

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2007
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy Morris, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Alan Oxley, Tony Connolly, Eddie Wood, Susie Davies, Margaret Wilkins, Matthew McEvoy, Maureen Worrall, Sue Barber

ABSENT: David Coppen, Paul Lake, Alan Barrett,

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – ongoing. Alan will e-mail the wording for the notice to Tony so he can get the signs made. **(ACTION AO)**

Website – Brian is waiting on information from the Parish before writing something for the website. David is going to forward a piece on graffiti to Graham **(ACTION BP & DC)**

Water main outside post office – Alan showed this to highways and they have gone to talk to 3-valleys water. It should have been dealt with within 6 months.

Train services – It sound very likely that the ticket office may be closing completely. Also, the permit to travel machine is rarely working. The provisional timetable has been published but doesn't include any of the changes promised. The 9.04 train has now been moved to 9.20.

Drains – Alan has taken Highways to look at these.

Residents Garden – We need to grub out the small bushes and dig holes to put the railings in. It was agreed to meet at 10.00 on 27th May and finish on the 28th if not complete.

Width restriction sign – It would be effective if we could get a picture of a lorry stuck and trying to turn.

Parking in Wellesley Avenue. This happens on a Saturday morning when a number of leagues may be playing at home on the same date. The residents do have cones they put out and the sports club asks parents to be considerate. The only other thing they can do is ask residents to take registration numbers if someone is rude or dangerous. The club could then chase this up as they have rules for conduct etc.

Langley Tip – Alan will chase up complaints of rudeness and intimidation by staff.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 13th December (CHANGE OF DATE). Apologies AO & MA; 17th January.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have taken £200+ already. Graham will begin to create a tracking system so we can see which households regular join.

PLANNING:

41 Wellesley Avenue – There were concerns expressed over the increase to third floor building. Alan Oxley has invited the chairman of the planning committee to come to Richings Park and see what they are actually agreeing to.

49, 51 and 53 Syke Cluan are unlikely to be turned down.

Off-licence – Nothing has been heard as yet and there is no policy regarding saturation of an area. At the end of the day, it's down to the residents. If they don't get our custom, it won't be sustainable.

Wellesley Court may have to consider implementing a parking ticket system.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

Alan carried out a simple survey outside Bisons/Court Lane. The volume is significantly above that of six months ago. He sent the details to BCC. They said that they were aware and were putting a traffic plan in place including permanent traffic counters in Iver.

Tony has volunteered to log the traffic through the area and present it to the police to show what is happening so that if an accident does occur, they have been warned. It was agreed to fund the purchase of a speed gun (C. £120).

Eddie had received a letter from the police to indicate that North Park/Richings Way would be considered to be an area of community concern. It was not clear what this meant.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:

Alan Oxley has reported traffic violations in Bangor's Road South to the police.

There has been some discussion about moving the NAG meetings around the area. The next meeting is 29th May.

Adoption of cable boxes: David Coppen (Old Slade Lane); Eddie Wood (North Park) and Stan Howes (Syke Ings).

UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

Cornerstones is ticking over very well. There is a good stock of books, but more borrowers needed. Iver should re-open in the old premises. Cornerstones currently has 160 members. There will be a sponsored walk around the area on 23rd June held jointly with Macmillan Nurses.

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Cappagh – Survey details have been sent back to Michael Lee (Bucks Enforcement officer). The numbers fell after the survey but are rising again. 22nd June 2pm – 8pm – Mobile exhibition of Local Transport Plan coming to Iver. Location TBA.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

One of Maureen's last activities has been the clearing of St Leonard's Mound. Parish has erected the fence.

RICHINGS PARK BOOK

Susie has Mick Crowder's book and will type it up. (permission granted?)

AOB:

Eddie – Could the Parish Handyman go in weekly to clear the verges, weeds etc?

Brian – There are problems with the mobile library with fines being issued even though the books have been returned.

Margaret – Worries about the replacement building at 28a Bathurst Walk which shouldn't have been there in the first place. Objections have been received and Alan will object on behalf of RPRA.

Wendy – Had some press cuttings about noise limits, pollution levels and congestion charging. New EU limits for pollution will be coming in 2010. Proposals to put a fix in place are being discussed at government level.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm