

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th November 2009

PRESENT: Wendy M, Tony C, Alan O, Eddie W, Susie D, Judy T, David C, Bhagat H, Maureen W, Sue, Alan B, Paul L, Maureen A

APOLOGIES: Graham Y, Ruth, Margaret W

ABSENT: Judy T, Matthew M, Chris S

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Accepted and agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Route 459 – Ruth is holding a drop in at Cornerstones next Tuesday. Many complaints about the convenience of the bus. Still a long 3 hour wait in Uxbridge for return trip. Impression that they will lose the bus because it won't be used because it's not convenient. Please let Ruth know your concerns on Tuesday 9.30am onwards.

Iver station access – Wendy now has another 4 for each path. Still need lots more. Station – we have given up on the idea of claiming it as a footpath due to the fact that parking would then be prohibited. County may have to address the issue with regard to the footpath over Dog Kennel Bridge. A legal body can apply to purchase the land. Would be best if the Parish tried to purchase it. Alan will talk to Julian about it.

Bollards/area round shops – No Matthew.

Constitution amendments – Amendments agreed and will be taken forward to the AGM.

Residents Garden – No Chris.

Rubbish Collection from shops – Wendy spoke to Bill Lydgate. Graham had seen people from the solicitors putting rubbish out. Bill confirmed that the rubbish collection for the offices is completely separate and asked the enforcement officer to call round. The enforcement officer claimed he couldn't find the solicitors. Wendy gave more information to the officer but has heard no more.

NEXT MEETINGS:

16th December – RPRA sports (apologies: AO)

20th January – RPRA sport (apologies: AO)

TREASURERS REPORT:

Christmas tree – 28th November is Parish switch on. Eddy has the lights. Please meet at 10.30 22nd November to put the light on our tree.

PLANNING:

Cappagh: Application to vary condition 13. Because they didn't come up with a plan to comply with condition 13. Asking if they can report the number of vehicles based on the tonnage they are dealing with. We should object and state that they should actually count the number of vehicles. Alan Oxley will draw something up and Wendy will gather together the amount of information gathered by Speed Watch to accompany it. **(ACTION AO)**

Bardons: Most recent meeting no new plan except to retain a porta cabin except application for variation to conditions 2 and 11. Why has this come back to district? AO to investigate as we thought it had been approved.

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley: Wendy will add to the list for Ruth

17 & 19 North Park: new application permitted

Thorney Mead: application withdrawn

O licences: No progress as yet. Raised at Parish but nothing is happening.

1 North Park: permitted

Old Slade Farm: still pending

47 Syke Cluan: refused

90 Bathurst Walk: permitted

12 Old Slade Lane: permitted

30 Old Slade Lane: refused

55 Bathurst Walk: New application

44 Somerset Way: New application

78 Syke Ings: New application

55 Syke Cluan: New application

17 Somerset Way: New application

HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION:

Proposal to cancel the Night flight suspension for the Olympics – Alan got hold of the steering group notes and it's how to get all the people into the country. Need to keep an eye on it.

No more news at present on the hub.

Back exit meeting with District/County – They stated that we did not meet the criteria for a relief road.

Alan wrote some wording we would like in the Core Strategy and they are meeting next week but the representative from District Council has replied that he will not have any more meetings with us after that to discuss the subject. Wendy has spoken to Ruth about this who has been pressing them. She has managed to find out that there actually are no criteria to decide on whether an area is appropriate for a relief road. It was stated that the e-mail stating that they would not meet with us again should be sent to the chief executive. We need to keep up the pressure.

What redress do we have if they refuse to include our concerns in the Core Strategy? Wendy to try and find out. (**ACTION WM**) Alan will bring traffic information to the meeting.

IVER NAG:

Output from EVA – Meeting set up between Hayley and Wendy next week to go through data. Will there be any action taken?

In order to address parking problems around shops. They are drawing up forms so that residents can take note of people who break the parking laws, do anonymous reporting and the police will contact offenders. Recently – fire engines have been unable to get down various roads.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Parking outside old post office – still no further regarding double yellow lines.

Thorney Park – debated at last meeting as to whether they wished to take over and there was a degree of concern that the Parish didn't want the responsibility of such a large area of land but they have agreed to contact county to see if they are interested in handing it over.

TSID – Nick Fisher has managed to figure out how to download the information which gives you a total count of times and speeds. We can get the data from him and marry it up with our speed watch data.

Bollards – Wendy has put in a bid for extra bollards around the area. Alan O will find out if we can buy a dozen bollards from the ones that have been sent to be scrapped from London.

Pedestrian crossing – Request from parents of school children for a crossing on Thorney Lane North.

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Street lighting - risk assessment sent in but no response at all yet. Wendy will raise with Ruth. Ruth has put in a suggestion that Parish look in to taking over the lights. The street lights on Thorney Lane North appear to be off. Alan O will report to Highways on Call.

Data from traffic monitors request with Ruth – Still waiting for latest download.

Speeding enforcement sites - on-going. They were in the budget for this year and they only have 4 months left.

Width restrictions - on-going. County are still debating this. We need to keep giving information and keep the pressure on. The road is now subsiding. Wendy will forward e-mails to Tony so he can keep on the case.

South Bucks Transport Symposium – Wendy will be attending tomorrow. Appears to be the early stage of the local transport plan. South Bucks is the last area of the whole county to be looked at.

SPEEDWATCH:

Another session took place a few weeks ago. It was quiet and the cars were being driven fairly sensibly. We have now had two third timers and they will now receive a visit from the police.

In Oxfordshire they are now looking at a new system called sentinel which records images. Wendy has asked for more information.

Another event will be organised in the next few weeks to keep up the momentum.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK:

Stella Rowlands has written a piece for the book. Still no trace of the other version of Mick Crowther's book. Wendy is putting it all together.

Possibility of a display for the AGM and perhaps Stella could give a brief talk.

Alan has a list of the houses, names, rating values and people who lived in them in 1929.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Eddie – Does anyone know anyone who has suffered from asbestosis and who worked at Britannia Cables?

Tony – Tony was driving through Sussex and spotted a speed watch sign so stopped to talk to the lollypop man and apparently the speeding has improved hugely with the putting up of the sign along with regular speed watch sessions. Can we get a sign to put up with the new signs?

Alan O – Minute book – original book from RPRA. Is willing to hold on to it.

Alan B – Bardons meeting – raised issue of gulleys Ruth said she would chase it up. Within two days, the whole of Thorney Mill Road was dug up – took c.3/4 hour for each drain. Residents have said that they haven't had any problem with the heavy rain recently. Also finally got the data they have been delaying on. Ruth kept hold of it. Concerned though about the waste transfer station and numbers of vehicles.

Some environmentalists have been enquiring about the presence of Great Crested Newts in ponds.

Maureen - 28th November Christmas lights ceremony at Iver Village Hall

Sue – Rang the police because she saw people smoking illegal substances and the police were there within 15 minutes. However, having dealt with it, they then let them drive off. Surely they shouldn't have done that if they were under the influence of drugs.

Monday – work will be starting on the roofing of the garages. There is a section that can't be parked in so the bays will be blocked off. – station parking.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm