

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 8th September 2025 7.30PM
Richings Park Sports Club

(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, Amarjit Dhaliwal, Tina Heath, Ged Weston, Julia Hill, Nick Jones.

APOLOGIES Sarah Wong, Shantanu Tandon, Helen Pennie, Kam Khatker, Will Goddard

NON-ATTENDEES Maureen Atkinson, Rav Hayer, Kam Patel, Gurmail Dhokal

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed as accurate and approved

MATTERS ARISING

Data Centre – Julia and Joyce had contacted another village where a data centre was built but they seemed to have no idea about compensation other than cleaning the roads after lorry movements. They seemed to have accepted it was being built and to have no objections.
All other items on the agenda.

Heathrow

Air Space change is the main issue as reported at the last meeting CAA are taking over all the work on this and are setting up a new organisation to do so and there is no remit to inform or consulting with communities which may be affected.

There are now four applications to build the new runway. Post meeting update – it now appears that there are 7!

Heathrow, Aurora, a former pilots' bid and another unknown.

Speedwatch – no news on this so far, waiting on Paul Griffin to take it forward.

Smartville

This is not moving on and we need to ensure we communicate with Tony about what is in place and where the cameras are, which cameras need replacing, making sure we pay for maintenance as this is not happening, and thinking about future fund raising. Some training has been done but it was confusing and complicated and storing images on a phone didn't seem appropriate. Ged will speak to Tony to try and get some clarity about the situation and what needs to be done if Tony wants to hand this over to us. The Parish Council should perhaps pay for maintenance of the cameras.
ACTION Ged

Main traffic seems to be enquiries from the Met Police about cars travelling through the area. Graham has again (fourth time) applied to the Police and Crime Commissioner for funds.

Repair Café

The Repair Café will be one year old in October. Congratulations to all involved.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the committee to Will for his inspiration and commitment in setting this up with Nick and Jim as support and a vote of thanks to Deborah O'Sullivan for providing refreshments.

There has been a total of 137 cases, 97 were completed and 40 beyond repair.

Last week they had a very busy day at St Leonards with 20 – 22 repairs undertaken.

An article will be published in local magazines about the first anniversary.

Next event is on the 4th October at St Leonards.

Kingfisher Gardens

Funding from the successful application done by Wendy has still not been received and work planned can't be carried out until these funds are in our account.

Post meeting – this has now arrived and tree work has been organised and completed.

The deputy clerk visited and noticed a trip hazard where the path is being pushed up by tree roots. Graham will ask the Parks Dept at Bucks to see if they can do the repair. If not, it will be down to us.

ACTION Graham

Fly counting has continued with Amarjit and Jim and they are being trained in October. Amarjit has done a report about their actions and what it is all about (already circulated to the committee)

A campaign to get more volunteers will be undertaken by Amarjit with posters and a What's app notice.

ACTION Amarjit

The interpretative board for Kingfisher Garden is in its final stage and along with the other two boards, has been circulated to the Committee for comments. Most seem very happy with the results. Niki has done a great job of producing a similar style for all three boards with a very attractive design. We are aware that information may go out of date so have tried to make most information generic. We know where the Residents Garden and Kingfisher Gardens boards will be placed but have an issue with the one for near the station. No contact has been possible with the managers of the station and TFL don't seem to think they are involved in deciding as to where it could go. We will continue to investigate. Committee members will talk to the station staff to see if we can get further.

No action yet about a sign for the garden gate about Google maps comments. ACTION Joyce

Web site – new page about friends and supporters is now on the web site.

Gardening team

Not much to report, The Rangers are now watering the pots by the shops.

Finance report

Nothing to report

Membership report

Two Pay Pal payments since the last meeting.

Events

Richings Sparkle set for Saturday 27th September, 12.00pm start. Ged will do some fliers for Facebook and local What's App pages.

ACTION Ged

We should provide some refreshments via Costcutters which we should pay for. Graham will speak to them.

ACTION Graham

Joyce needs to know what equipment we already have so she can ask for more this week, Ged will check the shed and advise.

Carols – Saturday 20th Dec from 4.00pm.

Planning and enforcement

Nothing to report locally.

Graham has written to the Bucks planning department to ask for a meeting with Bucks planners about the Non designated heritage assets and what planning is doing about them but has had neither a response nor a date. This is unacceptable and he will make a complaint about it.

ACTION Graham

He also contacted Paul Griffin but had no response.

Neighbourhood plan – will go to full council to appoint a planning person to assist in this.

Data centres – Thorney Business Park and the Ridgeway – the plan by Amazon for Thorney Business Park is to now have two rather than three data centres and Wendy had CGI generated pictures to show how they would look. They will be vast and may also be very bright at night. 25 metres high. Councillors will monitor this. Planning applications in soon.

Parish and Unitary council updates

Parish

Five points roundabout will have roadworks starting on the 15th Sept for months. Coordination with cabling for networks may be difficult.

Notice on the bottom of Old Slade Lane from the National Grid about the compulsory purchase of the fields around the Poynings, Ridings, Old Slade Lane and Richings Way. This appears to be about way leave agreements across the land for cables. Affinity water has also put in an application for use of the land for pipes. More info as we hear more, at present the position is unclear.

Golden Oldies – this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Unitary

Local plan is due for consultation from the 17th September, a draft has been published.

I will find a link and post it with the minutes.

ACTION Joyce

Councillors can nominate a road they feel needs resurfacing, we weren't sure any really needed it.

Need to make sure that if any works go on beyond Old Slade Lane that we take photos of the state of the road so we have evidence in case it has problems when work is completed. ACTION Graham

Date of next meeting

Monday 20th October 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

Around the table

Residents Notice board has health and safety issues as it is hard to keep it open, it is felt that it needs replacement, Graham has spoken to the Parish, and they think it can't be mended – action is in hand. Julia gave back her key to the board.

Need another volunteer to post notices and we need to think what we want to put on the board and how to keep it relevant.

Amarjit asked about the superfast broadband and Wendy said that BT/Openreach will be supplying it through the Government scheme for supplying this to rural communities and we should get it next year. No date yet. Bucks will be involved in monitoring it as it is a government grant

Iver Railway station, reports that there have been several antisocial incidents where young boys / teenagers push through barriers without paying. They arrive without bikes but seem to be collecting them from somewhere locally to scout out for possible criminal activity. The station is now kept locked after the last train. More bikes are being stolen from the station on a regular basis.

We need to organise a meeting with the local police officer.

ACTION Graham

Powerday are now running the Thorney Sidings and all reference to Ashville has been removed.

Still moving concrete and HGVs still using the site regularly.

Community Board meeting is this week, and attendees have been asked to look locally at their needs. Meetings have been held to gather these priorities at local libraries. Our areas include; Enduring the sustainability of Community buildings, enhancing our environment, encouraging volunteering, and addressing social isolation. Graham will represent the Good Neighbour Scheme and Joyce the Residents Association.

There is no money available for specific projects but hopefully the priorities will be addressed centrally by Bucks Council.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm