

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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, Nick Jones, Stafford Salt,

**APOLOGIES,** Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Shantanu Tandon, Gurmail Dokal, Kavita Devi, Arun Gaur, Tina Heath

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

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Under Parish updates it should read – along Richings Way and Thorney Mill Road, not Thorney Lane South.

Minutes were then agreed as accurate and approved.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Drains and flooding, please keep reporting on Fix my Street, the more reports it gets, the further up the list it goes, and Wendy has more ammunition to tackle them.

Benches in Residents Garden. Graham has spoken to the maintenance team at IPC, and they are willing to move them to the Sports Park next to the play area. ROSPA rules ensure they are in safe area and not next to fences and they will be put facing the play area.

The 'Please do not litter' sign will be put on the gate.

Kingfisher gardens / Heathrow Rangers. Joyce has been in touch, and they have been leaf clearing and will let her know about the trees.

QR Code on the newsletters was a trial and is now not in use, Joyce apologised. A new one will be generated.

Aniqah from the Community Board was contacted about the subgroups that Joyce, Stafford and Graham should have been on, and Wendy will deal with this.

Aniqah has been very unwell and is in hospital.

### **Highways update, verges, pavements and roads**

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. Please continue to report on Fix my Street.

30 MPH Signs for Thorney Lane South are on order and should be here soon – they were part of the plan and budget for the station car park which the landowner has paid for.

Concern over dangerous wet and slippery leaves on pathways and verges – please report on Fix my Street especially if anyone falls, as this raises the issue higher up the list to be dealt with.

### **Gardening team / Kingfisher Garden**

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

### **Events team / Centenary celebrations**

Open house on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Tea, coffee and biscuits to be provided. Newsletter has been printed and distributed as well as a few posters. These will be put around the Park.

Stafford has asked to be excused from the Centenary group. We will need to find another Quiz planner for the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March quiz. Stafford had hoped to have about 6 rounds with one in particular about the Park and a picture round.

### **Treasurers and membership Figures report**

Hardly any change from last month.

### **Planning**

Applications had been circulated to the committee but were mostly garden rooms. Wendy pointed out that these can only be lived in by family members. It is up to County to enforce any restrictions and enforcement.

Fourells Paddock application has not been refused, even though the planning department told Wendy it had. It was felt that was an unacceptable thing to do.

It has been resubmitted with modifications suggested by the Planning Dept. Parish and RPRA still object as it is on Green Belt and on the grounds of encroachment. Wendy has called it in to the planning committee again

Link Park – no news following the dismissal of the appeal by the Planning Inspector

Woodlands Park Data Centre is coming up for appeal. Court Lane considered at Parish as it may be a reasonable alternative to others, but it is still on Green Belt. After the Woodlands Park appeal, the next to be looked at will be Thorney Lane Business Park and then Seven Hills and then Court Lane – possibly next year.

Spiritual Hub –Graham has met with a representative of the Hub and he wanted to find out more about the enforcement notice served in them about parking on the field. Graham advised that it was unlikely to be overturned but they could try. He also suggested that the proposed car park for the station may be worth investigating for temporary parking. This is still Green Belt and would need planning permission for temporary car parking.

Enforcement have made Rayner move his tyres from the boundary of his land even though the fields were being used for illegal deer coursing and stolen goods are being stored in the woods.

This is not being investigated as the people doing this are very aggressive. These intruders are also over the Cemex plant land - possibly to access the backs of the houses on Bathurst and Syke Cluan.

### **Neighbourhood Plan.**

The referendum was today. We should know the result tonight.

### **Parish and Unitary council updates**

Parish council budget meeting has held the precept at 5% increase.

Community Board groups may not meet for a while due to Aniqha's illness. We are not due any grant applications from us until possibly in the next financial year for a Centenary event. Next Community Board meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Nominations are now open for Pride of Bucks awards. There are three categories: Local Community Champion, Young Community Champion and Community Group Contribution.

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

### **Around the table**

Web site needs an update and perhaps a bit of splash to celebrate the Centenary. Joyce will liaise with Arun who puts on regular agendas and minutes and perhaps have a go herself.

The Centenary exhibition needs to be digitised with a link from the web site. The person who said he would help has been unresponsive and Helen said she would ask her son if he could help.

Bins at the end of back access on Wellesley Av at rear of shops are an eyesore and have been creating extra fly tipping. This has all now been cleared up. These bins should be at the back of the flats but as the state of the track is so bad with flooding and potholes it is probably why they are left there. It is work in progress.

Noted that the state of the path from Iver to Richings Park is now in a very bad way with flooding, leaves and mud, making it very dangerous. All reminded to report on Fix my Street and to stress it is dangerous and to report any falls.

The verges along Syke Cluan are also in a very bad state with slippery leaves making it treacherous to navigate – also Fix my Street.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.