

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

**PRESENT:** Wendy M, David C, Susie D, Graham Y, Eddie W, Alan B, Paul L, Chris Sprawls, Alan Oxley

**APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Tony C, Margaret W, Sue Barber, Maureen W, Matthew M, Maureen Atkinson

**Resident – Mr Bhagat Hundal**

Mr Hundal returned to find out any new information from Alan Oxley. Mr Hundal agreed to join the committee. (bhundal@acs.uk.com) **(ACTION AO)**

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Agreed

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**1. Station Access:** The notices are up on the fences and roads behind the shops. All documentation has been submitted to the county. The notices must be up for 6 weeks and then the county will start putting everything into action. Wendy has also looked at ownership issue. She needs to contact treasury solicitors and crown. Alan has explained to the residents of Bathurst Close. **(ACTION WM)**

**2. Width restriction sign for TMR:** This has appeared but still not having an impact on lorries.

**3. Article in Iver Directory:** Wendy is writing one on being neighbourly. Could Graham create a current news section on website which would include the info from the Iver Directory articles?

**4. Bollards:** Matthew has said it is in hand.

**5. Yellow Lines:** Alan raised again at Parish and was told that the PCSOs would go and look at the dangerous areas. South Bucks have gone one step further to progress towards a Special Parking Area (SPA). Press release out recently but won't happen until c. 2010. Before they put in restrictions Alan believes that they would consult residents. It could involve residents' parking. Disabled Signage on the road – Alan will find out who is responsible.

**6. Grass Cuttings:** Schedule – dates didn't match but have done a very good cut down Thorney Mill Road.

**7. Dogs not on leads:** Response to Alan (asked at District Council) stated that they were an advanced stage of issuing dog control orders. The full answer will be in the Parish minutes. Once control order in place, police will act. Chief Constable at the meeting stated that where there is a potential risk, the police will take action. This is an issue in other areas of the county. Orders may be the following: One – have to keep a dog on the league anywhere that is a highway. Two – you have to put a dog on a league when instructed by a police officer

**8. Street light turn off:** Wendy put in freedom of information request and has been given information. Copy of letter sent to Parish (public consultation) to which Parish did not respond. They also put an article in Buckinghamshire News but too general to raise awareness. They also went to local area committee but that was technical matters. Also on Bucks website are the responses from the other Parish councils. South Bucks joint committee responded and Alan arranged for someone to ask about the parish lighting and where this had been replaced by county, it should be returned to Parish so it would not be switched off. They stated that there were no sites where this applied. The original lights may no longer exist as the road was changed. Alan O will try to find out which were Parish lights.  
Enhanced measures taken before switch off – North Park: all road markings renewed. Road studs along central line upgraded and foliage was cut back around existing signage. Residents had not noticed that the road markings had been replaced. Wendy will check. Thorney Mill Road – all road markings were renewed and road studs upgraded. **(ACTION WM)**

Wendy asked what the criteria for assessing the sites were. They considered all lit rural roads in the County, collision history, community safety issues (vehicle entrance/exits) and liaison with the police; accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians. They excluded all 30mph limits and almost all 40mph. Also asked for the safety audit and that can be looked at at County. Tony and Wendy are going to take a look.

**9. Dominic Grieve:** Many issues were raised including traffic; Heathrow hub etc and Mr Grieve said he would take action. Nothing as yet, but he did suggest he would come and talk regularly to residents.

**10. Land to rear of shops on Thorney Lane South:** Mrs Oxley continuing with plan to convert to allotments. Parish approached to ask if they could rent for the use of the local youth as a recreational area. Wendy went to cross rail application and most of the land is included in the bill. Mrs Oxley was not aware of this and is going to talk to them about it. There is little she can do as it will be under compulsory usage for construction site.

**12. Kingfisher Gardens:** Alan has succeeded in getting a sponsor Paynes Metal Recycling in Court Lane. They have given us a cheque for £450 for one year with an option of approaching for a second year. Who can we approach about sponsoring the residents' garden?

#### **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Apologies SD

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Graham is going to address residents in Mill Court to ask them to join as a group. Almost all of Thorney Mill Road has now subscribed.

