

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017, RPSC, 7.30PM

PRESENT: Maureen Worrall (Chair), Cllr Wendy Matthews, Daphne Wood, Lisa Popa (Minutes)

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Cooney, Marie Cooney, Rajni Chadha of Thorney Lane South

APOLOGIES: Graham Young, Jan Wiseman, Matthew McEvoy, Stewart O'Malley, Gurjit Sandhu, Ged Western, Naz Akbar, Cllr Paul Griffin

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 21 November 2017: accepted as a true and accurate record

MATTERS ARISING AND OTHER ISSUES: items not on the current agenda were discussed:

Thorney Lane South: Residents raised a number of issues relating to their road:

1. **Volume of traffic, specifically HGVs** – Wendy reported that the campaign for a relief road is still open, which would help to reduce HGV traffic through Richings Park, but there is no money available to fund it at the present time.
2. **Speeding traffic** – Wendy reported that a speed review was initiated by BCC but funds ran out before they could review Richings Park, so it remains incomplete. BCC cost to reduce the speed limit would be about £18k (£76k for traffic lights) although this would not necessarily stop speeding – it would have to be monitored and enforced. If the station car park gets approval in January then a pedestrian crossing will be installed in Thorney Lane South which will help to slow the traffic approaching the crossing; the speed limit may also be changed. There are two courses of action that residents could take: write to Police Chief Constable asking for help; set-up a community speed watch team in collaboration with the Police; report the problem to Transport for Bucks (TfB). A new Community Police Forum is being set-up in the New Year – residents could attend this meeting and raise the issue there.
3. **Poor state of pavements** – this is a problem right across Richings Park and the only way to get action is to keep reporting the problems to TfB. The more people who report the problems, and the more frequently, the more likely it will elicit a response from BCC to repair the pavements as funds are allocated on a priority basis. Overhanging trees/bushes obstructing the pavements should also be reported to TfB.

HEATHROW

DfT consultation on revised draft Airports National Policy Statement: Gratitude was expressed to Lisa Popa on behalf of the Committee for preparing and submitting a response to the consultation for RPRA.

Expansion Consultation: Heathrow's consultation on the third runway and airspace change will commence in the New Year, although details of the consultation events are still awaited. Cllr Wendy Mathews and Graham Young will attend a pre-briefing on 10 January.

HIGHWAYS UPDATES: VERGES/PAVEMENTS/ROADS:

AREA AROUND THE SHOPS:

Footpaths: Footpath resurfacing in Bathurst Walk, between Thorney Lane South and Wellesley Avenue, will take place in February/March 2018.

Broadband: Openreach has advised there is a permit in place to enable the contractors to install the DSLAM equipment on 8th January 2018, and a request has been sent asking the power company for a date to align with this work. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the cabinet and power should be installed and

powered by mid-January 2018. The remaining infrastructure work will then be carried out to provide the fibre and complete the copper work. Thanks to Lindsey Beagle for her persistence in pursuing this issue.

Kingfisher Garden: A circular was sent to local residents, allegedly in the name of RPRM, which provoked an unhappy response on Facebook from one resident. The Committee was not aware of the circular, which will be reported to Graham Young for investigation. **Action: Graham Young**

Defibrillator: The final sum of £231.12 was pledged on 19 December from generous residents, so the defibrillator can now be ordered for installation. Gratitude was expressed by the Committee to all those who donated to this worthy cause. Invoices will need to be raised to claim the promised donations from both BCC and RPRM. **Action: Matthew McEvoy**

RICHINGS PARK VILLAGE ACTION GROUP (RPVAG) REPORT:

Children's Christmas Party: Despite the weather the Christmas party was very well attended and was a tremendous success, with a mountain of presents donated for Bucks Kids in Care. The event was well organised and lots of fun; and 11 subscriptions were raised for the Residents Association. Gratitude was expressed by the Committee to RPVAG for organising the party and to Harpreet for taking the presents to Bucks Kids in Care in Chesham.

Children's Playground : £40k has been granted by HS2 to the community fund and combined with the £10k raised by residents, the full funding has now been achieved. A draft design was presented to residents at the children's Christmas party and good feedback received, which will be incorporated into the design. The working group are aiming to place the order in January and the playground is expected to take about 12 weeks to complete. It will be gifted to Iver Parish Council who have formally agreed to maintain the playground (and will cover the costs).

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP FIGURES REPORT: The current position is:

£13k savings account (this includes £10k playground money and defibrillator money)
£1,600 current account

PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

1 LOCAL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.

1.1 **Main Drive:** the appeal to build a new house has been refused.

1.2 **19-21 Bathurst Walk:** the application to build flats on this site was approved after the parking arrangement was amended.

1.3 **Sutton Lane:** retrospective planning application for airport parking was refused, although illegal parking is now going on. SBDC plan to manage this problem by implementing an illegal parking policy which will enable them to enforce restrictions on illegal parking at this and other sites in the locality.

1.4 **Sej Place:** the application for additional flats on this site was has been withdrawn.

1.5 **CEMEX:** archaeological investigations are currently taking place, but there have been reports of illegal night working on the site from local residents which Cemex denied at a recent meeting of the RP Cemex Liaison Group. Residents are asked to keep a log of these events and gather evidence where possible (photos, video) and report this to BCC via the Parish Council.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL: the Christmas Lights Switch On at Iver Clock Tower Square on 25 November was well attended and was a tremendous success. Gratitude was expressed by the Committee to Maureen and Tina for organising the Christmas lights in Richings Park with the Parish Council, which all agreed look great.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 23 January, 7.30 pm RPSC

NEXT DOMINIC GRIEVE VISIT: Friday 12 January 2018, 6pm, Wendy's (23 Old Slade Lane)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reports from residents that the motorbike store in Bathurst Walk is causing a nuisance with bikes being used on the pavement and taking up the disabled parking bay. Wendy advised that residents should report this to BCC.

The SBDC inclement weather procedure was completed and successfully launched (dog/ litterbins still need to be emptied). Wendy has requested that the SBDC new leaf collector be deployed to Richings Park.

Wendy attended a meeting with Grundon – they now have 100% recycling at their site and they are in dialogue with Heathrow about the impact of the third runway on their Colnbrook plant.

Update on the Elizabeth Line – TfL Crossrail has taken over the station. The ticket office is now open until 13:00hrs and TfL has confirmed that the station will be built – they expect to start groundworks in February. Iver will come into the Oyster zone when cabling is extended to the station, but here is no timeline for this.

MEETING ENDED AT: 9.00 pm