

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 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, Amarjit Dhaliwal, Nick Jones, Kam Khatker

**APOLOGIES,** Tina Heath, Sarah Wong, Shantanu Tandon, Will Goddard, Kavita Deva, Gurmail Dhokal

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

A number of residents attended to discuss an issue they had.

The residents wanted to ask if the residents association could help. Several householders (up to 100) have received a letter from Bucks Council about their houses being designated as Local Heritage Listed on the Bucks Heritage List. They gave us an overview of their concerns and a copy of that is attached for information. They are also listed in The Ivers Neighbourhood Plan. Many were unaware of their listing and not all houses affected have received letters, they noted that during the consultation that they had strenuously objected to this being made official practice. Their main concern is the lack of clarity the letter conveys and that it had already adversely affected some house sales. Some areas of owned land (outside the shops on Wellesley) have been declared Open Space

The committee and the Chair agreed to take their concerns further - and the Chair will meet with a representative of the group and draft a letter to Bucks Council setting out their concerns and seeking clarity.

ACTION Graham

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING**

The tree whips are on their way and Joyce, Wendy, Nick, Shantanu, Helen, Amarjit and Kam will take some each and plant them on. Joyce will let them know when they arrive.

The rubbish behind the bike shop, Graham explained how he agreed a price (£179) with the rubbish collectors for what appeared to be the right amount of rubbish, but they did not take it all. Agreed we should still remove this. Received £50 from Ballcomm and £20 from Keen Dicy Grover. Committee to let Graham know of rubbish collection services they can recommend. Kam will also discuss this with shop owners to see if they have a solution.

Mentioned again that perhaps we should have signs down that lane saying – We are watching you / no fly tipping – who would like to take this on? Possibly shop owners?

Mobile library – this is in progress and Kam has already got some books and has found a possible storage unit. It was thought that perhaps a bespoke unit from the Black Park Men in Sheds was a better solution and would keep costs down. May need a cover but Kam will keep an eye on it and take it out and bring it back in every day. Also suggested that we should perhaps attach it to something immovable.

ACTION Kam /Will

Parking on the grass outside the businesses by the station is worse as residents take up a lot of parking spaces after closing time and delivery drivers are using it and churning up the grass.

Bus stop - Ged to lead on this – thinks we can't put on verge by roundabout but no further news.

## **AGM Planning**

AGM is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Sports Club.

The AGM notices for individual roads have been circulated and Graham would like these to be checked by each street steward before they go to be printed.

Noted that Shantanu's number needs to be changed, Smartville needs a little more information and Will noted that the Neighbourhood Police team be changed to Local Neighbourhood Watch Report. Any other comments by the end of this week.

Leaflets will go to Nick for circulation by mid-week beg 3<sup>rd</sup> March along with envelopes and labels for the envelopes. Street stewards to check the spreadsheet for PayPal payments as those houses do not need envelopes. Latest spreadsheet was sent this week, please let Joyce know if you need any help with this.

Shantanu and Graham have finalised the accounts, which balance.

## **Heathrow**

### **Community forum**

Mostly about Heathrow's plans and a third runway. The DFT used the word 'proposals' which may mean other options other than the one submitted by Heathrow may be on the table. Air space changes including dual mode flight paths will bring them over Richings Park. More 'go arounds' noted and we must report any fly overs or other noise issues as the heat map produced by the number of complaints is very cold over our area.

## **SMARTVILLE**

Training on camera monitoring is in hand but the email [cctv@richingspark.com](mailto:cctv@richingspark.com) that Tony set up to advise us of reports has not been active recently. Need to ask him to copy us in on reports made so we can keep up to speed with actions. Joyce will write to him. ACTION Joyce

## **Speedwatch**

No news on this – Joyce will remind Paul Griffin again.

## **Repair café**

Last café was at Iver Heath on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and the one after at St Leonards on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Booking is now open. Iver Heath very successful with a 100% fix rate. Took £94 on the day.

The one after March will be slightly different and involve community input. Possible date is 12<sup>th</sup> April – to be confirmed.

Funding application for interpretative boards – Heathrow Take off fund may support this, and a mock-up was sent to Heathrow for them to look at it. Still waiting on their response.

Sent out to all committee members for info.

## **Kingfisher Gardens**

Quote of £2000 for Colne Valley to clear the stream and bank – we are still looking for funding for this and Graham has approached the Ivers Volunteers at Work group as they have just had a grant from the Community fund.

It was thought that perhaps we should use the professionals from Colne Valley as there are possibly water voles. Joyce to pursue funding via the Heathrow Foundation community fund.

ACTION Joyce / Wendy

Fly monitoring – Amarjit and Jim are being trained on this on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Gardening team**

Clippings from the trees – Joyce was pointed by someone from Bucks to the parks dept for clearance of these, she will chase to find a contact there. Still not heard – will try again.

ACTION Joyce

Twigs need clearing from grass before mowing starts and Neil is servicing the mowers.

## **Finance report**

Accounts are reconciled, final file to be done this weekend by Shantanu and Graham.

## **Membership report**

All PayPal payments have now been completed except a for a couple which have lapsed.

## **Events**

### **Projects**

ABBA summer party booked for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Amarjit, Shantanu and Ged have met and are discussing catering with the club, possibly an Indian starter and something like Coq au Vin as a main with cheese and biscuits, buffet style.

The group have been booked – two ladies.

Noted that the Orchard catering company have left and Mick is leaving late summer.

## **Unitary Council Elections Hustings**

These have been arranged for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Sports Club – more information will come out via Social media. There will be at least 6 candidates.

## **Spring Clean litter pick**

Kam is leading on this, Graham has a bag of equipment which he will drop with Kam. Posters will go out soon. Encouraged everyone to join in and make this a successful day. ACTION Kam

## **Planning and enforcement**

### **Domestic – none**

**Commercial** – Noted that Ashville is in administration, but will no doubt reappear.

16 Data centres proposed across the Ivers – with 9 at Thorney Park, Court Lane, Pinewood and others. Electricity substation will not be able to cope, as even after expansion it will be at capacity.

## **Meeting with MP**

Graham met with Joy Morrissey and IHRA about joining together so that she represents the whole of the Ivers in her objections to Green belt submissions.

## **Parish and Unitary council updates**

Work to install a cable to supply development/data centres in Southall involves using a part of Parish Council land and £192,000 will be paid to the Parish Council for earmarked reserves use for Open Spaces. We may be able to access this for work on the bank at Kingfisher Garden.

The council goes into Purdah from the 18<sup>th</sup> March which means no actions taken by either the Parish or the Bucks Councils.

New police team of 4 with a wider remit, taking in Iver as well as the Farnhams, Denham and Stoke Poges.

Drains will be done down Thorney Mill Road.

## **Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm - to arrange and finalise the AGM**

## **Around the table**

Richings Way – area of green has been reseeded.

Noted that the tree by Tower Arms has been pruned.

Liaison with businesses – Kam is continuing this but please give more notice to them of planned events.

St Leonards Mound – Heathrow Rangers and volunteers working tomorrow Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> .

Meeting closed at 9.10pm