

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2009

PRESENT: Wendy M, Maureen W, Tony C, Alan O, Chris S, Margaret W, Eddie W, Paul L, Susie D, Graham Y, Tony C, Judy T

APOLOGIES: Sue B, David C

ABSENT: Maureen A, Matthew M, Alan B, Bhagat H

Ruth Vigor-Hedderly

Back exit to Richings Park/Iver – letter from chief executive of SBDC. The chairman reiterates the view that traffic levels are not sufficient to warrant a relief road and state that only 5% of movement on Iver High Street is HGVs.

However, figures show that North Park is 14% and Thorney Lane is 13% and they have not been included.

North Park is c. 2000 HGV traffic movements a day and it is an unclassified road.

Contact at County = Mark Avril. He is involved with the strategic management department for roads.

Can a meeting be called with him, traffic count officer and environment officer?

Ruth has asked for the temporary roads planned for the cross rail construction to be left and included in the strategic plan for a relief road. Crossrail have officially CPOd the land.

Could we move the middle pinch point? Ruth will find out what options there are.

Meeting with Clayton George to discuss the Business Park and will also raise the issue of the dogs.

Inspector Wilkins – senior inspector from the RSPCA would be a good person to contact regarding the dogs. Wendy & Ruth will call him. **(ACTION WM)**

Street lighting: Ruth has complained about dangerous junctions elsewhere in the Parish and they have put the lights back on. We consider it dangerous for pedestrians on North Park where they need to cross the road to find a pavement. Children were starting to use that route to walk along there to get the bus to schools in Langley. When they did the risk assessment, they only did it from a motorists view point, not pedestrians. Tony is going to try and do a formal risk assessment to be presented to them. Ruth will speak to Mark Avril.

Could we have the data from traffic counters? Ruth will try to get a pollution count done as well.

Claims of rights of way: Bill Lydgate has just been appointed chairman for the rights of way. Everything should be directed towards him.

Parking by Old Post Office: Cars cannot get in and out of Bathurst Walk. It is very dangerous. Ruth asked County to yellow line it and put herringbone parking in. They said no because they didn't own all the land and couldn't afford the parking spaces as money was put towards the hard standing for the police. Could we not simply put yellow lines around the corner? Ruth will chase up and also talk to PCSOs to see what ticketing they are carrying out and where the hot spots are. She will then draw up a plan for actions to present to County.

Bardons: request to recycle 20,000 tons of material. This was rejected at Parish Council. Ruth will add voice in opposition to County.

PCSOs – NONE ATTENDED

Dogs on leads: Ongoing reports. Letter to Dominic Grieve from SBDC states that they are dangerous dogs but if the police don't classify them as dangerous dogs then they won't do anything.

VOSA: There is now a permanent presence and they have carried out a couple of sessions but no update at present.

Road markings at shops: Parking at shops is still a major problem. The police cannot enforce at the moment because the lines are so worn. Directed to Ruth to approach highways. The police have already approached highways.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING -20th May - Accepted and agreed. Thanks to Sue.

MATTERS ARISING

Iver Station Access: The Bollard are now being used as goals by youngsters so not very effective deterrent for anti-parking. Also an irate parker scraped his car and went calling. Alan has asked them to be removed.

Bardons: Objections to applications were sent in. It was rejected by Parish. The County meeting is on the 25th June. There is an opportunity for someone to go and speak at the hearing. Will anyone go from the Parish? If not then can we send someone from Residents Association? The liaison reps have already made their objections known. Alan will find out if someone from Parish is going and will let Wendy know. **(ACTION AO)**
Tarmac – they will let us know. Wendy will ask Ruth to chase it as she is the new Chair of the Bardons's committee.

Bollards/area around shops: No Matthew

Constitution Amendments: carried forward to next meeting

Flies: House down Main Road had been infested but it turned out to be a brown ant. Evidence that there are people acting on the insects. No fly reports on system in June so far.

