

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday April 9th 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), Julia Hill, Jim Skinner, Tina Heath, Will Goddard.

Sara Wong who lives in Thorney Mill Road would like to be involved in the committee.

APOLOGIES Kam Khatker, Kavita Deva, Nick Jones, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Gurmail Dhokal, Helen Pennie, Shantanu Tandon

NON-ATTENDEES: Maureen Atkinson, Rav Hayer, Kam Patel,

Arun Gaur has tendered his resignation due to changing circumstances. He will do the last notice for in and Around for this month only.

Sue Barber has tendered her resignation as she has moved. There is no one representing Wellesley Court on the management committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

More complaints about people sitting in the garden and evidence of drug taking so removal of the bench is critical. Will Goddard will try and get it sorted. ACTION Will

Jonathan Sykes – needs a follow up about ownership of the road by the railway station – Joyce will do this. ACTION Joyce

Insurance due this month so Graham will clarify indemnity liability. ACTION Graham

Residents notice Board – Action in hand - Julia. ACTION Julia

Missing waste bin at end of St Leonards Walk. Parish say it belongs to Bucks, Bucks say it belongs to Parish as neither have any knowledge of it. Wendy is in touch with the Waste department about it. ACTION Wendy

Heathrow

Local Focus Forum

Last meeting held at the Sports Club. Mainly about parking and parking operators.

Noise forum

Mainly about night flights and slot allocation. Consultation is out about slot allocation. Dummy flights are still flying at night to keep their allocated slots as these are expensive and no airline wants to lose them. Scheduled flights are still flying at weekends at night, but these do not fit the explanation from Heathrow that they are business flights. Wendy has met the new CEO where his vision is very much running an efficient business. Some community funds have been cut but only to businesses. Landing fees have been cut, so there needs to be other revenue to balance this out by having more flights and a more efficient way of using the airport to allow passengers to spend money at the terminals.

Highways update, verges, pavements and roads

Verges and grass cutting – Iver Parish have refused the option of taking on the cutting of these from Bucks.

The Bucks team are still trying to keep up with potholes, trees and floods.

Thorney Mill Road is on the list for resurfacing this year.

Signage – new 40mph and 30mph signs have now been done by Bucks for Richings Way and Thorney Lane South.

New Government initiative for allowing the closure of streets for residents. Does not include major roads but as the streets around Richings Park are all unallocated (not an A or B allocation) they are not seen as major roads, although they are described as strategic routes. The Residents association could support closure of roads as they have indemnity insurance. Graham will circulate this info onto the What's app group. He will also circulate the press release to the committee.

Wendy suggested asking Bucks for a template of how this would work. – there are templates on the Bucks website for groups to use. ACTION Wendy

Kingfisher Gardens / St Leonards Mound / Residents Garden

As previously circulated Bucks have decided to do the treatment for the water hemlock for this year only. This will happen in May, but no date has been set for this. Further funding would need to be obtained for future plans. Wendy, Joyce and Graham have been looking at possible funding streams with help from a Bucks officer.

Joyce has written to Heathrow who manage the Heathrow Rangers informing them of the situation and they have already said they are delighted to come back as they have missed the garden and have just prepared the ground for the sowing of wildflowers. They have also worked on the verge outside the garden. The garden is still locked until the hemlock has been removed.

A meeting has been arranged with a representative of the Colne Valley Park about the possible use of workplace volunteers to help clear the stream – They have the equipment we could use. Also to be used as part of the July Colne Valley festival.

St Leonards Mound –The Parish have agreed to either prune or fell any trees that are dangerous and will also be removing ivy. Work to start week beginning the 15th April. When it is cleared, in about a week, we can see what we need to do next. They will also make the entrance steps safe.

Gardening team –mowing has started.

Treasurers and membership report

Membership – Currently around 247 paid up members. So far, 5 new PayPal payments for 2024 – 25.

Still only two people supporting the lottery.

Finances

Accounts are ready and the information was circulated. There is about £5000 in the bank and a few creditors – mainly Graham. Projects are planned and will be discussed at the AGM next week.

The events team has a balance of about £7000. This was started to build a children playground which has now been done and the Parish maintain it.

Four projects are up for discussion: a mobile books swap container, information board opposite the station, a repair shop and mature tree planting. All of these will be discussed at the AGM and either a What's app poll or a survey monkey poll afterwards will decide which has priority.

Also discussed interpretive boards at the Residents and Kingfisher gardens – Joyce has found a supplier who has done the Colne Valley ones and will seek funding from the Heathrow Community fund. Also to be discussed at the AGM.

The gardening team has also an account which is held for maintaining and purchasing machinery.

AGM

Date set for Tuesday April 16th at 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

All project proposers to present their plans to the AGM, be prepared to talk through your project and the benefits it will bring to the park.

All streets have been leafleted.

Events

The annual litter pick with Iver and Iver Hath was held and Richings Park collected the most bags. There are two small prizes behind the bar at the Sports Club. We had the most people and the most bags.

Summer Ball This is still provisionally booked for Friday 12th July at the Sports Club, there is a suggestion that it is family orientated and further discussion needs to take place. Agenda item for next meeting. **ACTION Agenda item**

Iver Olympicnic

To be held on Saturday 13th July at Iver rec. Mainly run by Iver Residents association and Graham has been on the group organising this but found little interest in being involved by RP. There will be a stage and events, Mark Jones will be MC with mainly children's games and stalls.

No other events planned now, possible involvement after the AGM if anyone suggests ideas.

Planning and enforcement

Large Scale

Link Park. As it had gone back to the Planning Inspector there may have been a full public enquiry, but owners withdrew their appeal, and it is expected they will withdraw their application to Bucks. They are applying for a certificate of lawfulness as they want to revert to the permissions when Bardons held the lease. Any objections can only talk about the HGV movements. The owners are intending to sell it for open storage usage.

Wendy asked all to respond – Joyce will send the link out to all.

Ridgeway data centre. Still on hold.

Thorney Business Park. Still waiting for Section 106 agreement to be finalised

Woodlands Park. Was refused by the Secretary of state and refused Leave to Appeal by the High Court. They are now seeking leave to challenge the High Court ruling. Now submitted a new application for two data centres rather than three.

Court Lane. Gone to appeal.

Seven Hills Road. Still on going.

MSA – Bucks wrote to the Secretary of state for levelling up asking for all the objections that mentioned planning issues to be put aside with regard to the 1938 Act determination. Wendy and Graham have both written to the Dept to object to this and Wendy has had a response from them to say that all responses will be taken into account.

National Grid have applied for a new sub station north of the old one on Slough Road.

Parish and Unitary council updates

Annual Parish meeting is on the 22nd May, Iver Village Hall.

They are asking for reports from local voluntary organisations and Graham will do one for the residents to say what we have done over the past year.

Unitary – voting for a new Police and Crime commissioner will be on 2nd May at St Leonards Church Hall as usual. Voter ID will be required.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

Around the table

The interpretive boards we are looking at for the Residents and Kingfisher gardens – will be discussed at the AGM, possible artistic support from any residents?

Joyce will apply for funds from the Heathrow Community Fund.

ACTION Joyce

Data Protection policy – We do have one from 2023 but perhaps we need to revisit this as we hold information about people from Pay Pal accounts. Joyce has a newer version. To be looked at by all before the next meeting and to be finalised then.

AGENDA item

Sewage smell at the bottom of Old Slade Lane and the Poynings and Ridings – this is being investigated and environmental health are involved, we need a log of events.

Parked cars – car parked for a long time on Thorney Lane South has been causing traffic issues, think this is being dealt with by Councillor Griffin.

Richings Way – request from residents to possibly have a mirror to see oncoming traffic from the section of Richings Way before the roundabout because it is on a bend and traffic comes around fast. Wendy asked Julia to discuss this with the Local Area Technician (LAT). **ACTION Julia**

Discussed the fact that several road stewards do not attend these meetings so any concerns or the view of their streets are not heard. It was noted that some can't attend, but stewards should be submitting any concerns they get from their What's App group before the meetings.

Reminder to all - please read the minutes so you know what is happening in the area.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm