

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2007 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, David C, Eddie W, Margaret W, Graham Y, Brian P, Paul L, Susie D, Maureen W, Sue B

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Matthew M, Alan Oxley, Maureen Atkinson

ABSENT: Alan Barrett, Tony C

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1. Railway land signs:** order placed.
- 2. Water main outside post office/footpath to Ridgeway:** This has now been repaired.
- 3. Footpath to the Ridgeway:** This has now been cleared.
- 3. Iver station:** New timetable starts on 6th December. It has been reduced again. There are virtually no trains after 9pm. The day service has been cut to a maximum of one train every 30 minutes. There have been some complaints regarding a man and two dogs at the station, one of whom is off the lead. Community police have raised this with the British Transport police who have sent the dog unit to the station. The security guards are still present but allegedly seen using drugs with the youths. This has also been referred to the BTP.
- 4. Width restriction sign for TMR:** Waiting on Alan Oxley to report.
- 5. Flies:** Wendy has received a report and photographs re. the cake. It is still not clear if Thames Water is allowed to do any more to solve the problem. They have been applying for a license for a stronger disinfectant but this has been going on for 6 months. They intend to monitor the situation more frequently next year and extend the monitoring time frame to May. Graham suggested a logging system to be placed on the website where residents can log any fly activity in their street. Graham could then download this regularly and feed the information to the environmental officer. This could be advertised in March.
- 6. Community services activities:** Wendy has identified the person responsible – Carol Bennett who has added our requests to her list: Resident's garden (has EW's details), Kingfisher Gardens (has AB's details); Area around shops. Glenda Collins at Parish may be able to help regarding the trees that need pruning outside Wellesley Court.

7. Article in Iver Directory: We have already had an article. Ideas for the next: Railway Land Sign, Monitoring scheme for flies, list of Road Stewards, information re. library (**ACTION GY**) Sue has a picture of the crossroads in the snow (**ACTION SB to e-mail to WM**)

8. Xmas Tree Lights: Eddie will buy some new lights. Can people help put them up on Sunday at 10.30am

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 19th December

Wednesday 16th January

TREASURER'S REPORT

Graham had already e-mailed updated lists. Highlighted those with much lower membership than previous year. Can we target them some way? GY will help with The Poynings.

PLANNING

There appear to have been fewer applications for Richings Park lately. There are rumours of a pending application by developers for the three houses next to Wellesley Court.

Old Slade Farm – cars were spotted being unloaded and a sales lot being set up in the old stables car park. WM & DC put in a formal complaint. This appears to have stopped them.

NAG

No recent meeting. The next one will be on Monday 26th November.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Iver library will open on Saturday at 10am. The official opening will be followed by story time.

All the tickets for the quiz night have been sold.

Iver has a full set of volunteers and is opening 10 – 2 Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Then after Christmas there will be Saturday morning openings.

Please keep the books coming in as this helps keep the stock updated and refreshed.

PARISH COUNCIL

Glenda is going to put our request for vehicle activated signs on the agenda. They cost c. £8000.

We now own a speed gun. GY will pass it onto TC so we can start building up evidence of the speeding. If two people work together, the date, time and registration can also be recorded. This information can then be used to access details from DVLA and passed on for possible action. Especially, letters to companies regarding company vehicles. Could Eddie see if there are any other potential volunteers?

Richings Park Design Guide & Mick Crowther's Book – Still ongoing.

AOB

EW – Despite the enforcement order, the smell at Paynes has come back as they were seen dumping 15 – 20 cubic metres of fruit and veg on Tuesday and again on Wednesday. Could Alan have a word at Council? **(ACTION AO)**
South Bucks paper states that we are having roads and pavements clean but we haven't seen any evidence of this yet. Could AO ask the portfolio holder? **(ACTION AO)**
Cappagh is ignoring everything and flouting all regulations despite the notices.
Safer Roads Partnership are still compiling report and have had evidence from all parties except the council. This has now taken 6 months.

SB – The blasting at Wellesley Court has now been completed and windows will start going in from the 3rd December. There will be additional parking around the area as the containers will be taking up 8 spaces. This will last c. 6 weeks.

MW – 65 Wellesley Avenue has what looks like a small bungalow in the garden which fills the whole width. She is concerned about the height and legality of the building.
There is NF graffiti on the bench and trees outside the resident's garden. She has reported it to Glenda Collins.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm