

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th September 2006
at Richings Park Sports Club

PRESENT: Wendy Morris, David Coppen, Eddie Wood, Susie Davies, Graham Young, Brian Phillips, Alan Oxley, Margaret Wilkins, Matthew McEvoy

APOLOGIES: Maureen Worrall, Maureen Atkinson, Tony Connolly

ABSENT: Paul Lake, Alan Barrett

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Railway land – Alan has the declaration and only needs to go with Mick Crowther to a solicitor to get it witnessed. He will contact Tony with wording for the sign. **(ACTION AO & TC)**

Kingfisher Gardens – Both Alan and Eddie had calls from people saying the garden was locked. Alan spoke to Alan Barrett who said it must have been a one off and who also confirmed that the grass has been cut. No further on fencing as yet.

Street lighting on the corner of Old Slade Lane and The Poynings – All fixed.

Garage at Richings Way – Alan is still chasing the enforcement people. Nothing has been done as yet. **(ACTION AO)**

Richings Way Rubbish – Highways won't clear, so there really is nothing else we can do.

Sewage Treatment Works – Wendy is having difficulties finding anyone to take responsibility for the Sewage works. She will persevere. **(ACTION WM)**

Resident's Garden – Graham will ask someone he knows for a quote on a small picket fence. There were some concerns about possible graffiti. Eddie will ask at The Forge for any possible fencing with the opportunity for them to advertise on it. **(ACTION GY & EW)**

Burglar alarms – Brian has been looking on the Thames Valley Police website, but they basically will do nothing regarding burglar alarms going off unless they ring in the station. 87% of call outs turn out to be false alarms. He will write a paragraph of helpful information for the website. Susie will try and find some further material so we can have a neighbourly neighbour's page. **(ACTION BP & SD)**

30mph limit – final decisions for Area 6 are due in the next couple of days. So the limit should be in place around December.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 18th October; 15th November; 20th December

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Graham had produced summaries of income and expenditure as well as a subscription report which could highlight roads we could target.

He asked all members to let him know which households were members as constitutionally the treasurer should have a record of members. **(ACTION: ALL)**

PLANNING:

As the Resident's Association are not statutory consultees, there is little point in us spending a lot of time on individual applications unless they are major. It would be better if individuals objected using the 'reasons for refusal' pointers. Copies of plans should be online soon at Bucks website.

90 Bathurst Walk – This is currently with the enforcement officer. There has been no decision as yet.

Footpath – Matthew found a map on the Crossrail website that showed the existence of a footpath between 69 and 57 Bathurst Walk. This doesn't exist in reality possibly due to extensions and creations of in/out drives. One resident had complained, but there is nothing we can do.

Public Enquiry regarding enforcement notice against Cappagh. – They initially tried to claim the right to be there as it had always been used for that purpose so they didn't need planning permission. Then at the end they switched to seeking planning permission. They want planning permission for an average of 34 vehicle movements a day with a maximum of 25 in and 25 out. They stated that they don't work before 7am or late in the evening and that they are sheeted. The environmental inspector had seen a lot of dust on the towpath. At present none of these restrictions apply, but as the lorries have been seen before 7am, after 10pm and unsheeted, Alan will pass this information on to the planning department. Eddie will let him know what he has seen. Bucks believe that the inspector is leaning towards giving them planning permission. When that happens, then we can object to their breaking any vehicle/hours limitations. NB There are 1000 vehicle movements per day at the Bison's site with 440 of them being HGVs. **(ACTION AO & EW)**

European Metal recycling – The plans have been withdrawn, but we will have to keep an eye on development plans for the site. EWS seem to want higher volume rail traffic which would also imply higher volume road traffic.

Traffic/HGV's. Alan Barrett, Tony and Wendy met to talk about traffic/HGV's, but planning said it wasn't their concern and highways said that the roads are there so people can use them. AO suggested that the best way to get our views across was through responding to the core strategy. He and Eddie had been to a core strategy meeting and pushed for consideration of traffic routes when planning permission is requested and that it should be refused if it is through a residential area. They also suggested the creation of a back exit.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FROM COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING:

Iver NAG met on 25th September. The youth at the shops appear to be displaced from Langley with one or two living locally. Some youths were seen graffitiing at 4.30am and this was reported. Graffiti is a major issue and if you see it being done, you may call 999. Let Bucks Parish Council know of any graffiti and they will clear it. Also, people should keep a diary of any anti-social behaviour. The Speed Indicator Device can be borrowed, contact Malcolm Straw if you have a group willing to operate it.

UPDATE FROM LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

A grant for £3000 has been received from Iver Parish and they will also give a loan of £7000 if they can see it will be paid back with no problems. There is also a promised grant of £10,000 from South Bucks. 1500 leaflets were given out at Iver Carnival. The business plan is being looked at by Bucks and should be agreed in October. The website is up and running, but there are concerns regarding the volunteers. There were 60+ responses initially, but none has come forward to help with anything as yet...

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Council - There is an on-going discussion regarding waste development. It is likely that Bucks will have to build their own incinerator, probably within 6-7 years. Bellshill at Stoke Poges have finally signed on the dotted line. There is much uproar over the micro chips within wheelie bins.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

None

FUTURE FOCUS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

Improving Our Surroundings:

Only Graham has given some areas of improvement to Wendy, could others let her know? Money has been raised for steps and a disabled access at St Leonard's Mound. Alan is having a running battle with highways regarding the gulleys, please let him know about any that are fully blocked. Dog Kennel Bridge – Crossrail have said it is definitely going but have now had to deal with the Ramblers association. There is pressure to replace it with a 2m wide footbridge and we may get footpaths across the railway land. **(ACTION – ALL)**

Richings Park Design Guide

Eddie will take photos of buildings and we can then decide on good/bad practise and compose a document for Parish Council. **(ACTION EW)**

Website:

Graham re-iterated that he needs help keeping the website updated. Please can members volunteer for a page. **(ACTION – ALL)**

Raising profile:

Alan will track down Mick Crowther's book. Susie will type up. **(ACTION – AO & SD)**

AOB:

Eddie – expressed concern about the number of flyers being pinned up all over Richings Park. Alan said that Bucks County are trying to get closer to communities and have a pot of money that could be accessed by Parish for the collection of flyers. **(Raise with MW at next meeting)**

Matthew – mentioned that after Thames Water had fixed the burst water main outside the post office, they had replaced the bricks with tarmac. **(AO to contact Bucks)**

Margaret – The building next to her that is to be knocked down is waiting on planning permission.

Wendy – Questioned the fact that the community clean up in Iver had not included Richings Park.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm