

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 5th October 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, Tina Heath, Stafford Salt,
APOLOGIES, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Kavita Dev, Shantanu Tandon, Gurmail Dokal, Nick Jones

NON-ATTENDEES: Sue Barber, Maureen Atkinson, Kam Khatkar, Arun Gaur

Prior to the meeting we had a tasting of the food for the Murder Mystery Theatre evening. All felt that quality was good, Graham will collate our comments and pass to Mick.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Sign about No Parking at Kingfisher Gardens hasn't been completed although it has been discussed with Jim. Graham will action this.

Cost of internal bins are very high – Jim has researched this so not felt they were needed at this time.

Kavita reported that some NO HGV signs have been installed at the end of Syke Ings and Wellesley Ave

TFL Bench

Graham still to action this

Meeting with the Spiritual Hub was postponed, and as Arun wasn't at the meeting this will be reinstated by Arun if we feel it is still needed.

Possible action for the group to enquire about the use of Marquees for our Centenary Food event in Sept 2023.

Community board bid for tree watering – Helen was working on this, but not sure if worth pursuing as a couple of the trees have now died, although some are OK.

Speed watch There is some old speed watch equipment available as there is now a new system which is directly under the control of TVP. What would we like to use it for? Possible lorry movements? Jim and Tina will look at it and see how we can use it – works with an SD card.

There is a ticket machine from the Community Bus which is not being used. Graham will ask his contacts at community transport if it is of use to them.

Heathrow Rangers have emptied the planters at the shops of dead plants and replaced with new shrubs and annuals, all thought they looked really good.

Feedback from the Community Board

Air quality group – Tina will liaise with us about what we can do on North Park, suggest 30 MPH to fit in with the 30 MPH on Thorney Lane South, we need to speak to Bucks about this. Residents Ass will take it forward. Width restriction can't be funded by the Community Board only through Section 106 money, but it is on the list to be done and on the Action Plan. Next meeting (not the formal one) is at the Iver Environmental Centre on Tuesday 11th Oct from 4pm.

Reps are Tina and Joyce

HGV group has not met again but the man running it is back at work – that will require an Action Plan as well.

Reps are Jim, Graham and Stafford.

Highways update, verges, pavements and roads

Areas of the Park have been white lined.

There will be new trees outside some houses on Syke Ings, probably Rowans or Whitebeams. TFB will replace the tree cut down outside the residents garden but they need a letter from the trustees about this. ACTION Graham

The tree in Sedge Place is now dead and as it has a TPO on it, it needs to be replaced by the owner. Action in hand.

Gardening team / Kingfisher Garden

Gardening team planning grass work this weekend. They have pencilled in a tree skirt removal; rota is a bit sparse. Two dead trees outside Old Slade Lane and the Tower Arms.

Discussed a weekend event as strimmers and equipment were available. Put onto Face Book / What's app group. ACTION Ged to liaise with Shantanu and Neil

The plan Josh from Colne Valley came up with has been passed to Heathrow Rangers who said they will carry out what work they can, including cutting some horizontal branches at the entrance to garden over the stream, remove the balsam and tidy the banks. More work may be needed in Spring. They are planting spring bulbs and will cut and maintain the wildflower areas as well as providing some small trees for the outside of the garden – suggestions were Rowan and Maples. Any requests for the Rangers now need to go via Heathrow, Joyce to note.

Still local parking across the gates. Sign needed.

ACTION Graham

Events team / Centenary celebrations

Launch event is Friday 4th Nov from 7 to 9pm. All committee to be invited. Invites have been sent out and some replies returned.

Murder Mystery on track. Tickets on sale this weekend at the club. RA have been asked to reserve tickets via Joyce. £40 a head.

Treasurers and membership Figures report

No report so far but Shantanu would provide at the end of the week.

Planning

Thorney Farm application needs responses as building houses very close to the M25. Also claims that stabling and horses have been on the site, but none have been seen by residents. Graham will object on behalf of Residents, others to do as well. Graham has circulated link to all.

Application PL/22/2770/FA

North Star car wash going to appeal but it was noted that they had never ceased working there. It has an enforcement order on it.

Link Park – Appeal is 8th / 9th Nov but unless you objected previously, they will not take any more objections. This will be online, and Graham will register to represent the RA. ACTION Graham

Only one data centre is on a Brownfield site which is the one on Thorney Park, north of Iver station. Objections needed for all other data centres

MSA – going to committee soon – the Iver plan has land belonging to Bucks so this may be their preferred option even though it is Greenbelt.

Pinewood drop-in tomorrow 6th October at Iver Heath Village Hall from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. Graham to go. Increase in traffic will be appalling. Not enough parking places planned for number of cars that will use the site.

Neighbourhood Plan.

Passed by the planning inspector and is legally viable. Next step will be a referendum which will require formal voting. The IPC cannot comment, the residents associations are the only people who can make representations and should give advice to Residents about how to vote. Any developers will all vote No as it will release Green Belt, so to stop that we should ask all to vote YES.

If only a handful of people vote, then a small number of No votes could swing it to allow development on Greenbelt.

Graham will put together words to send out to residents via What's App and street groups as well as Facebook. We need to engender a small element of project fear, that by not turning up and voting you may lose the Greenbelt.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 10th Nov at 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

Around the table

Helen mentioned a growth of weeds in gutters – report on Fix my Street.

Cars parked along the paths in Thorney Park while there are empty car parking places. Claim to be anglers – Contact Robin Dix at Colne Valley Park who work with angling clubs

Who was going to action this?

Anti-social behaviour – report all to Bucks for any sort of harassment on the street via a new website form and they can take action.

Tina and Wendy went to the CEMEX meeting – still ongoing conversations with the Golf club.

Tina mentioned that they had identified the high-pitched sounds she had been hearing as anti-bat devices. These are illegal but as planning has now been granted, the noises have stopped. Residents to watch out for these sounds and report if they hear them especially near proposed new builds.

Meeting ended at 8.55pm