

MINUTES OF RPRA MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011
8pm 23 Old Slade Lane

PRESENT: Wendy Matthews, Bhagat Hundal, Alan Oxley, Maureen Atkinson, Maureen Worrall, Shirley Simpson, County Councillor Ruth Vigor-Hedderly

APOLOGIES: Judy Teader, Graham Young, Eddie Wood, Chris Sprules

ABSENT: Alan Barrett, Guy Verrier, Tony Connolly, David Coppen, Sue Barber, Matthew McEvoy

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 28.7.11 – Agreed

MATTERS ARISING

1. Parking round the shops – Mr Khan - no one has had an update; he was going to write to Parish. Police will support decriminalised parking. Ruth reported that there will be a meeting with Peter Hardy, Cabinet Minister for Transport, South Bucks on 28th October.

2. Updates from Ruth: there may be an announcement in December regarding HS2 although the Hub may be more of a concern for us. Currently looking at the 2nd option through Iver and we may need to develop a strategy to deal with this development.

- There will be 7 grit bins in total and Ruth will be approaching LAF for money for more.
- PC Barry Burnell was out with VOSA for 2 days. Good working relationships are being developed.

- Carol Gibson is negotiating with Sainsbury's for a community bus, run by the supermarket to pick up in Iver and Richings Park to go their store in Slough.

- Ruth is hoping to arrange a date mid-November for a surgery with a couple of our District/Parish Councillors.

3. Risk assessment/film Tony and Eddie still need to get together regarding the photographs.

4. A meeting with Dominic Grieve MP took place yesterday, 19th September. Notes to be circulated.

5. Ditch in Old Slade Lane – no progress yet. **Action Alan O to speak to residents**

6. Flooding consultation – David not present to update us. A flooding consultation took place and we were not included nor were we on the map of the consultation area. David has put facts and figures together for Peter Hardy.

7. Thorney Park – Alan B had seen divers in the lake at Thorney Park. Wendy queried with County and it was confirmed that the divers were carrying out checks on the motorway bridges. A meeting is to be set up with Wendy, Ruth and Bucks CC to discuss the future of the Park. There is potential for the Park to be taken over by a charitable trust, the Parish Council or the Residents' Association.

The discussions with a fishing club are still underway.

There will be a Community Clean Up Day at Thorney Park on November 5th.

8. Highways updates

- Thorney Mill Road vegetation has been cut back though some of the signs have not been cut around and some in the area will be replaced over time with resin signs.
- With regard to the reinstatement of pavements as a result of fibre optic work, Ruth will speak to Zoe about the pavements outside 78 Syke Ings and the barrier that has been erected around a manhole cover at the front of Fourelles. Concerns were raised about the state of the pavements outside 12 Old Slade Lane and 27 Somerset Way as a result of building work.
- Wendy has spoken to Simon Grey at South Bucks regarding the issues with trees, benches and flower pots around the shops. Zoe advised that it is not

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Highways' responsibility. Wendy will ask Parish as there are issues that need addressing with **all** street furniture /trees on non-Highways land. Ruth suggested there may be a possibility of using the Community Payback workers.

9. Shops The old library is to become a Physiotherapy practice run by a local Wellesley Avenue resident and the old lawyer's property is to be taken over by a finance company. Parking may become a problem. Monty's is being refurbished but it is not known how it is to be used.

10. Wendy and Alan attended a liaison meeting at Grundons Waste Incinerator and found it very interesting. Grundons will soon be opening a new mixed re-cycling plant. They have given us a sack of bulbs.

11. The Post Office sorting office is closing on 26th September. Residents will now need to go to Slough sorting office for the collection of parcels/mail or for a charge, can arrange for collection from the Post Office in Wellesley Avenue.

12. St Leonard's development – Maureen W attended a meeting at St Leonard's and heard that the proposal was to knock down and rebuild the church hall and the hut behind it along with 3 new houses on the site. Nothing further has been heard since.

