

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday 14th May 2025 7.30PM
Chair's house

(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), Joyce Young (Minutes), Jim Skinner, Helen Pennie, Amarjit Dhaliwal, Gurmail Dhokal.

APOLOGIES, Cllr. Wendy Matthews (IPC, BC), Julia Hill, Will Goddard, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Nick Jones, Kam Khatker, Tina Heath, Shantanu Tandon

NON-ATTENDEES Maureen Atkinson, Rav Hayer, Kam Patel, Sarah Wong,

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

As the meeting wasn't very well attended this will be held over to the next meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Heritage listing

The meeting with Bucks officers is on Tuesday 27th May at Richings Sports Park at 7.00pm. Graham will chair the meeting. He has been in contact with David Orr who has drawn up a list of questions the people involved would like them to answer, and Graham has forwarded these to Bucks so they are clear as to what the meeting needs to achieve.

It is felt that it will mainly be older residents who are affected.

A What's app group of people whose houses are listed has been drawn up, but according to Raj it is not open to those whose house is not listed. Gurmail hoped to have access to this as he has neighbours who are involved but don't use What's app and he wanted to keep them informed, but his application was declined.

The Bucks officer is Eliza Alqassar. Bucks Council have previously clarified that it was not the Parish Council who drew up the list of houses, but Bucks had done this, they also sent people to take photographs.

The Iver Neighbourhood Plan (2) is now in the planning stage and questionnaire has already been circulated on Facebook and What's App. There was a discussion on how the Parish may try and get a response from residents, some suggestion that they pay the Iver magazine to circulate it, although Jim noted that this doesn't go to Thorney Mill Road. We could deliver it via the road stewards although that may not be the case in Iver or Iver Heath.

AGM

AGM was on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm at the Sports Club. Approximately 60 residents attended and was a good meeting. As the Heritage issue was being dealt with at another meeting it did not dominate the meeting.

Events

Abba concert is now being heavily advertised across social media, and they are aiming for at least 50 paid tickets being sold by the end of May. Amarjit asked each steward to push it on their road groups.

Heathrow

Graham has sent out the minutes of the last Community meeting and asked the committee to read the part about the new runway.

Speedwatch

This hasn't progressed, Joyce to contact Paul Griffin to get it going.

SMARTVILLE

Tony Hill has written to Graham with a request that he gives up his involvement and he would like the baton to be handed over to Kevin Logan Brown who lives in Iver Heath because he has been trained and knows how to interpret the results. Nick, Wendy and Joyce had already expressed an interest in helping and would like to be trained and they are local. A concern was raised about one other person taking it on that it would lead to the same issue where only Tony has access, what happens when that person is on holiday or is sick and then there would be no one to look at the CCTV. The committee agreed that we weren't comfortable with Tony's suggestion and Graham would write to him asking him to train the local people as well as Kevin so there is backup available.

ACTION Graham

Discussion on how we could either fund raise or possibly provide funds for the couple of cameras that need replacing. Could use South Bucks Lottery although that pulls in very little for local charities. Tony does get requests from the police in local boroughs where vehicles may pass through RP.

For discussion at the next meeting – should we use some of our funds? ACTION agenda item

Repair café

Next dates for the Repair café have gone out to volunteers and will be posted on social media as soon as Will has done the posters. They need to get going quickly for the June meeting.

Dates are all Saturdays, 7th June St Leonards, 2nd August, St Leonards, 6th Sept. St Peters Centre, 4th October St Leonards. They are trying to find a date for Iver Heath. Volunteers are welcome.

Interpretative boards

Money has now been sent by Heathrow to our bank account.

Residents garden is mainly done but needs final editing and polishing by Niki.

Kingfisher Garden – Joyce to mock up a board for this.

Station – Wendy to mock up a board for this.

Kingfisher Gardens

Application for funding done by Wendy but she thought this was the wrong funding stream. Need feedback as to what happened. We discussed the likelihood of anyone actually using the gardens due to its position on a main road with no parking and with the majority of residents who have no active interest in it. Considering the amount of time and energy we have put into it, was it now time to just leave it as it is, not plan any activities or clearance of the bank but allow the Rangers to keep maintaining it and perhaps hold an event there at some time in the future. To be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION agenda item

Fly monitoring – Amarjit and Jim have now done two sessions, have the equipment but are unsure if they want to continue it over the long term. Laura would like them to take more training so they can train others. Amarjit will do a briefing paper about it for circulation on the RP Community What's App group to try and get other residents involved.

ACTION Amarjit.

Gardening team

The mower is now working, although another mower has not been purchased. May not be room for it in the shed. However, the committee felt a new mower should be purchased as it had been agreed by the committee for the expenditure of this so they are not reliant on a mower that may break down again. Helen will speak to Neil. Mentioned about the trimmers being unreliable and perhaps they should be utilised. Helen noted that there were often not enough volunteers to merit this, but she will also speak to Neil about it.

Finance report

Nothing to report

Membership report

Total payments so far for 2025 – 26 are 165, up from 148 at the last meeting, 88 cash payments and 77 PayPal. PayPal payments come in throughout the year, although a lot are in April and May, some don't appear until Jan or February. Last years total was 265 so we have a hundred to go. Joyce notices duplicate PayPal payments as well as residents paying cash as well as PayPal but always tries to let them know.

Events

Projects

Nothing other than the ABBA summer party booked for Saturday 28th June. Had a few issues as the kitchen couldn't keep food warm, but Amarjit has it in hand.

Graham noted that Mick the manager at the Sports Park is leaving very soon due to ill health and Shannon will be one of the members of the staff who will be TUPE'd over to whoever the new manager will be. There are several candidates but so far nothing has been decided. The sports sections will make the decision as to who will get the post. The ownership stays with Richings Sports Club Ltd.

Planning and enforcement

Commercial – The MSA is still an unknown outcome as that may change if Bucks Council changes radically.

Flats above the garage on Wellesley – stairs to be put in for accommodation and changes to the garage doors and more bins – Bucks refused the last application.

Parish and Unitary council updates

The Annual Parish meeting is on Wednesday 21st May at the Sports Club at 7.00pm. Agenda has been circulated on social media and is on the Parish Council web site. This is a meeting for residents and not run by the Councillors, although they facilitate the meeting. There will be a new Chair as Ciaran will be standing down.

Date of next meeting

TBA Second half of June, Joyce will do a What's app poll for best date.

Around the table

The path from the eastern end of Bathurst Walk to the station is covered in tree cuttings from the house at the end of Bathurst. Helen has reported as fly tipping on Fix My Street. Please report as well.

ACTION ALL

Ashville Aggregates have now gone bankrupt with debts of 3 million, but Ashville Aggregate, Ashville Rail and Thorney Sidings Rail currently shipping spoil into the sidings for transport out by rail, this activity seems to be behind the increase in HGV movements.

Ged advised that a bus shelter is not possible at the end of Thorney Lane South.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm