

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 23 Old Slade Lane**

**PRESENT:** Wendy M, Eddie W, Margaret W, Brian P, Paul L, Matthew M, Tony C, Maureen W, Susie D, Graham Y, Alan Oxley

**APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Maureen Atkinson, David C,

**3<sup>rd</sup> RUNWAY**

Three visitors, residents from Thorney Mead came to express concern regarding the proposal.

Alan explained: The original consultation had proposed adding runways at Stanstead, Gatwick and Heathrow. The requirements for the runway at Heathrow were that it had to comply with environmental standards.

The latest consultation was regarding meeting the environmental conditions however, it didn't use any data from South Bucks or Slough. The environmental agency has expressed their unhappiness over this.

What can we do now? We will have to wait to see the government's response to the consultation. Plans that show noise contours were not complete. They are talking about changing the air traffic routes from all airports. You can access them from the airport authority's website but need to put in a UB8 postcode in order to see the effects on our area.

The visitors also expressed concern over local crime. They have had three robberies in the last 18 months. This has been raised at the local Parish meeting – there is a marked increase in burglaries locally – shown in police figures. The parish council has written to George Wrigley chief constable regarding this.

Suggestions: Call non-emergency police number and speak to Lucy Groves regarding smart water. This special marking liquid will help police identify your belongings if they are found. Also, the residents could speak to the neighbourhood watch team. Maureen Worrall will pass on the details of Tina Heath (co-ordinator)

Alan had to leave for a Parish meeting so discussed the following first:

**FLIES:** The flies have already returned, so need to get the reports onto the website. There have been two sightings reported already. Graham has added details for weather conditions.

**17 – 21 BATHURST WALK:** New plan have been put in but they have not changed on the website. It won't go to committee until May.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

There is an election approaching next year, unsurprisingly the most visual aspect of council work – Roads has had an additional £3.5 million allocated. There are two initiatives for this money:

- 1) A planing and surface team to improve areas. This is not suited to roads that need complete resurfacing.
- 2) A community gang (2 people) to clean signs and cut back hedges at the request of parish. They are starting in Iver at the beginning of April. A technician has marked areas to be done.

Apparently with road spending costed at £32 per person and £8200 per road mile, the most money per head has allegedly been spent in Iver.

In April 2009 a new contracting process will be put in place for roads.

Waste consultation – This shows Richings Park again as a waste transfer station. If Richings Park were accepted, there would need to be better road access. We need to respond and say that there needs to be an access road to the south. **(ACTION WM)**

**VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS:** Parish has set the money aside but Alan hasn't got a yes from county.

**CAPPAGH:** Alan is talking to county about being in on the appeal. While the appeal is happening, it is unlikely that enforcement will take any action against them.

Alan left the meeting

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Minutes were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Railway land signs:** Alan has had problems with the potential supplier. Wendy will e-mail the details to Paul who will get a quote. **(ACTION WM & PL)**

**2. Iver station:** Within the last few weeks, Ruth Kelly reprimanded FGW for being in breach of their service level agreements. Now they are planning to upgrade some of their rolling stock. The service has been okay although early morning and late night trains have been very irregular.

**3. Width restriction sign for TMR:** Still being chased by AO.

**4. Article in Iver Directory:** Wendy has written another article any comments, please let her know.

**5. Speed Gun:** Tony has taken c.80 more readings . The averages continue to be c. 10mph above the limit. Graham will pass the collated data onto Wendy and the NAG. Tony will continue to monitor the four worst areas. **(ACTION TC, WM, GY)**

**6. Safer Roads Partnership:** They agree that there is a problem along Richings Way and North Park. Before the next step, the police will need to do a health & safety and feasibility study. Vehicles must be able to be seen from at least 60metres and the occupiers of the vehicle must be safe. This study will be carried out at the beginning of April. If it turns out that the police will not monitor as it is a health and safety risk then we should go to the press.

**7. Sat Nav:** Alan has intervened and made sure that Richings Park is not included as a priority route.

**8. CCTV:** We can put CCTV in place with signs stating that there is CCTV in the area. (The signs themselves may be a big enough deterrent) We would need to check with the police that the film would be viable evidence. Iver parish are placing CCTV at Iver rec. would we be able to connect to them. We need to ensure more regular attendance at Parish meetings to put forward the case for money to be spent on Richings Park.

**9. Dog Kennel Bridge:** Nothing more at present

**10. Bus Services:** The situation appears to have been misunderstood by the resident who approached Eddy.

**11. AGM Newsletter:** Can we change to A5 and add colour? Graham will approach the printers and ask for them to be printed on green paper. Use up the older payment envelopes this year. Graham is organising wine and nibbles for the AGM **(ACTION GY)**

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

AGM - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Many thanks to Brian who is standing down.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

It was questioned whether with the summer gap, we should have an additional meeting but it was agreed that 10 including the AGM were enough.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nothing new.

**PLANNING**

Heathrow – Several residents went to the rally but only Matthew was able to get into the hall as it was so packed. The speaker from NOTRAG will be attending the AGM.

### **NAG**

Wendy went to the rally so couldn't attend the last meeting. It seems that the police are again making excuses as to why nothing is happening. There are no minutes being taken and so no record of actions taken.

### **LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

The quiz in Iver was very successful. Completely sold out but they still need to increase the number of members at Iver library.

They have funds to last for 15-16 months and are looking at grants etc from Parish, South Bucks etc. It was suggested that they approach the police re. Their auctions of stolen goods etc. Paul to contact Maureen W (**ACTION PL**) Paul also offered to look into other possible sponsors. Graham will let Paul know details. (**ACTION PL & GY**)

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

General complaints re. Road maintenance. Any issues, contact roads on call, get reference number and let AO know any details so he can chase them up.

### **OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Richings park design guide – ongoing

Mick Crowther's Book – Ongoing.

### **AOB**

EW – would like to get additional info on the smart water to promote it. This was thought to be a good idea.

GY – There is an overhanging hedge in Old Slade Lane – who should he contact? Parish who will then contact the owners.

The website has now moved successfully to the new provider. All the forms work and he has added an experimental BLOG.

He expressed concerns re. How to respond to a negative e-mail.

MW – Richings Place: what is believed to be a public right of way has been padlocked. It was suggested that she check Bucks website which shows public footpaths and where you can log complaints.

How old is the Old Post Office Building? Some concern as allegedly the post office are leaving. Susie will try and find out. (**ACTION SD**)

Concern over the litter on Bathurst Walk and Wellesley Road. She will report it to Parish.

Margaret: Also expressed concern over the rubbish and asked about the land next to Buckfield Court. Wendy has tried to get this seen to.

MM – Similar concerns including the bollards. South Bucks would need to be contacted regarding repairs (**ACTION MM**)

WM – Recommended that people attend the 1<sup>st</sup> April meeting/consultation re NHS moving the out clinic from Wexham to Maidenhead or Upton. We appear to be an afterthought for the consultation.

Meeting closed 10.15pm.