

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Richings Park Sports Club**

**PRESENT:** Wendy M, Alan O, Susie D, Chris Sprules, Eddie W, Paul L, Graham Y, Sue B, Bhagat H, Guy Verrier

**APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Maureen W, Maureen A, David C, Tony C, Judy Teader, Margaret W, Matthew M, Alan B

PC Rob Mellor: Unable to attend as both community police on duty. There have been several attempts recently to break into back gardens that back on to empty land.

Dogs on leads – the dog warden has visited and community police have spoken to owner of dogs. They have made contact with VOSA who control heavy vehicle monitoring.

Wendy has asked for a blitz on parking by the shops but they have had to cut back because of indistinct signage. They will speak to highways regarding remarking. Could all members of committee log on highways website? (**ACTION ALL**) Concern that there needs to be a more holistic approach. Residents could be ticketed until we deal with the whole problem i.e. long term parking for the station, parking for the shops and residents who live in the flats.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed

**MATTERS ARISING:**

1. **Station Access:** Still nothing from Bardens. Alan will speak to them next time they meet.
2. **Bollards:** MM not present.
3. **Community Call for Action:** Wendy still needs information from Paul & Tony – will speak to them separately. Details of where road problems actually are e.g. what houses they are outside.
4. **Street Light Turn Off:** Alan attended the meeting re. the street light turn off. Thames Valley Police were not in favour but have apparently changed their minds. They monitor the data and that information is available. Alan asked re. risk assessment on pedestrian access but this was not minuted. Alan asked about the former Parish lights. The Parish council can put lights up if they want to. There is no evidence of more accidents in fact there is anecdotal evidence that people drive more carefully. Refused to turn individual lights on as this would ruin the trial.  
Tony is going to get someone in to do an official risk assessment on pedestrian safety.
5. **Constitution:** Wendy & Alan will work on updating the constitution. Any other members with comments should e-mail Wendy.
6. **Security Lights at Bisons:** Also, the concrete breaker can be heard running all day. Alan went down to investigate and found the name 'Edge property' who had bought it as a consortium with Quatro & Cappagh. Alan contacted them and the intention at present seems to turn the Bisons site into storage. There will be lorries bringing storage in. Alan spoke to them about the light. They had tried to move it once and turn it down but apparently this hadn't worked, so they were going round to speak to the residents.
7. **Mattress & Dumped Rubbish:** The mattress had been moved. There has been some Fly-tipping in North Park on the right hand side towards Langley past the golf course.
8. **AGM Newsletter:** Circulated by Wendy who would like any comments. Susie will give Wendy the attendance figures. Wendy will e-mail to Graham. Would people mind delivering a library flier with the AGM newsletter?

**9. Meeting with Dominic Grieve:** This will take place on the evening of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at the sports club. We will raise Heathrow and the third runway, issues such as district and county councils lack of action.

### **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

AGM – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – Richings Park Sports Club. Hayley (community police) will be attending. Also, display of the memorabilia we have gathered.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Richings Park Sports Club

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No transactions over last few months. Did receive the £50 Christmas tree lights grant and had to attend a meeting to claim it. Graham needs to know treatment of speed gun for accounts i.e. do we depreciate it or pay for it in one year? Decided to depreciate it over three years.

### **PLANNING**

**Kerbs at 65 Wellesley Avenue & Somerset Way** – Alan reported both of them and the footpath has been patched up in Somerset way but nothing has happened in Wellesley to date.

**Cape Boards** – Another application today. Alan will try to find out more.

**Court Lane** – Wendy has had an e-mail from Mr. Fisher to say that it is still going ahead but is taking longer than expected.

**Richings Park Golf Club** – They have gone to appeal over the driving range.

**32 North Park** – Refused at appeal.

**30 Old Slade Lane** – Double storey side and rear extension, front and rear dormers.

### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Wendy logged a large number after the last meeting and they have come back as completed. E.g. Potholes and drains outside Paul's on Richings Way but they have not been touched. All members keep on reporting on the highways website.

Do we want to retain the trees outside Wellesley Court? No objections to their removal.

### **HEATHROW CONSULTATION/HUB STATION/CROSSRAIL**

Nothing new – Crossrail have decided their trains are going to be only 10 carriages long.

Paul hasn't managed to track down a valuer yet. **(ACTION PL)** Graham has also tried to track one down but no luck.

Graham has researched the home owners support scheme. One scheme is for people who are going to be affected by noise but this is based on the original plan and hasn't been updated so there is no inclusion of the latest sound footprints. Graham hasn't had a response from them.

### **NAG**

Administration of meetings has been haphazard. This last meeting, a new admin. Person attended. Focus is still speeding around Iver High Street. Now need to select next area to address. We need to agree our top priority and complete the questionnaire: Burglary, Car crime & Speeding.

### **LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

Quiz night 24<sup>th</sup> April Iver Village Hall. Bucks Foundation £5000 grant confirmed so that we can stay on at Cornerstones for another 16 months.

Iver Village Hall – There may be a vacancy coming up.

Usage of libraries - Old Richings Park library had about 8-9000 books taken out a year. Cornerstones issues about 2000 books a year and the mobile library about 2000 books a year.

### **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS**

Speed posters – Serious objections have been raised regarding the current posters in Iver, so no posters in the near future until the issue has been resolved.

The Ivers Area Newsletter – We have never seen it before. It's published by Bucks County and can be seen on the Parish website.

Community Safety Information Newsletter – Circulated electronically by South Bucks but doesn't really mention Richings Park.

Core strategy – please complete the response form. Complain that it makes no reference to an exit road for lorries etc, which we need included in the core strategy, so it will be built when and if necessary e.g. development of Heathrow hub etc. Also raise with Dominic Grieve and place in our article for the Out & About in Iver magazine. **(ACTION ALL)**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Parking outside old post office – Rejected by bucks and hasn't been considered by the Parish Highways meeting yet.

#### **OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

**Traffic Sub-cttee:** Speed watch – only two people replied – Graham and Wendy. We need people to volunteer.

One idea is blitz days where people volunteer for an hour. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 8am – 6pm will be first blitz day. Anyone not at this meeting should contact Eddie or Guy about time they are available. **(ACTION ALL)**

Wendy has completed training and will now be able to access the police computer.

TSID is moving around the parish. If the Parish decides to invest in one, we would recommend a high visibility informative one and data recorder. It will be back in the area in about 10 or 12 weeks.

**Traffic Signs:** Confirmation that the signs we requested have been ordered. Unknown when they will actually arrive.

**Mick Crowther's Book:** – Wendy is still collecting memorabilia and will start to gather together.

#### **AOB**

Paul – Concerned about Horse Fair becoming more and more commercial – It is in Slough, not Bucks.

Eddie – 17 North Park – terrible mess in front garden, worried it may become a health hazard. Not unless there is a health problem, then it would be environmental health. David Gilmore at South Bucks.

Meeting closed 10.30pm.