

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING 23RD JUNE 2011

PRESENT: Wendy Matthews, Eddie Wood, Alan Barrett, Maureen Worrall, Judy Teader, Graham Young, Sue Barber, Bhagat Hundal, Maureen Atkinson, David Coppen, Shirley Simpson

APOLOGIES: Alan Oxley, Tony Connelly, Matthew McEvoy

ABSENT: Guy Verrier, Chris Sprules

MINUTES SECRETARY Shirley Simpson has very kindly agreed to come along and take the minutes.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 18.5.11 – Agreed

MATTERS ARISING

1. Street lighting – Tony is away. Eddie hopes to meet up with him in the next couple of weeks. **Action Tony/Eddie**

2. Parking around the shops – Due to cut in LAF funding only the proposal for additional parking on the area outside Cornerstone will be carried out. The bollards will not be replaced. Wendy hopes to make progress with regard to identifying an alternative way to fund their replacement.

3. Meeting with Dominic Grieve – Nothing has been heard from Dominic Grieve since the last meeting. Wendy will contact his secretary to arrange another meeting. The minutes of that meeting will be put on the website. **Action Wendy**

Wendy confirmed that monthly newsletters from the RPRA are included in the In and Around booklet. Graham suggested and offered to set up a Facebook page.

Action Graham

4. Ditches in Old Slade Lane – Alan O has not contacted the remaining residents as yet and is currently away. Wendy spoke to the council and found them to be more supportive. However, the County Council put out a consultation on flooding over the election period and no-one picked it up so we were unable to contribute to the database they are setting up to record flooding incidents. David and Wendy will draft a note on the problem and meet with the County.

Alan B reported that the sluice is blocked behind 95-101 Thorney Mill Road and asked who has responsibility. The Environmental Agency is not responding and this is not an issue for Highways or Parish Council. Wendy will raise this with SBDC.. **Action Wendy/David**

5. Wendy met with Bucks CC Park Rangers who have £2.5million Lottery Heritage Fund grant to regenerate Langley Park. No immediate plans to regenerate Thorney Park however, planning application for Slough freight interchange at the bottom of Sutton Lane is being considered and as a trade off there may be £1.5million for this regeneration. A fishing club is currently negotiating a contract to have access to the lake. It will be necessary for the club to alter the edges of the lake to ensure safety. It was suggested that the club also open membership to local residents.

AGM ACTIONS

- Noise of Bison Lorries – Wendy spoke to Olu but this is not something they can deal with
- Garage at 7 Richings Way – Permission was originally given due to the needs of an elderly relative. Unclear now if the relative still lives at the property and whether this is used as a garage or a dwelling. If we are able to confirm its use Peter Beckford will be able to take action. Wendy to check with Land Registry to see if ownership of the property has changed. **Action Wendy**
- Peter Beckford has prepared a Planning summary for us.

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- Virgin Media boxes – Zoe has been alerted to current issues and will deal with any problems caused by new boxes
- Grass cutting – Zoe has advised that the schedule has fallen a little behind and consequently the information on the website has not been correct. This is being rectified. Any problems contact Zoe.
- Highways Updates – Si Khan has replaced Chris Schwier and Mark Averil has moved to another job, Stephen Jenkins is the new manager. Eric Meek is the Area Group Manager Ops, pavements, gullies etc. fall under his remit. Money to the Parish for devolved highways issues will be cut by half next year and thought has to be given to value for money. The Community Pay-back system has been re-introduced. Trevor and Sue are the co-ordinators and they will use the sports pavilion on Iver Rec. as their base. Fly posters – let Parish know, Trevor will take care of clearing ditches and fly-tipping
If anyone knows of work to be done please advise.
- Chris Marchant has promised to get North Park swept
- Fixed penalty notices – It is hoped that the mechanism for enforcement will soon be in place and then fixed penalty notices can be issued for dog-fouling and on-street parking.
- Workers at Old Slade Lane – David has been told by Mohammed that this is OK

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Graham reported that the subscriptions collected were down by 60 on last year. Bathurst Walk being the largest problem

PLANNING

- Kerbs at 65 Wellesley – Zoe has been and made contact with householders
- Fences in Old Slade Lane – Zoe has been and made contact with householders
- Road rail Interchange – pending
- 2 Old Slade Lane – Mohammed accepts that the property is being used as commercial premises and has a meeting with the owner next week
- 2 applications for change of use – 3 Wellesley Avenue and accountants in Thorney Lane South, both for hot food take-away. There are significant issues with both and Parish will not be recommending approval.
- 19a North Park – certificate of lawfulness to put windows in the roof
- Car park at Rodney and Mayfield lakes – being pursued
- Court Lane TV parking – there are issues with HGV usage
- Iver Golf Club – permission to take delivery of 2.5 cubic metres of soil
- 32 Old Slade Lane

Heathrow Hub Station and Crossrail - Ruislip Residents Association held a meeting inviting other residents associations in the surrounding areas. Graham and Maureen W attended. London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) is backing the local No2HS2 campaign and providing assistance in kind but wants the campaign to be branded 'Hillingdon'. Graham and Maureen were unable to recommend our involvement at this point but will keep a watching brief.

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- Wendy met Peter Beckford to discuss the work to be carried out at Iver Station. There will be no upgrade of the station buildings at Iver or Taplow but work will be done to lower tracks and platforms.
- LHR Noise Consultation – Alan and Wendy attended the meeting in Colnbrook. Compensation scheme based on noise in the air not ground noise. Noise compensation scheme is now in place. Planning application currently with LBH to extend the north end of the northern runway and once completed ground noise will increase. Noise barriers may be erected, looking at other options. We will respond to the consultation on behalf of residents, Parish and District will also respond.
- Cappagh – VOSA have confirmed that Cappagh require O licences for their vehicles operating out of Thorney Business Park. They have also imposed restrictions and requested monthly reports. Wendy has asked Ruth to set up another meeting with Cappagh.
- VOSA enforcement officer to work with Traffic Police to undertake local enforcements and Police are also looking into the possibility of installing a video camera to examine incidents of aggravated driving.
- Court Lane – District have had a meeting with owners at Court Lane regarding back exit. As with Thorney Business Park, there is no existing data available on which to base a reduction of HGV numbers. No pollution monitors in place yet. Wendy to set up a meeting with District and County to monitor progress. **Action Wendy**

REPORT FROM PARISH

- Eddie advised that we need to look at development projects in this area as money is available and is being spent in other parts of the Parish. Graham suggested a youth facility in the RPSSC.
- Alan asked if it would be permissible for a local football team to use one of his fields as a football pitch. No problems envisaged and suggested that Alan contacts Joe Sammon, Leisure and Sport, South Bucks and Elliot's on Bison Estate.
- Everham Centre to close its Youth Club. No information available on who will hold lease etc. but voluntary sector will need to take over with a Youth Advisory Board to co-ordinate activities for all youth across the Parish.

COUNTY & DISTRICT

- District. Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks are moving towards joint shared services and joint newsletters when changes are in place.
- Colne Valley Park – Bill Lidgate chairs the Action Group for the Environment and is working towards protecting it, using it and making it more effective.
- New staff member in charge of rubbish collections. A complete review to be undertaken which will look at promoting recycling. Black plastic bin bags will no longer be provided.
- Budget and priority changes are still bedding in at county and new cabinet members are still getting to grips with their portfolios.
- Speedwatch – Session with Police 2 weeks ago. 69 Fixed penalties were given and including main camera, there were 300 in total. Alan suggested using the lamppost outside 77 Thorney Mill Road to erect the camera.
- History website – Hits have stabilised at 60 per week.

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Eddie - No 32 North Park – Wendy spoke to Mohammed about the activities which include earth moving, tree cutting and bonfires. It has been noted and he has advised keeping an eye on the situation. Concerns over the trees should be reported to the tree officer.

Alan – Kingfisher Park – John Smith, manager at Bordens has arranged for gardeners to go in every 2 weeks.

Sidings at Thorney Mill – mounds are getting bigger and lorries leaving the site are transferring dirt and mud on their wheels. Wendy to speak to County **Action Wendy**

Pavement outside Stanoak Farm – holes have been repaired but to a very poor standard Bungalows at 155 and 157 Thorney Mill Road – drains are getting blocked.

LAF meeting next **Wednesday, 29th June** At St Leonard's 7pm when there will be an opportunity to raise these issues with Zoe. **Action Alan**

Bhagat – Damaged manhole cover outside his property has been reported but as yet no action taken. Can be reported to Zoe at meeting on **29th June. Action Bhagat**

David – An enormous bonfire in Old Slade Lane at the week-end resulted in hospital admission for an elderly neighbour. David called Jill Duckfield and Richard Myers contacted the person responsible.

Sue – Thinking of erecting railings at Wellesley Court to prevent people cutting through, in particular dog walkers who do not pick up after their dogs.

Meeting closed at 10:20pm