

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy M, David C, Graham Y, Margaret W, Eddie W, Alan O, Paul L, Tony C, Maureen A, Matthew M, Sue B, Bhagat H

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE: Susie D, Alan B, Maureen W, Chris Sprules

By Invitation:

Judy Teader for Mill Court

Guy Verrier to present an update of Speedwatch activities

William Fisher re: Court Lane Industrial Estate proposal

Alan Oxley had to attend a Highway Meeting at the Parish and was unable to stay for the whole meeting, He gave an update of the various matters he was dealing with, which are minuted below under the various headings.

William Fisher, Owner of Court Lane Industrial Estate, advised that the present usage of the site included breakers yards, airport parking and that there was a listed building, an old farmhouse. He had been approached by the Metropolitan Police to set up a Training Centre with rapid access to Heathrow Airport. He outlined the various type of buildings required and asked whether the Association would be supportive of such a development. He was advised to make a presentation at the AGM in April, but in general the Committee seemed to approve of the proposed development.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Agreed

MATTERS ARISING:

1. **Station Access:** Alan O reported that the notices were due to come down this weekend, and that he had been elected to the Rights of Way Committee at County. Matter was to be put on agenda for Friday meeting. As far as Wendy was aware, no-one had raised any objections. It was believed that all three notices would be heard separately and that the first would be the Station access. No response had been received from Bardons re the tarmacing of the potholes.
2. **Width restriction sign for TMR:** Signage now up.
3. **Bollards** – Simon Grey now contact at South Bucks. Awaiting response to messages left. Police also raised concerned about state of bollards
4. **Dogs not on leads** – Caroline & Hayley (Neighbourhood PCs) trying to take action under various legislation. They are looking for people to come forward and give statements. Alan heard from Chief Environmental Health Officer that he had been told the police did not want dog control orders and they would rather issue enforcement notices. He will speak to Caroline as this was not our understanding.
5. **Article in Iver Directory:** Wendy was asked to include a note to pedestrians to proceed carefully on footpaths where lighting had been turned off due to the large potholes and overgrown bushes Tony and Wendy had found on their inspection.
6. **Disabled Signs :** No response received regarding disabled parking signage outside chemist. A meeting was due to be held on Monday and Alan was hoping to have some answers.
- 7 **Street light turn off:** Wendy and Tony made inspection of footpaths affected by street light turn off and found huge holes and overgrowth affecting footpaths. Pictures were taken and presented at meeting with County. It became clear that County's risk assessment had only been carried out so far as traffic was concerned and that a risk assessment on pedestrian usage had not. This was pointed out to County. They

said they would carry out remedial works on the footpath and they were to carry out a surprise visit at a busy time to assess the pedestrian situation

9. Dominic Grieve: Letters received and passed around Committee for viewing. Acknowledgement letters from BAA. They will advise Dominic Grieve and his PA will pass copy to Wendy

10. PCSO- David Castle allocated to deal with Richings Park. Experienced officer previously based at Burnham. Has been here for 5 months. Advises that anti-social behavioral problems have decreased but unfortunately thefts of top-range cars have increased. Police station is closing at the end of the month for refurbishment. Parish Council will move out into old police house. Once refurbishment has been completed (estimated March 2009), there will be a fully operational 24 hour police station. In the interim, they will be based in Gerrards Cross. Post meeting note – latest news is that project has been delayed and Police station now not closing until Jan.

11. Christmas lights Eddie looking for volunteers to assist with the installation of the Christmas lights in the Community Garden. Volunteers to congregate at 10am on Sunday morning 30 November. To be illuminated following weekend.

12. Community call for action Procedure put out by Home Office. Bucks and South Bucks have nothing organized. Draft notice prepared by Wendy for consideration. Communities are to take it forward and call for councillors to take action. This has been passed to Alan. Paul L and Tony agreed to forward additional information for inclusion to Wendy regarding the state of the roads.

13. Street Cleanliness – North Park. It was noted that there appeared to be lots of paper and rubbish which was believed to emanate from people throwing rubbish from cars. The drains are also an issue, due to the sub-structure of the road and the volume and type of traffic. Eddie advised that street cleaning now had to be requested rather than being a regular activity.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 10th December – Apologies Tony C, Margaret W, Alan O

Wednesday 21 January – Apologies – Eddie

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts have improved. Small increase in membership. Bathurst Walk West have decreased in membership from 41 – 27. Buckfield Court only has 2 members out of 20. Millside Court approached to join Association. Graham has meeting with South Bucks Grass Roots Community Grants.

PLANNING

Mr Hundal – Passed his file of papers to Alan before he left meeting.

24 Thorney Lane South – Certificate of Lawfulness for sandwich bar applied for

21 Syke Cluan – application to retain metal railings and gates

email received from Neil Pennie who was advised of website to register his and any other interested parties' comments

32 North Park has been knocked down and developers plan to rebuild 8 one bedroom flats. Concern was expressed that if this development was allowed to go ahead, other properties owned by same agent, would follow suit. Matter was on appeal at present and the original planning permission is 08/00529/FEL – South Bucks Planning Committee.

New Planning system came into force on 1 October 2008. You can build an extension 3 metres out and 2 storeys high on the back of your house without requiring permission – Building Regulations still apply. This needs to be monitored

HEATHROW CONSULTATION/HUB STATION/CROSS RAIL

Consultation finished. Wendy has not heard from Arup although there was supposed to be some developments. Sandy Oxley was unaware that her land has been marked for compulsory purchase under Crossrail plan and she intends to follow this up. Wendy produced press release advising that an approach

to Heathrow was to be made via Staines as an alternative proposal. Judy advised that she had passed on web links to Secretary of Mill Court Residents Association, but they did not seem to be interested as they believe it was not going to happen.

Heathrow have had discussions with William Fisher re Court Lane, and they are more than happy with his proposals as it would be added security for them. Dominic Grieve has meeting with Arup in three weeks time

NAG

Meeting to be held on Monday – still focusing on speeding in Iver High Street. South Bucks Licensing have designated premises supervisor who wants to look at under age drinking. Surveillance carried out some time back, came to conclusion that there was no problem.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE

Quiz night on November 28th – Iver Village Hall. Tables of 6 – Fish & chip supper, bring your own booze – tickets still available.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS

Energy from waste plant – Two proposed sites (Calvert, north of Aylesbury and Rookery Pit) are both sited near railway lines. The fact that both are on railway lines and both in remote areas, may bring Richings Park back into the equation as a Waste Transfer Station. If this was the case, we would have to fight for a back road. At the moment, they are talking about using Amersham

HIGHWAYS – TC

Wendy still ot hear back from County regarding improved road signage etc. County poster campaign was supposed to be consolidated by now. Phase 2 supposed to start next year, no information yet available. Speedwatch equipment. Wendy and Eddie met new PCSO on Saturday. There are two speedwatch schemes, one run by the Police and the other by the Council and there are some differences. We are running County one under Parish Council. Police loan their equipment out, but have to have a member of the police force present. No-one is fined but letters go out in the same manner as our system. It was suggested we could loan out our equipment for £100 per week to Parish for the NAG.

PARISH COUNCIL

Committee members attended Parish Council meeting on Monday to update them on our activities re the traffic and to ask for an update on various issues. Hard standing for police enforcement vans was being progress but there was no information about other matters including TSID. Zoe was supposed to have done an assessment of where they should go. County not positive but we still need a formal response as to what they intend to do.

Iver Football Club want to build new pavilion at cost of about £500 000. They have a potential grant of £250 000. Council said they may make a contribution. Lot of upkeep. Possible burden on ratepayers.

TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE

Guy reported that in the space of one week – 8 occasions- 300+ vehicles had been recorded. He said that other members of the Residents Association need to come forward to assist. Members already trained would be able to give training to volunteers. Statistics to be passed to Graham to put on the website. Bhagat said he would be able to help, Paul also available at weekends.

Mick Crowther's Book has been transcribed thanks to Susie. Wendy to proof read. Decision to be made how to market it/make it available for community. Alan to speak to Mick.

AOB

Graham: Advised questionnaire to be sent to residents about redevelopment of Sports Club. Open day to be held at Sports Club on 11-12 December between 3 –9pm

Matthew: Great Western timetable is on website. There are a few new timings. It will be changing in December by a few minutes

Margaret W – Worried about leaves by the shops. South Bucks District Council – Street Cleansing to be contacted. Sue reported seeing leaves being cleaned up into piles, but they have not been removed.

David - – New build on Old Slade Lane – wall seems to be well forward on to footpath than is the norm. Adjacent properties also well forward – No further action.

Judy advised she would like to join the Committee as she had found it very interesting.

Sue – Asked whether there was problem with recycling as Wellesley Court paper bin had not been collected for last two collections. No-one reported similar problem and was advised to contact South Bucks County.

Meeting closed 10.15pm.