#### **PLANNING**

**Mr Hundal** – Planners told Alan that they had written to Mr Hundal and said that they had investigated and that it had complied with the rules and were therefore taking no further action. Mr Hundal will bring some photos of the windows to show Alan.

**Thorney Mead** – has gone to appeal. Open for comments if people want to access the planning site.

**Somerset Way & North Park** – both new builds. North Park may have purchased nearby land to increase access. Need to look at plans – should be accessible on website. (associated documents)

Construction at end of Old Slade Lane – no plans on website – quite old application so must have been before they went on-line. Construction has also started on the Old Farm House. Jill Duxford is going to speak to Alan about it on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Slough Intermodal Freight Exchange** – Nothing new, only that Parish have responded with comments of things that should be considered.

**Pinewood** – Meeting explaining plans attended by Alan O. They will put in an application at the end of the year. It is green belt so would have to be turned down by planning for that reason.

#### **HEATHROW CONSULTATION/HUB STATION/CROSS RAIL**

Heathrow Consultation: They have been challenged under ethnic diversity as they are disproportionately impacting on ethnic minority groups and have never carried out an impact assessment so they are hastily carrying out the consultation. They have also not assessed the impact on the elderly. Department for Transport website.

Hub Station: Presentation to ACTFA – they claimed that it was totally in Hillingdon!! South Bucks have claimed that they definitely received no letter from them as part of initial consultation.

Crossrail: Two trains every hour and a train every quarter of an hour at peak times. We will also have trains back on Sundays. It will be a Crossrail station, not Great Western.

#### **NAG**

Next meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October focusing on the speeding in Iver High Street.

### **LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

Quiz night on November 28<sup>th</sup> – Iver Village Hall. Stalls at Apple Day. No news on Iver branch.  
Buckinghamshire have funding that they intend to spend (following problem with Stoke Poges library) on libraries in South Bucks.

### **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS**

Highways contract is changing – two competitors left in tender and neither is the current contract holder.  
Highways on call still works.  
Energy from waste plant – original plan of possibly using Richings Park as a waste transfer station appears to have been dropped at present. They appear to be talking about Amersham.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

TSID – Temporary Speed Indicator Device. Will be placed on existing speed furniture. Temporary measure at single site for maximum of two weeks.  
Traffic enforcement – Thames Valley Safer Roads has identified a potential site – bottom of Wellesley Avenue but can't park unless hard standing. Parish will put in a bid for this so the vehicle can be placed. Would only be once a month in each location.  
Parish has been asked by Banner Homes what name they would like on the site. Suggestions were raised – possibly Northumberland Close, fitting with other road names.  
Residents attended another meeting and raised traffic issues.

### **TRAFFIC SUB COMMITTEE**

Had training – Eddie and Guy have recorded already – 300 numbers recorded from the first ten sessions.  
Thorney Mill Road – 358 vehicles in rush hour – only nine exceeded speed limit. Saturday morning 134 vehicles – 54 speeding. The five original trainees can train up others. Volunteers welcome.  
Wendy will e-mail available data from the recordings to Graham to place on website. Could include a summary of speeds that have been recorded by the council.

Mick Crowther's Book – still typing up annotations – will e-mail to Wendy & Alan O. Alan will share with Mick Crowther.

### **AOB**

EW – Telephone box at end of Wellesley is supposed to be going but don't know who is responsible. BT say they aren't going to repair it because no one uses it.

DC – New build on Old Slade Lane – wall seems to be well forward on to footpath than is the norm. David will record on planning website.

PL – The paths near Richings Way have been really well cleared. AO: This was done by the community gang presumably in response to Alan's Community Call for Action because the street lights have been turned off and the pavements are dangerous.

Can we get some fly tipping signs – people on Richings Way are putting garden waste onto the mound.

WM – Maureen says that Iver police station is losing one of its cars which is being transferred to Burnham. Will have a drastic impact on their ability to respond to calls.  
Is there a number for Iver police? 08457 505505 – to record non-emergency concerns.

Meeting closed 10.25pm.