Meeting with Dominic Grieve: Had a response from Chris Furness on a lot of issues. Dogs, HGVs and Bisons (they may have confused them with Bardons). No real progress on any of them. No response from BAA as yet.

Community get together: Sunday 21st June at the sports centre. We will bring speed watch details etc. Several attendees expected to man the stand. Envelopes and membership cards should be available. Set up at c. 1pm

Resident's Garden: Thanks to Chris who has had a go at the garden and it looks good. 2nd step is missing. Can we angle it to make it not a hazard? Chris will have a go at fixing it. Also there are loose cobbles. Should we get someone in for general maintenance?

Grass Cutting: Alan sent message to them and they have done another cut but still missed areas. Alan will raise again to say it is still not good.

NEXT MEETINGS:
22 July (Apologies AO)
No meeting in August

TREASURERS REPORT:
Approximately ½ of expected subs have been handed in.
Many roads have handed in no subs at present. Graham will send round an e-mail to show which are missing and to remind people to hand them in.

PLANNING:
65 Wellesley – AO will chase again
Metal Gates – they still have time to appeal.
Cape Boards – details have been circulated – waiting to hear.
10 North Park – approved
Old Slade Lane – approved
17 & 19 North Park – Not heard anything as yet
20 Syke Cluan – Nothing as yet
Thorney Mead – What is happening? There is another plan – a variant refused on appeal
Operating licenses – The person to speak to at District is Peter Beckford **(ACTION WM)**

HIGHWAY ISSUES: Speed Limit consultations – when are we likely to hear anything. Probably next couple of months. They need to do the statutory notices.
Finally doing some work on the drains in Old Slade Lane as all the land drains were blocked, so should help with the flooding possibly all the way along North Park.

North Park from Sutton Lane – the road is actually breaking up. We need to keep an eye on it.
HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION: Alan went to Heathrow Consultative Committee. The 3rd runway had High Speed Rail associated with it. London to the West Midlands HS2. Due to report in autumn. They are due to come out with preferred option sin June.
Ombudsman decision on fall out from high speed travel link states that those house holders who had problems are entitled to compensation. This could have an implication on the hub station.
EU report on impact on health of traffic and aeroplanes is worse than expected. This may have an impact on the 3rd runway air pollution limits.

IVER NAG: Police came to last meeting and have decided to run lunch time event in July at Iver Junior School Playing Fields as part of the national community event.
Outcome of survey regarding issues: 1)Traffic – speeding, then parking, then HGVs. 2)Anti-social behaviour 3) Burglaries 4) Lack of Police Presence. They will focus on speeding.
Hayley has not been off sick. Unlikely that we will get Rob back. Looking at producing some parking leaflets.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

Still no site in Iver. Richings Park continues to go well.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Next meeting on 29 June at Iver Village Hall 7.30pm. We would like to raise the issue of lack of meetings in Richings Park. They state that it is because the hall is used by Richings Players on Mondays. We are sure that Richings Players will accommodate them. If they are meeting in Iver Heath, then they should meet in Richings Park as well.
TSIDs – they were working in North Park. Now in Thorney Mill Road. They need to have the batteries replaced as they were up for several days with no power. Are Parish going to collect the data from them?

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

No doorstep selling zones in Iver. Supposed to be backed up by PCSOs. It's happening in Iver Heath. Unknown if and when it will come to Richings Park.
Speeding Enforcement Sites – meeting in July. AO will try and get a seat on the committee.

SPEEDWATCH:

Eddie will send another Email for volunteers for next speedwatch date: 24th June.
300 letters have been sent out with many excuses and responses.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK:

Lots of information, old photos and articles etc. Sue Barber is typing up written memories from local residents. All will be merged to try and make a cohesive whole which can be published on the web site.
Alan will try and chase up the more historical writings of Mick Crowther as opposed to the design guide.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul – do we need somewhere else for the meetings? Could we use St Leonards Hall? It's quite expensive. If not improved over next few meetings then we will think again.
Graham – revenge is sweet – Margaret Dewar who got rid of our libraries was deselected

Meeting finished 10.10pm