

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 21st December 2022 7.30PM
Richings Sports Park

(KEY: BC: Bucks Council; IPC: Iver Parish Council; RPSC: Richings Park Sports Club; RPRA: Richings Park Residents' Association; IGNS: Iver Good Neighbour Scheme)

PRESENT: Cllr. Graham Young (Chair), Cllr. Wendy Matthews (IPC, BC), Joyce Young (Minutes), Jim Skinner, Helen Pennie, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Shantanu Tandon, Gurmail Dokal, Nick Jones, Arun Gaur

APOLOGIES, Kavita Dev, Tina Heath, Stafford Salt,

NON-ATTENDEES: Sue Barber, Maureen Atkinson, Kam Patel

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Spiritual Hub – Following complaints from neighbouring residents an enforcement officer has visited and they are no longer allowed to park on the field they rent. They did not get planning permission and it will be very difficult, if not impossible to obtain retrospective permission. Bucks is cracking down on illegal parking and enforcing those with no planning permission. The Hub claim that they only use it once a month, which differs from residents' knowledge. Suggestions from the committee were that they get in touch with the golf course (when the gravel extraction occurs) or look for other options. No one wants extra parking around the roads and the police would enforce parking along the main road. Graham is meeting with a representative of the Hub this week and will discuss it with them, Suggestion - that we have a meeting with them - we will see what the meeting with them produces. Agree at next meeting.

Highways update, verges, pavements and roads

Drains have all been done again, although there is still flooding by the Tower Arms and at the bottom of Somerset Way / Thorney Lane South and at the top of Wellesley Ave – Wendy will look at it again. It must be reported on Fix my street as often as possible. **ACTION Wendy**

Gardening team / Kingfisher Garden

It has been too wet and too cold to do anything.

Residents garden – Becoming an issue with drug taking, drinking and some people coming on the train and sitting around being a nuisance and making a mess. Committee members regularly pick up rubbish. Discussion on removing the bench, which was agreed, they will be relocated at the Sports Club. Graham will find a contractor to do this and will ask IPC to fund

ACTION Graham

Kingfisher garden – Not sure if the Rangers have removed the low branches – Joyce will contact and find out.

ACTION Joyce

Tree outside residents' garden should be planted soon. Two new ones have been planted in Syke Ings

Events team / Centenary celebrations

Murder Mystery was very successful, and Graham will write to the Players thanking them for a great show. Event broke even.

ACTION Graham

Centenary launch also very successful with most invitees attending and a lot of positive comments made. Follow up event to be an Open house on Sunday 22nd January. Tea, coffee and biscuits to be provided. Letter to go out early January – Joyce to organise flyers. Mick at the club is offering a Sunday lunch for £10 a head. Time 12pm to 3pm. Need to book lunch directly with Mick.

ACTION Joyce

Richings Park Christmas Party was a very successful sell-out event with a lot of donations of Christmas presents for the Bucks appeal.

Treasurers and membership Figures report

Not too bad compared to last year, 290 last year and 230 this year, this doesn't include bank direct debits.

Paypal being used by more people but as the renewal date depends on when the original payment was made, it makes it more difficult to trace when these are due.

We need to do more events with differential pricing.

Residents need to know that the subs are for – we represent them at meetings with external bodies and sometimes RPRA needs funds to enhance the neighbourhood.

Investigate a QR code /sticky labels for the web site – direct link to the Paypal section and advertise these around the Park. Graham to look into it. **ACTION Graham**

Planning

69 Richings Way – new wall looks unstable; Nick will report it.

Fourelles Paddock application has been refused.

Link Park – Wendy and Graham attended the two-day appeal by Zoom. The application was refused – the key area being the overwhelming size of the building. The inspector seemed to think that the electricity supply locally was sufficient while local information would suggest it is not. The neighbourhood plan was referred to, but as it has not gone to referendum yet, it did not hold much weight.

Neighbourhood Plan.

Committee members wanted clarification about what you should vote – a Yes vote is needed to stop further encroachment on the Green belt and it is our only weapon against overwhelming planning applications. Any developer will want to vote No.

A flier to be distributed the first week in January pointing out the need to vote Yes – this is a joint response from all the Residents Associations.

Slogan – Keep the Park in Richings Park.

A survey by the proposed developers of the land north of the Railways station has been circulated locally about a car park for the station. Need to be mindful that, although not a perfect solution, we do not want anyone trying to reverse the parking restrictions already in place.

Parish and Unitary council updates

Community Board launching its Proud of Bucks awards in early January, so nominations are needed for individuals and groups who have made an impact on the community in the past year.

There has been an HGV meeting, Jim and Wendy attended but Graham and Stafford did not appear to have been invited. Joyce will let Aniqah know they need to be invited to the next one. Discussion on a width restriction along Thorney Lane South restricting lorry access between Iver and Richings Park.

ACTION Joyce

Air quality group also met, Wendy and Tina attended. Joyce should have been invited but wasn't – she will also let Aniqah know. Discussion on a 30 MPH speed restriction along Richings Way and Thorney Mill Road to cut emissions. Need an informal survey of residents via What's app road groups. Form of words to be circulated by Graham / Wendy for these groups and road stewards to send out.

ACTION Graham / Wendy

Parish council budget meeting next Monday to discuss the precept for next year, which is likely to rise. If you add inflation to the present budget, it means an increase of £134,000; a 20% increase.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

Around the table

Anti-social behaviour form on the Bucks webs site is not working – report via anti-social-behaviour@bucks.gov.uk Report unsocial behaviour at the Residents Garden.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.
Meeting closed at 9.15pm