

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2006
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy Morris, David Coppen, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Alan Oxley, Tony Connolly, Paul Lake, Alan Barrett, Eddie Wood, Margaret Wilkins

APOLOGIES: Maureen Worrall, Susie Davies, Matthew McEvoy, Maureen Atkinson, Sue Barber

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – Alan has still to action. He will do this before he goes away. Sue Barber from Wellesley Court has been told by South Bucks that they will clean off the graffiti if the residents of Wellesley Court then pay for the painting of the wall with anti-graffiti paint. It was agreed that we could easily put out bollards while the work was being done. SB is still waiting for a quote. **(ACTION AO)**

Kingfisher Gardens – Graham will confirm the price for fencing and pay it. **(ACTION GY)**

Sewage Treatment Works – No new information at present. **(ACTION WM)**

Resident's Garden – Eddie has a quote for gate and railings from The Blacksmith's Shop for £250. The fence will be 1metre high and will need painting at some stage. The cost for extra posts and cutting to size may push the cost up c. £50. It was agreed that Graham would tell Tony Symes what was happening and Eddie would order the fencing. At some stage we will need a working party to put the fence in place. **(ACTION GY & EW)**

Garage/Richings Way – Alan has had no feedback from enforcement but will keep asking.

Burglar alarms & website – Now on the website.

30mph limit – All formal requirements have been completed. The date of implementation is 15th January; in total there are 900 signs to be erected.

Water main outside post office – Not repaired yet but is with the utilities enforcement people.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There are still tick lists outstanding. Please can these be given to Graham? Wellesley Court has now joined en-masse.

PLANNING:

There was a large caravan/mobile home parked at the end of Old Slade Lane which was pulled across the fields to the nursery. A neighbour complained, so David has tried to get hold of the enforcement team and is waiting for them to get back to him. Possibility that it is an office for the nursery.

28/28a Bathurst Walk – AO and MW have objected to the building at reverse. These have been acknowledged, but no further information.

55 Syke Cluan – AO objected to application for a detached dwelling. There is now a similar application for 17 North Park. Alan will look at the plans.

Thorney Mead – They want to knock down the current dwelling and move further back so they aren't so close to the road.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:

The biggest concern is graffiti and vandalism mainly around Richings Park. Action – residents will try to encourage neighbours to adopt a cable box so that when/if it has graffiti, they will re-paint it straight away with paint provided by the utility companies. Alan is trying to see if he can use his community leaders fund to pay for the removal of some graffiti on private residences. Police have said there is an arrest pending.

St Leonard's Mound – This is owned by the Parish. Some of the local youth have started building bike jumps on it. The Parish is keen to put up a trial bike activity course there. It was agreed that this was a good idea as it would give the local youth something constructive to do. There are objections from a local house as it affects their quality of life.

UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

We can still use cornerstones, but there are no premises for Iver. The library Group as a whole are extremely angry with Bucks CC. They are still working on raising funds.

New scheme at present is to run a pay as you go book swap scheme at Cornerstones from the New Year. Hopefully, Iver will eventually come on line. Books for the scheme can be dropped off at Costcutter or in bulk to Sylvia Lydgate for storage from the beginning of December. Committee Members suggested contacting Muller-Matoni for support, also Penguin in Harmondsworth. The mobile library will be stopping in Syke Cluan.

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Waste development Plan – the recent plan produced has to be re-done. A consultation document has gone to all waste companies. C. 20 sites need to be identified for waste type activities ranging from incinerators, composting plants and household waste recycling to waste transfer stations. There are some established sites already. The Mansion Lane site is a potential waste transfer station. They may identify some sites around here, so it is important that we respond to the consultation. This must be done by December 8th. We should hi-light the fact that none of the sites around here have access to the major road network. (ACTION WM)

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

There has been suggestions for a bus shelter next to the residents' garden. Members thought this was not a good idea as it would be an invitation for more graffiti.

IMPROVING THE AREA

Still no feedback to Wendy. Alan Barrett would like to look at promoting Thorney Park. It was suggested that we approach the Parish Council and suggest they could acquire the park from County. Wendy will also contact the Parish about bins for the park. (ACTION WM)

RICHINGS PARK DESIGN GUIDE

Eddie was hesitant about taking pictures of people's hoses without them knowing why. It was suggested that we put the information in the next newsletter and that if anyone has any objections they should contact us.

RICHINGS PARK BOOK

Paul will attempt to track down the book and give it to Susie. Glenda Collins the Parish Clerk may have a copy. (ACTION PL & SD)

AOB:

Brian – Asked if there would be a newsletter soon. Alan will e-mail the last one to Wendy. (ACTION AO & WM). He also expressed concern about a huge lorry that turned up Syke Ings and then had to reverse back out again. Could there be a sign of some kind saying there is no way through?

Graham – Still asking people to take ownership of web pages. It was agreed that he would bring a list to the next meeting and that they would be doled out. (ACTION GY).

David – Could we put a link to the neighbourhood watch info on the website? He will forward ringmaster to anyone who wishes to receive them.

Eddie – There was a ram-raid into one of the houses on his road. It is the second time this year. The Council have admitted that every 16 weeks is not frequent enough for cleaning of the road and pavements. They will be cleaned more frequently. The road is due to be done mid-December.

Alan – Permits are now in use at the waste re-cycling centre. Cars are okay, but if you have a van then you need a permit.

Paul – The grass only appears to have been cut once this year on Richings Way. Needs to contact the council.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm