Thorney Business Park. Contacted County and it transpires that they are storing this concrete. There have been hundreds of vehicle movements a day. They must have huge piles of concrete on site.

BACK EXIT - CORE STRATEGY RESPONSE.

Nothing specific – still waiting for the inspector to call it in.

Why don't council have a 106 agreement? They will never be able to raise money for a back exit.

IVER NAG:

Police want to get as many residents as possible to go on to what is called ringmaster. There is a link on the website. They are also going to give us forms that we can give to residents.

Issues with parking around the schools and around the shops were raised.

EVA3 9th June – Usual issues – parking, bollards – wants to focus on areas around the station.

Discovered more graffiti, a knife and evidence of drinking. Also some drug evidence near St Leonard's.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Community payback – coming on 22nd June. Start work cutting back along North Park. Graham has offered to Sports Club for their refreshments and breaks.

Local Area Forum LAF priorities workshop – there were no parish or district councillors. Representatives from school, nag, age concern, youth worker and residents association. Set priorities but there were no other organisations present. They are going to sort out all the information and prioritise. Many of the statements simply did not reflect the views of the groups that were represented. Next meeting 30th June 7pm in Iver – going to be advertised more widely. Highways representatives from 6.30pm so people can raise Highways issues as it is a public meeting.

Parking outside old post office – Alan O to raise with Parish again as we have been turned down for yellow lines again.

Bollards – still no news

Station path – Alan O to raise at Parish

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Data from traffic monitors we still haven't received but some has been published in background Core Strategy papers and shows the figures are not going down.

Bucks Freight Strategy very vague and doesn't say how they will control the problem down here. Wendy responded for RPRA. Carol Gibson has put in a strong response from Parish.

SPEEDWATCH:

Waiting on new gun.

There is a new County traffic officer. We are hoping to meet up with him and raise problems that we have down here.

TSID data – need a stick to transfer the data.

Graham got in touch with a group in Cambridge – possibility for a national coordination to check we are all receiving consistent advice etc. Graham will follow up with the people providing our new gun to see if they would like to be involved in co-ordination.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK:

Nothing new.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Maureen – article in Telegraph re pioneering scheme (basically what we have been doing). We need to blow our own trumpet more often.

Property in Richings Way advertising a studio flat. They are referring to a building at the bottom of the garden with access to vehicles and a garden.

21 Syke Cluan – fencing: were given 6 months to remove at least a year ago. There is a form on the South Bucks website for enforcement.

Wendy – a lot of burglary in the area – a lot by forced entry. Was raised with Dominic Grieve.

Alan B – Bardons lorries listed on speed watch and were sent to Bardons as requested. The transport manager has called all the drivers in and put them on notice for their speeding.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm