

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Wed 15th June 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), Nick Jones, Stafford Salt, Gurmail Dokal, Kavita Devi, Jim Skinner, Tina Heath,

APOLOGIES, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Arun Gaur, Helen Pennie, Shantanu Tandon, Louise Stevens.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Planters outside the shops have been planted by Costcutters. Kingfisher Gardens. Heritage trees have done the tree pruning and need to be paid. The money from the Community Board has not yet been received so the committee agreed to pay this from RPSC funds (£937) as it has been a while since the work was done. Joyce to ask Shantanu to raise a cheque for this. Money from the Community Board will then go into our account. Wendy will find out when it may happen. **ACTION Wendy**

Bollards have been installed and whilst no one is parking on the verge where the wild flowers are, they are parking across the gate. A sign needs to be obtained. **ACTION Graham**
An event to celebrate the gardens was suggested and an environmental theme was suggested, bug counting / I Spy for children. Mid-August was suggested as a date and Wendy, Joyce and Tina will work on this. Info to go out via What's App Road groups as well as Facebook. **ACTION JY/WM/TH**
No info on a bin being installed **ACTION Graham**
Whats App groups known - Wellesley, Syke Cluan, Thorney, Poynings and Ridings and Old Slade Lane have these groups. No interest from North Park residents when Nick suggested it. **ACTION Joyce**
Joyce will find out if other roads are covered as well.

There is also a Prosecco group comprising of about 80 people in the Park.
Bank account. Graham needs to go into Lloyds as the address for the account is at Wendy's and to obtain a card he needs to change this.

Date of the Centenary opening event at the Sports Club has been changed to Friday Nov 4th as there was another event on at the club on the original date.

Budget for Centenary events will be sought from Heathrow Villages funds

ACTION Graham and Wendy

Meeting at the Spiritual Hub didn't occur as date was difficult, to be rearranged. **ACTION Arun**
There is still a lot of noise at events but none have been reported to Environmental Health as far as we are aware.

Graham reported that a grant had been obtained from the Parish for music at the Jubilee event at the Sports Club.

Gurmail has not approached an Estate Agent yet about sponsorship for SMARTVILLE.

Highways update, verges, pavements and roads

Repairs to Bathurst are in hand and should be done soon

Wellesley should be resurfaced, no date as yet, but should be soon.

Bollards – continue reporting the broken bollards on Fix my Street. Wendy will chase this up if she has a report number so send that to her if any reported Fix my street issues aren't dealt with.

Wildflowers have been planted and are now flowering.

Stafford getting no response from Alison – Wendy requested he send info to Wendy who will chase it up.

Gardening team

No report.

Volunteers still needed, use What's App and In and Around magazine to ask for help.

Events team / Centenary celebrations

No event date so far from St Leonards. Robert is looking into it and will attend the meetings.

Menu now sorted for the Murder Mystery. Script is well underway.

Gurmail asked how people knew what the Residents Association did? Graham said that most information was on the web site. Info leaflet will be redone this year for the centenary celebrations which will go to every house.

Treasurers and membership Figures report

No report but subs are still coming in.

Membership cards – what are we doing about this? Graham has asked Nicky Weston to design a new one and they will be sent digitally to Pay Pal payers and a card one will also be printed.

ACTION Graham

Planning

Pinewood is doing another presentation next Monday 20th at 3.30pm at Pinewood / Heatherwood Hall about their revised plans for sound stages rather than a visitor experience. This now includes 4 multi storey car parks and one flat space car park. They will have 1700 vehicle capacity. It was noted that this will generate more vehicle movements. We have no chance to challenge this until the new planning application is submitted

Data Centres – SEGRO did another presentation about their plans for Thorney Business Park at the Sports Club. Tomato, Quattro and Cappagh will be moving out, hopefully not relocating to another site in this area. About a dozen smaller ones need to move – where to? They have submitted their planning application, but it has not yet been publicised. Brownfield / not green-belt site so will probably get permission although their future plans extend into Green Belt areas. Question of where they will obtain their power as the local Iver power station does not have the capacity. An application was put in to extend this but was later withdrawn.

What will happen to the heat generated?

There will be five flue chimneys that have not been shown on plans they produced at the demo.

Link Park data centre has appealed against their non-determination of their second planning Application.

Graham had sent out information about www.bucks.place where residents can put in their comments about a new Design code for Bucks. This hadn't been received by the committee so it will be sent again. Suggested that we publicise this in In and Around and via What's App groups.

ACTION Arun

No noticeable domestic planning except the usual ones.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th July at 7.30 at the Sports Club.

AOB

Community Board

We have no representative on this at the moment, although Jim said he used to be on the LAF and would like to continue on it, but had heard no info about dates etc. Wendy will make sure he gets this in the future.

ACTION Wendy

The board also needs representatives on some of the subgroups

These are: -

Air Quality

HGV strategy (we are on the agenda from Bucks this year) Jim volunteered for this one

Active travel

Youth provision.

Air quality meets on the 23rd of June and the others have no date set yet.

We need committee members on these committees, please let Wendy know if you want to be on any of these boards.

ACTION All

Suggestion from Joyce post meeting - Perhaps Arun could ask if any local people from RP want to represent us on these groups in the article for In and Around?

ACTION Arun

CEMEX Wendy and Tina met with them last week about their plans. They have extended their plans for 4 years as the process was slower than they expected. As WRATH is now not happening, they now must factor in filling in the lakes with inert material and restoring it. This was originally in Network Rails' plans, but the cost will now have to borne by CEMEX.

They discussed extending across to the Golf course. All gravel will be taken across the road by a covered conveyor belt. They appear to have limited access as the present site does not align well with the golf course and another access road may be required. They seem to be disingenuous about the length of time all this will take. Golfers are likely to move elsewhere as a 9 hole course is much less attractive. They are meeting again in September.

Heathrow have resurrected their Community Focus Forum. There is a new independent Chair who Graham and Wendy noted he seemed very interested in local issues and was not aligned to Heathrow. Wendy has had a phone call from Heathrow asking what they can do for the community.

Local Plan

Bucks have listed Brownfield sites submitted to them where no known development has ever taken place. All the land to the West of Mansion Lane which everyone thought had always been fields. Another site listed is Saul's Farm on Thorney Mill Road. The Government algorithm that determines where houses are needed seems not to reflect what is needed. Mr Gove is looking to review this. Bucks are also looking at Greenbelt land for housing. Still waiting on Government requirements for housing. The land opposite The Tower Arms is being sold, although a lot of this has already by sold into small packets of land.

Sandy Oxley has been in touch with Wendy and as she considers the station car park is non-viable and could she associate it with development? The committee were not surprised by this development as it was thought this was always in her plans. A car park could be viable if using modern smart phone technology. This is Greenbelt land.

The gardens by the shops are in a sorry state with rubbish being left as it is now being used regularly by visitors to the motorbike shop and other locals. Discussed the siting of a new bin inside the garden, but not sure how it could be regularly emptied. Graham suggested the Rangers may do it and will ask them. Graham to investigate the provision of notices on the benches asking people to use the bins for their litter.

ACTION Graham

Meeting closed at 8.40pm