13. The Environment Agency accepted responsibility for the water course in Thorney Mill Road and have dealt with the blockage.

14. Ruth reported on the Boundary Review for Bucks CC. Their proposals are to group Richings Park, Iver village and Iver Heath together as one ward and to have Iver West and Wexham with Stoke Poges and part of Farnham Royal as another ward. The Parish Council have objected stating that Iver West should be kept with the rest of the Parish.

15. Better Health Care services in Bucks – Wendy and Maureen W attended discussions about the future of specialist/acute provision and more regular care. We are vulnerable to losing out as we rely on Wexham Park and other hospital services in Berkshire.

16. Best kept village award. Richings Park scored 76, Iver Village scored 78. The statements on the map that was used for the assessment were incorrect, leading to a loss of marks. Next year the documentation needs to be checked.

DONM:

Thursday 27th October apologies Maureen W

Thursday 24th November apologies Maureen W, Alan O

TREASURERS REPORT

Graham is away

PLANNING

- Land outside 25 Somerset Way belongs to Highways. Colin Perrottet at County has been notified and has written to the householder regarding their encroachment on to Highways land. Procedure is being followed.
- 11 and 12 Court Lane. Translux have been granted temporary permission for 2 years backdated to the date they took possession. Planning permission has been granted in relation to the company not the land.
- 6,7,13 Court Lane – pending
- Thorney Farm – Old landfill site/golf course generating enough methane to generate electricity. Planning application to erect a small gas burner at the back end of Millside Court. Documentation shows that the land between the railway

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and the canal next to Thorney Lane North (next door to Thorney Business Park) is a designated site for rare plants.

HEATHROW/HUB STATION/CROSSRAIL

LHR Hub station / Crossrail – Parking remains a concern

CAPPAGH/AGGREGATES INDUSTRIES/LORRIES

- Cappagh was issued an enforcement notice on Unit 13 last week and will probably appeal. They are also refusing to meet for liaison meetings.
- VOSA – currently identifying a contact to pass on vehicle numbers
- Aggregate Industries – Wendy attended a meeting on 3rd August to discuss issues relating to their site and will now contact Richard Jenkins at County to obtain contact details for Schenker who operate Thorney Sidings to discuss further.

Back Exit/Core Strategy

- We are waiting for additional HGV data which has to go through Stacey Caperwell. We need analysed data rather than raw data. Bhagat will try to obtain this.
- The bi-annual traffic survey took place last Monday.

REPORT FROM PARISH

- Work on the pavilion has started
- Parish is setting up a meeting to discuss Jubilee celebrations to include discussion regarding the location of a beacon.
- Parish has written to County for agreement in principle to organise an Olympic Fun Run. So many things need to be put in place before an agreement, even in principle, can be given.
- LED street lighting –Parish have looked at lights in Aylesbury. LEDS in Poynings and Bathurst Walk. LED lighting throws a white, rather than orange light. Parish hoping to identify suitable trial LED sites which will be on Parish footpaths not Highways.
- Signs that have appeared on footpaths and grass verges have been reported.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT

- Systems have been sorted so that non-payers of Council Tax have been identified
- Next LAF meeting will be held on 12th October in Iver Heath Village Hall. Highways staff will attend from 7pm.
- North Park has been included in the Bucks road programme but no date as yet.
- Area 6 speed limits implementation date has been moved back. New speed limits to be introduced in 2013
- Minerals and waste consultation from County regarding Thorney Mill Road and the back end of the Bisons' site – Wendy has a CD with some documentation

Other activities

- Speedwatch continues
- History website – Maureen W to proof read

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AOB

- Maureen gave details of a Quiz night at Iver Village Hall on 11th October
- Alan has been advised of difficulties experienced by residents of Northumberland Walk in having their rubbish collected. Alan has been speaking to Bill Lidgate regarding this issue
- Bhagat informed meeting of another accident at the width restriction on Friday

Meeting closed at 10pm.