

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th September 2009

PRESENT: Wendy M, Maureen W, Tony C, Alan O, Margaret W, Eddie W, Susie D, Tony C, Judy T, David C, Sue B, Matthew W, Alan B, Guy V, Paul L

APOLOGIES: Graham Y

ABSENT: Maureen A, Bhagat H, Chris S

Sergeant Clayton George

New inspector – Bupinder Rye. She is based out of Burnham.

New Chief Inspector – Paul Cook

Anti-social behaviour team – anti-social behaviour hasn't seemed to have increased as much as expected over the summer months. Seems to be a down-turn of late. Credit due to youth worker Sally Tugwell working in partnership with the police.

VOSA – Automatic number plate recognition activities have been taking place in Iver. Mostly pulling over people with no documentation. Still working on identifying the cars coming in from out of the area that may be used for crimes within Bucks. Speed watch info. Is fed into central computer from which decisions on actions are then taken.

Iver police station is now open and will have official opening in October.

Dogs not on leads – Cannot take any further without evidence of danger. Drivers who have had the dog jumping in front of their car need to report it.

Parking around the shops – The bus continues to have difficulty getting through. People are parking on the pavement and leaving their cars all day. PCSOs are going to show more of a presence. There will be increased enforcement. It is difficult to ticket if cars are on the pavement. Is it possible to put extra bollards to prevent people from parking on the pavement? (ACTION RVH) Residents' parking has been declined for one area in Iver because there was nowhere for people to park. There have been some foreign lorries parked up overnight in Richings Way. They cannot be moved on unless illegally parked.

Ruth Vigor-Hedderly

Yellow Lines – These have been painted

Gulley Cleaning – Has complained about the fact that things aren't happening. An order for all gulleys to be emptied was put in. No provision put in for people being there. 24-48 hours before cleaning, signs can go up to say this is happening and properly schedule it.

Ditch has been sucked out.

Pavements and slurring in future

Street lighting – we have risk assessment done. Meeting to be scheduled.

LAFS – Local area forums – misconceptions coordinator will be attending Iver Parish Council. Could RPRA members attend? Ruth has said she will be happy to chair the LAF. There is a pot of money. A percentage is ring fenced e.g. money to youth, highways etc.

Width restrictions – Have said they will come and have a look. Ruth is waiting for a response from Jim Stevens (Head of transportation) on why it is taking so long for things to happen etc. Ruth will ask him to attend an RPRA meeting.

Bus Route – c. 130 people attended the meeting. County in June advised Parish that cuts of c£400,000 had to be made and they were thinking of cutting the rural buses. Although RP Bus is very well used, it is heavily subsidized by county. The officers agreed to attend the public meeting. It possibly will run, particularly as the public showed so much support.

Back exit to Richings Park – South Bucks have agreed to a meeting regarding the relief road. Alan O & Ruth VH to give possible dates to Wendy so it can move forward.

Speed limit review – nothing recent has been heard. Ruth VH will forward when she hears.

Wendy e-mail Glenda Collins at parish council clerk@iverparishcouncil.com as Nick Fisher will be able to get work completed much faster e.g. clearing greenery that are blocking exits etc. Fliers etc.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Accepted and agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

Iver station access – To be decided whether to apply for adoption as footpath or by Highways.

People who make statements must have used the areas as a through road, not as access. Approx 10

people needed for each area. Wendy has list of people who have already completed forms (approx 7-8)
Footpath behind shops we need to find people who have been around for 20 years and have used the footpaths and are prepared to make statements.

Bollards/area round shops – Need to set up a meeting with Simon Gray at District. **Action MM**

Constitution amendments - to be carried forward

Residents Garden Paving stones need to be repaired/replaced. **Action Chris Sprules**

Road sweeping - Eddie said that the roads had been swept but not the footpaths

NEXT MEETINGS:

21st October – Apologies Margaret

18th November – Alan Oxley at Parish Meeting

TREASURERS REPORT:

Graham on holiday – report circulated

PLANNING:

Kerbs at 65 Wellesley Alan reported that Zoe had spoken to the resident but he would keep up the pressure

17 & 19 North Park new application

O licences After long correspondence with District, it has been decided this is Committee issue

All interested departments are to be represented. Alan will investigate.

62 Bathurst Walk refused

90 Bathurst Walk Matthew said that he had not received any notification of this planning application.

12 Old Slade Lane – revised application

30 Old Slade Lane – new application

HEATHROW/CROSSRAIL/HUB STATION:

Crossrail had received EU funding. Wendy attended Noise Consultation. Wendy advised there were 10 noise measuring stations which were allocated at the end of the runways with three mobile units Windsor were carrying out their own noise monitoring and used their data to challenge map. BAA noise maps are from a computer model, not based on actual measurements. The model is very basic and does not take account of the geography. Someone else is doing mapping of all other transport activity and these are supposed to be being brought together.

There is a provision in the new EU legislation for the provision of quiet areas to be maintained. We should try and get our area registered as a quiet area, need to find out what definition of quiet area is and whether it is a District or County issue - Alan Oxley to pursue.

IVER NAG:

Committee and a local officer carried out an environmental assessment to identify issues relating to anti-social behaviour and other problems, i.e. where cars were parking, dog fouling, and broken/missing signs. Drug use was found by Tower Arms. The mound was clean. Anti social behaviour a priority.

LIBRARY TASK FORCE:

Maureen reported on fund raising. £200 raised at Community event and £261 raised at Carnival. Proposed quiz night in the new year.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Iver Heath Parish Hall is closed due to possible asbestos. Must push for meetings at Richings Park. Parking outside Old Post Office – Parish are not prepared to put lay-byes outside Old Post office.

At next Highways meeting, possibility of yellow lines to be raised. **Action Alan O**

Use of Thorney Park for BMX track – nothing heard about this – possible consultation.

Bucks County are having a review of its country parks – they might be prepared to sell them off.

DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Waste is to be sent to South of Bedford. Iver location for a waste transfer station not put forward further.

SPEEDWATCH:

Very successful collection of data – 270 cars. Wendy now allowed to enter onto the system at Iver Police station and Guy will be provided with speed watch training. Another session to be arranged but more volunteers required – more members to become involved.

MICK CROWTHER'S BOOK:

. More information being received. Guy advised that he can arrange for the book to be printed from website if anyone was interested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul said the grass verges in Richings Way had only been cut once this year – although he believed that they should be cut at least 12 times a year.

Alan B reported that the two days after last meeting, the bushes had been cut back near Thorney Park

Alan O advised that the newspapers had reported the High Speed network rail to go north via Chiltern rail network and would not go past Heathrow – a spur line would pick up Heathrow. Wendy advised that Dominic Grieve was still investigating conflict of interest by Arup.

Fly tipping incident at Poynings. David reported that South Bucks declined to collect rubbish as it is not an adopted road – rubbish is still there.

Eddie advised there had been an increase in flies, but not the sewage flies. Vegetable waste still being used by farmers – usually taken in over the weekend.

Alan B expressed the extreme frustration felt by the residents of Thorney Mill Road at the lack of attention and consideration paid by Bucks CC to all their objections to the Bardon's application.

No other business – meeting closed at 10.30pm