

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday June 18th 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, Nick Jones, Helen Pennie, Shantanu Tandon, Tina Heath, Will Goddard, Sara Wong

APOLOGIES Kam Khatker, Kavita Deva, Julia Hill

NON-ATTENDEES: Maureen Atkinson, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Rav Hayer, Kam Patel, Gurmail Dhokal,

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Wellesley Court steward. There has been no email response from the last steward.

New flats at Elizabeth Court have been added to the subs data base.

Residents garden – insurance has now been found to cover the trustees however no play equipment should be in the garden and there is still some there. The notice Graham fixed to them was thrown away and no response received so another notice giving them some time to remove them and then they will be put in storage until collected, If they aren't, they will be disposed of.

No liability notice has any legal standing.

Shantanu will try and speak to the family that put the equipment there.

ACTION Shantanu and Graham

Jonathan Sykes has responded about ownership of the road by the railway station and will look into it.

Signage group will reconvene

ACTION Ged

Defibrillator grant was granted and paid into bank account. Shantanu contacted Jan Wiseman about replacement pads as they haven't been done this year. It is possible the IPC will take over the management of these.

Heathrow

Wendy has responded about night flights.

Highways update, verges, pavements and roads

Grass cutting by Bucks will resume on the 1st July, there are two regimes – one for 30 mph roads and one for 40+ mph roads. Given the mix we have in Richings Park this has caused confusion.

Five points roundabout and Wood Lane. These drainage works start on the 24th June until 9th August. Wood Lane will be closed and diversions will be along Bangors Lane South and Iver High Street where there will be 3 way traffic lights. The contractors/ Bucks Council have written to all the local industrial estates suggesting they find alternative routes. The works will continue until 2025 as these are just investigative works to find where the services are before the major reconstruction of the 5 points roundabout.

At the Parish electors meeting a question was asked about revisiting the possibility of IPC taking on the grass cutting, this is now happening but as the work includes tree surgery as well as grass cutting, hedges and rights of way it is unlikely that the £17,000 they are offering would cover the cost. Traffic management would be needed for any 40mph roads, and the last costing done a while ago came to around £80,000. It is possible they may just be able to take on the verges.

Kingfisher Gardens /

Kingfisher Garden – the water hemlock in the stream is due to be done soon and the garden will be locked for a few days after this. The Heathrow Rangers have rotovated and will be planting wild flowers this summer.

Agreed that we would have no time to arrange any events this year.

St Leonards Mound – The pre-school is keen to have access to this and Graham will arrange a meeting with the deputy clerk, himself, Julia Hill, Wendy and a representative from the pre-school to plan what happens next.

Smartville

St James Walk is keen to have a Smartville camera following the burglary at one of the houses.

There was a discussion on where to put it to make the best use of it. The residents are trying to contact Chris from Kamsec to organise this but he is very busy. Possible lottery funding?

A walk around by Will and a few residents and one problem is small areas with no lighting.

Possible walk arounds to be arranged to make themselves visible to possible thieves and make the area less attractive to them.

Neighbourhood Watch – the signs are old and need replacing and Will is working on getting new signs, need more awareness of the N.W. scheme – although there is information on the Residents web site it may need signposting to. Residents seem to rely on local What's App groups to keep a watch and report suspicious behaviour.

All suspicions should be reported to the police so a crime number can be obtained and Smartville can be involved.

Suggested we should get a trusted trader list.

We need to encourage roads to sign up to the scheme. The PCSOs have notices and other equipment they can distribute.

Gardening team –Regular mowing keeping the Park looking good.

Planters at the shops have been planted with summer bedding but it is looking rather scruffy and A Richings Sparkle was suggested. Joyce to ask Ged to do a poster. Saturday July 20th was proposed.

Finance report

Nothing new to report

Membership report

Currently around 192 paid up members as well as around 55 PayPal payments that come in over the year.

Following the last meeting Joyce sent a What's app message thanking everyone for paying and this saw a spike on web site activity. She will do that again and possibly do it after every meeting.

Empty houses – please advise and Joyce will highlight them on the spreadsheet.

Projects

Although these plans were put on to the web site there has been no response from anyone about them so we should go ahead and carry on.

Events

Iver Olympic picnic is Saturday 13th July at Iver Rec. Oliver would like more volunteers from RP – Graham to post a request on What's App group.

There will be a shuttle bus from RP at the Tower Arms. Timetable has been published on Face book.

The children's Christmas party is booked for Sunday 1st Dec. and the Carols will go ahead as well. No information about how many used the bus to the DDay event.

Possible children event combined with an adult one for Autumn – Ged to be contacted.

ACTION Joyce

Planning and enforcement

No response yet about St James' Walk development.

Large Scale

Data centre north of the station on the Thorney Lane site has been granted permission. Sponsored by Slough Estates. Businesses are starting to move out.

Court Lane appeal is ongoing.

Link Park Certificate of lawfulness based on previous application for open storage of aggregates.

The owners discussed this with Bucks Council but they have now appealed for non-determination.

Thorney Sidings - Some buildings seem to have gone but there is a large pile of earth there.

Enforcement is in progress.

National Grid – have made an application to compulsorily purchase the land North of Slough Road to build a new substation.

Cemex are planning to move all gravel from their Datchet site to Richings Park which will mean more HGV movements. The work in the Golf course is on pause as they are in consultation with the owners of the Pump House. Lorries still appear to be turning around in the drive of the golf course and coming through RP, if you see this, please report the licence number, time and date to Wendy.

Community Board

The next meeting is proposed to be online and has been postponed until after the election. There seems to be no reason for this.

Possible funding for a project of a film club at the Iver Heath Library, still work in progress.

Parish and Unitary council updates

Community awards – these will be presented at the Olympicnic. Please nominate any worthy people you feel should get an award.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd July 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

Around the table

Lots of garden growth in Sej Place. Graham will write to the owners

ACTION Graham

End of Bathurst also very overgrown – keep reporting on Fix my street (FMS)

St James Walk also very overgrown. FMS

Pothole by the railway just after the bridge on Thorney Lane North. FMS.

Street sign painted over outside Moza – Will has spoken to Malik. FMS

Repair café – Graham and Will have met to discuss possibilities and possible funding from IPC – suggested a small group to discuss further – Nick to join.

ACTION Will and

Graham

Smell down Old Slade Lane from Thames Water – still unresolved,

North Park pothole – BT responsible - in hand

Speed sign knocked over on Richings Way – reported on FMS over a month ago

RPRA notice board – Julia in correspondence with Deputy clerk at IPC.

Litter persists in St Leonards Way – bin not been replaced.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm