

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, Eddie W, Margaret W, Brian P, Paul L, Matthew M, Tony C, Maureen W, Susie D, Graham Y, Alan Oxley, David C, Maureen A, Alan B, Chris Sprawls

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Sue Barber, Paul Lake

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Railway land signs: Alan will put them up next week as we have permission to place them on the back of the Wellesley Court garages (**ACTION GY & AO**)

2. Station Access: Wendy and Alan went to see the rights of way people at Bucks to climb the station road as a right of way as there is a great deal of evidence on maps that it has been used over time. We need to compile a list of witnesses – people who have walked down it over the years. Let Wendy know if you can think of people who could complete applications. Alan will take the details to the next Parish meeting to claim it in the parish's name. If you can think of other similar areas in Richings Park that should be claimed as rights of way, please let Wendy know. There is a finite period of time to get the registered, after that they will no longer exist as footpaths etc. (**ACTION ALL**)

3. Width restriction sign for TMR: The temporary sign has now gone. Alan will talk to Bucks again. (**ACTION AO**)

4. Flies: Since the form went live on the web site, there have been c.10 reports. Alan will check the dates for submission of numbers to environmental health. There is a possibility that the sludge from the sewage works cannot be placed on the land. (**ACTION AO**)

5. Article in Iver Directory: Wendy has written another article including information on the traffic meeting.

6. Dog kennel Bridge: The petition by parish to retain the bridge as a walking route is still being considered by the House of Lords.

7. Smart Water: Eddie has contacted the police re notices about smart water but has received nothing. The water is free from the police in hot spot areas and we are a hotspot. Perhaps we could advertise it in the next news letter and encourage the police to do another surgery.

8. Post office building: Susie could find no evidence of the age of the building. Just keep our eyes open for potential development on the site.

9. NHS Consultation: Nothing much appears to be changing for us. The out patients will still be operating from Wexham Park. If you have to attend hospital regularly, you are entitled to free parking. Ask in the ward.

10. Bollards: No progress as yet.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

Parking: Alan will chase up the possibility of double yellow lines in dangerous places. Susie asked what the likelihood was of getting residents parking. South Bucks is looking at the possibility of decriminalizing parking. The best person to contact would be Bill Lydgate.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday 9th July

TREASURER'S REPORT

Subs are still coming in at the moment. £400 so far. More details for the next meeting.

PLANNING

17-21 Bathurst Walk – This was agreed and then refused when they could not reach an agreement on affordable housing.

31 Old Slade Lane – This went to appeal. The closing date was 20th May. Unsure as yet how many objections were received.

Old Slade Farm – No more has been heard at present.

Cappagh – The appeal was refused but Bucks is giving them another 6 months to meet the conditions. The motorbikes have returned to the waste ground. Lambert, Smith & Hampton who manage the land have said that the land is very close to being sold. There is also a proposal to put in a new hub station somewhere west of West Drayton on the Great Western Main Line. Could the two be linked?

Fourells – No further information from enforcement.

There is the potential for the development of a paper recycling plant in Iver Village which may involve the movement of 200+ lorries daily. Alan and Bill Lydgate are going to speak to Hillingdon Borough Council.

NOTRAG RALLY

10 people have signed up for the coach in the post office. Graham will book the coach when he has numbers. Dominic Grieve has offered to address a meeting on the subject. Wendy recommended website theyworkforyou.com where you can sign up for emails of anything put in the public domain by your MP.

NAG

They are talking about graffiti again and seem to be going around in circles. The issue may be that the problems in Richings Park simply can't be dealt with by the community and that we need a police presence. Could they get involved with the 'Not in my neighbourhood' week?

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

The next fundraiser will probably be in September. Cornerstones is doing well but the fact is that Iver Village is not attracting enough users. Because there are two buildings to maintain, by the middle of next year, funds will have run out.

COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL

Road maintenance – some additional money is being spent but not in Richings Park. Alan has asked for permanent traffic counters which give the size and numbers of vehicles. He will check if they can also show speed.

Waste – Wendy sent in a contribution from the residents' association.

PARISH COUNCIL

Vehicle Activated Signs now called TSID (Temporary Speed Indicator Device). Alan met with the head of highways. The signs will be available soon and they are aware that Iver Parish wants one permanently.

OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Travel Sub-Committee: The next meeting will be 4th June please attend if you want to be involved. They are tackling issues to do with speeding etc. The traffic light system works well in other places – turns red if you are over the speed limit. Safer Roads Partnership – Eddie wrote to express his concerns but has heard nothing as yet. Hw will suggest Thorney Mill Road as a site for enforcement, next to the pub.

The speed readings have been passed on to Guy Verrier.

Mick Crowther's Book – Ongoing.

AOB

EW – No. 15 North Park wrote to him regarding a health concern about rats and cockroaches. He has given him Environmental health details. Could we add the information to a Frequently asked Questions page on the website?

GY – There is a project to develop the sports club - demolish current buildings and to help funds by building apartments above.

Margaret: Mick Crowther was concerned about the responsibility for the flower pots. They are watered by Parish every day.

AO – Work will begin on the development opposite him possibly 6th June+

MW – Wellesley Avenue was closed for a while due to a kidnapping incident and the sports club had their till robbed.

AB – Can Alan get the council to at least do a sign for Thorney Park and get them to consider developing it? (**ACTION AO**) He would like to do a bar-b-q for residents. No problem.

Meeting closed 10.25pm.