

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 13th January 2022 7.00PM
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), Jim Skinner, Cllr. Wendy Matthews (IPC, BC), Joyce Young (Minutes), Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Nick Jones, Tina Heath, Arun Gaur

Observers Residents from North Park, No 8, 19, 19A, 20, 21, 22, 23
Heather Harper

APOLOGIES, Stafford Salt, Shantanu Tandon, Helen Pennie,

NON-ATTENDEES: Sue Barber, Maureen Atkinson, Gurmail Dokal (Syke Cluan rep)

A few residents on North Park wanted to comment about continuing noise and disturbance from the Spiritual Hub on North Park. More residents attended this time with written notes from other residents.

The same issues as last time but with some having noted dates of certain disturbances. Added comments were that it is a distraction on a busy road and coaches bring visitors. Still one marquee up, lights are still up. Since one person spoke to them the noise seems to have increased. Molak Johal and Daphne Wood had already complained to environmental health and had little response so far. Molak was asked to continue to complain to them as should all the other residents, as the more complaints they get, the more likely they are to do something.

Molak will coordinate this approach and communicate with the committee, His email address is molak_johal@hotmail.com.

The committee reiterated that the residents need to keep a diary of events as recommended at the December meeting.

The committee will try and arrange a meeting with the leaders of the Hub. Arun will coordinate this and find out who they should meet. Arun, Nick, Ged, and Graham will attend this meeting, preferably before the end of the month.

ACTION Arun

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Bin has been emptied at Kingfisher Garden, possibly the Rangers have done this as they were seen picking up litter this week.

Nothing back from Groundwork about Kingfisher Garden stream clearance.

No other matters arising that are not on the agenda.

Heathrow

The 'motorways in the sky' are still being discussed with local community groups. Heathrow do not appear to be listening to concerns by residents in overflow areas. They want noise reduced and the airport to use quieter planes that take off and land faster. Some areas will get noise who have never had it before as Windsor wants a no-fly zone.

Highways, Verges and Gardens

Bollards have still not been mended at the shops. Keep reporting on Fix my street

Not sure if any photo evidence has been collected by Stafford of new developments.

Residents are putting concrete bollards on the verges to stop parking. Tree planting should help with this.

Gardening team is meeting in February. They have 22 volunteers but need more as not all are active. If this doesn't happen, they will have to reduce what they do. Arun will advertise this in In and around.

Heart of Bucks have money for trees as does Bucks Council for this year's Platinum Jubilee. Stump has been removed, bricks replaced, and it looks very smart. Ged has some before and after pictures and we should put these in In and Around and thank the Community Board.

ACTION Ged and Arun

Kingfisher Garden Still nothing from Colne Valley about the river clearance. Graham will contact them again. It is looking tidy now the brambles have been cut back. Joyce will take some pics for Arun to put on In and Around.

ACTION Joyce and Arun.

Note – post meeting Joyce suggested she could put together a small bid for bulbs and plants and possible tree management for the Community board, she will do a plan of planting and liaise with Heathrow Rangers and a tree surgeon for pricing and what the Rangers may be able to provide. Wendy will chase up Colne Valley as well.

Treasurers Report

Shantanu has sent out the latest figures. Check that all the North Park residents who came to the meeting have paid their subs.

ACTION Joyce to ask Shantanu to check.

We set a date for the AGM at the Sports club on the evening of Tuesday 26th April. Info to go out to In and Around. Chairs report and what should go into the leaflet and will be discussed at the next meeting. Subs envelopes will go out with the info to those not paying by DD or Paypal, Shantanu will inform us who they are. Envelopes are on order.

Note - post meeting – Looking at the subs paid, we don't really have anyone who represents Bathurst Walk East or Bathurst Close and their number of subs are dropping also the lowest percentage payment.

Could Arun ask for a representative in the In and Around article?

ACTION Arun - In and Around, Graham to write report and add AGM as agenda item for next meeting.

Centenary celebrations – Meeting on 1st Feb. Joyce and Graham gave their apologies. Grants are available to local groups.

Discussion on a Centenary booklet to reflect and celebrate the 100 years of the Park. Will include some of the living life in Richings Park articles.

Neighbourhood plan

Should be something out from Bucks by the end of the month, it will go to Parish to check accuracy, then open to residents for comments. At this point, the Parish cannot comment as they are in purdah, but the Residents Association should try and ensure as many respond as they can.

Community Board

Now not much money as it will run out in April. Budget much reduced next year.

Colne Valley Park have put in a bid for connectivity between the parks across the Colne Valley.

Graham is putting in a bid for interpretive boards and benches, possible telescopes as well?

Graham will write to Colne Valley Park for help on the boards and Arun will work on this with him.

Any other ideas to include in the bid let Graham know ASAP as it must be done by next week when the next meeting is 25th anyone welcome to attend – just need to let the co-ordinator know beforehand

Planning

Land behind North Park, planning app has been submitted for stables. This needs to be watched carefully. If stables are built and not used as stables, then after several years this can revert to any building being built. We need to complain regularly if not used as stables.

Nick to keep an eye on what is happening and keep the committee informed?

Palmers moor data centre will affect traffic numbers whilst it is being built. It will also be a very large building with noisy heat pumps to keep the building cool as the data centre will produce a lot of heat. The main data cable runs along the M4 which is why data centres are being sought close to RP as well as its proximity to Iver power station.

Slough is also being used for data centres as Slough industrial estate has its own power station.

Parish have objected but it will go to the Strategic sites committee at Bucks Council so there is less opportunity to object if it is seen as 'strategic' – e.g. approval of the Pinewood development was seen as strategic for Bucks but not necessarily for the Ivers.

There is also a query as to how much asbestos was dumped there by Cape boards in the past. Joyce will ask a neighbour who farms one of the fields. Tina will ask Glenda.

Link Park Presentation to the Parish last week. Hillingdon have already said no to the proposal for any part on Hillingdon land. Resubmitted the plan to Bucks Council labelling it as a strategic site for minerals and waste. Network rail objected so they have swapped land with Network rail. Ashville at present occupy 7 to 8 acres which would bring it down to them occupying 4 to 5 acres on the sidings area. Jim has noticed work is being carried out on the sidings. Then there would be enough space for another aggregate company to use the site, resulting in twice what there is now and a lot more vehicle movements. There would be more trains causing more noise.

Parish think the applicants are undercounting Ashville lorry movements to make it seem less of a big change.

Iver Parish is putting together a case to bring in professional help, to counter proposals that may not be accurate. The applicants use large professional companies for advice who have little local knowledge and are not used to help local communities, they want to just to get bids through planning.

All need to complain about this change in the application. Ged will publish on social media, but all are encouraged to let as many people know about this as possible.

Complain about use of Green belt, extra noise, Data centres put out a lot of heat/ noise etc. (as at Palmers Green comment above) building work and lorry movements. **ACTION ALL**

The applicants have to prove they have exceptional circumstances to build on Green belt.

Wendy is trying to find out more about the plans for the railway sidings. **ACTION Wendy**

Quarry – a new one next to Cemex is being applied for, but the company seem better at local consultation. We need to make friends with them.

Parish and County news

Precept will be increased next year.

Social media/ web site

This will now be a standing agenda item.

Minutes are on the web site. In and Around for Jan will be light on content.

February to include – Objections to Link Park data centre, update on Kingfisher garden – Joyce will take some photos and send to Arun. The tree stump removal and reinstatement of pathway (thanks to Community board) AGM date, reminder of subs payments, volunteers for Gardening team.

ACTION Arun

Date of next meeting Tuesday 15th February, Ged will chair - **Volunteer to take minutes ?**

Around the table

Wendy has organised the super sucker to come mid-February and sort out the flooding around the top of Wellesley by the notice board.

Old Slade Lane. Highways England (HE) own the bottom end near the motorway, Wendy brought a plan of exactly where this was, it stops by Nos. 57/55. The other part from the maintained part of Old Slade lane from the farm down to where HE own the road is not owned by anyone. Wendy noted that Bucks need to maintain the HE land.

Parking bollards by Kingfisher Garden need installing as Jim noted the ground is getting churned up.

Ged will organise a group to do this one weekend.

ACTION Ged

AGM – Chairs report to contain names of committee and agenda for meeting to be set at February meeting. Template for a note from each road steward about their road to be included.

Heather asked about the impact of Link Park on her area, noise not so noticeable in winter when people are inside but will be worse in summer from the heat pumps and the trains.

Meeting ended at 8.00pm

Post meeting

I will summarise the comments from the North Park residents for information for the meeting with the Spiritual Hub and circulate to all for info. Joyce