

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday November 11th 2024 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, Julia Hill, Sarah Wong,

APOLOGIES Nick Jones, Tina Heath, Shantanu Tandon, Will Goddard,

NON-ATTENDEES: Kam Khatker, Kavita Deva, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Maureen Atkinson, Rav Hayer, Kam Patel, Gurmail Dhokal, Paul Griffin.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Graham has contacted Deborah O'Sullivan about using the lobby of the Sports Club as a place to leave surplus food but has had no response.

St Leonards mound. The work is still not completed by Parish, no response from Lilliput. Heathrow rangers are keen to help, Wendy has met with them.

Repair café – Jim as treasurer said they were doing OK as they had £150 in donations and the local St Peters and St Margarets churches charity had promised some funds. Drawn down about half of the £500 from the RPRA. This week the list is full.

Mature trees – nothing back from Shantanu about this so the committee agreed to try and move forward as planting time is diminishing. A sum of £500 was allocated and Joyce will talk to Heathrow Rangers to see if they could purchase trees and possibly plant them. tree, Rowans and Acers to be included. ACTION Joyce

Heritage fund application for interpretative boards – Joyce had a go at the application form from Heritage lottery, but they have a minimum grant of £10,000 and we are only looking for just over £4,000. Agreed to approach Heathrow Community together fund, as this focuses on lasting legacies. Graham to talk to them at next Community forum.

Graham has written to the owner of the bike shop but had no response, next step is to talk to the shops and see if we can work together to resolve the mess behind the shop.

Question asked if Kam was still working with the businesses? It was suggested we approach Adeel at Costcutters as a possible link. ACTION Graham

Heathrow

The next Community forum is the 12th Nov. Graham and Wendy to attend.

This is not agreed yet. The issue about air space has been difficult as all airports have different ideas, so the Government is making it into a nationwide consultation led by an independent chair.

Speedwatch

The working group has met but there are still only two trained volunteers. The PCSO talked to Joyce and said that Bucks led on speeding when it is the police. Paul Griffin to reconvene another meeting to take this forward. ACTION Paul G

Repair café

Covered in matters arising

Kingfisher Gardens

Four new mature trees have been planted and look lovely.

Wendy, Jim, Joyce, Graham met to discuss the plan with the river representative from Colne Valley as well as Bergey. A plan was formed and further actions to take place.

The stream is very sluggish and practically stagnant at some points, so a visit has been arranged to look at why this is happening.

Bulbs have been planted by the Rangers. We have a quote to remove the dead tree over the brook by the road as well as some work to the willow. This is around £1000. Graham has discussed a possible grant with the community fund, but it is possible that Bucks who own the land may remove the dead tree.

Gardening team

Moving into the winter period with less cuts – a couple more volunteers have been recruited.

Finance report

A summary of bank balances sent before the meeting. Some questions that Shantanu will answer later this week.

Mobile library – no more information – Kam to advise.

ACTION Kam

Membership report

Just one payment since the last meeting and one cash sub.

Events

Christmas party Sunday 24th November, 12 to 3pm, Sports club bar. Date has been moved and it will be a cut down version of the event. Meeting of Joyce, Wendy, Sarah, Helen, Tina, Maureen and Claire Goddard. List of actions, poster created.

Posters to go onto the RP Community What's app page also copies in Costcutters, RP Notice board and chemists.

Email sent to last years attendees and a couple have responded with ideas.

Santa (Adrian Uzzell will do this and costume borrowed from Parish) do your own facepainting, Gingerbread decorating, Christmas colouring. Drop in for presents for Great Gift appeal.

Carols at Costcutters Saturday 21st Dec. Time to be agreed. Mulled wine to be served and last year Costcutters provided mince pies.

Repair café will be doing a Christmas tree at the St Peters event on the 30th Nov. Will also represent RPRA.

Planning and enforcement

Thorney sidings, noted that the road is very muddy.

MSA – Government is not calling this in, but there are still issues with the legality of the sale of the land. It is unsure what is happening and only one objector has had a letter about it.

Data centre at the Slough Road site. It has been reported locally that this has been called in and there will be an appeal in December. Noted that it hasn't been called in yet. Responses may go to Bucks or the Secretary of State.

Somerset Way house has now restored the pavement.

Wooden fence along house backing onto Thorney Lane South seems too high.

Gates on Bathurst – gone to appeal but will take a couple of years

Parish and Unitary council updates

A new clerk has been appointed and taken up his post. Budgets are being set currently.

Road works

Wood lane will be fully closed from the 18th to the 29th Nov , diversion via Bangors Lane South, CCTV cameras won't be installed until all the work on Wood lane is complete.
SSE Cables to be installed from Five points along Church road next year.
Pinewood to start on the roundabout and will install traffic lights.

All the details about proposed housing development sites have been put into one place, many on Green belt but a lot locally including the proposed Pinewood development site at Five points.
Wendy will forward a copy to the committee. ACTION Wendy

Poll to be conducted amongst RP Residents about whether they want full fibre, Graham will put together a form of words and a poll to go out to all the street What's app groups. Nothing to do with City fibre or project Gigabite.

Date of next meeting

**December social to be held at the Tower Arms on Tuesday 17th December from 7pm,
Some refreshments and some drinks will be provided.**

Date of January meeting

Monday 13th January 7.30pm

Around the table

Jim noted there may be a water leak on Thorney Mill Road near Kingfisher, reported on Fix my street

Bathurst – pavements to be repaired in next budget year 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm