

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018, RPSC, 7.30PM

PRESENT: Graham Young (Chair), Naz Akbar, Maureen Atkinson, Tina Heath (from 8 pm), Cllr Wendy Matthews, Matthew McEvoy, Gurjit Sandhu, Ged Weston, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Maureen Worrall

IN ATTENDANCE: Satnam Brar, Dimitri Reshetov, Cllr Luisa Sullivan

APOLOGIES: Muhktar Ali, Cllr Paul Griffin, Stewart O' Malley, Lisa Popa, Daphne Wood, Cllr Chris Jordan

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (19 December 2017): accepted as a true and accurate record. Maureen Worrall added that Tina Heath had sent her apologies and these needed to be added to the December minutes. **Action: Jan**

MATTERS ARISING: see below.

HEATHROW John Read of South Bucks District Council (SBDC) had sent apologies and did not attend the meeting. He is the SBDC representative on the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee, now the Community Engagement Forum. Graham has listed some of our concerns about Heathrow and would like him to come regularly.

Consultation Events: RP Sports Club on Friday 2 March. The results of the consultations are not legally binding. They cover informally two aspects: firstly, Heathrow have a number of options about how to go about construction, where the 3rd runway would go and the relocation of essential facilities. Secondly land is required around the airport for expansion and for industry, businesses and hotels that will be displaced but these will require planning applications. Thorney Golf Club, Link Park and Thorney Sidings, Thorney Park and land south of the Poynings are all possible options. Link Park is one option for a terminal for aviation fuel! Another is the Total fuel depot on Thorney Sidings. Diversion of rivers affects fields south of the Tower Arms and The Ridings and Poynings. Gravel might be taken from the field at the bottom end of Old Slade Lane. Flood relief schemes affect Thorney Park and Thorney Golf Course. Consultations allow Heathrow to assess resistance to their plans and narrow down the options. Formal consultations on the narrowed-down options will take place later in the year. Fuller information is available on the Iver Parish Council (IPC) website and a complete set of documents can be viewed at the Parish Office. We need to make residents aware of the meeting on 2 March. See below under 'Dates of Next Meetings'. Ged will post details on the Richings Park Facebook page. **Action :Ged.**

Forums & Workshops Reports: Heathrow want local groups to focus on issues such as mapping airspace We are consistent: there should be no 3rd runway. We need a concerted response to the airspace on-line survey. **Action: Graham and Wendy to draw up suitable wording.**

HIGHWAYS UPDATES: VERGES/PAVEMENTS/ROADS: Luisa reported a success: Bathurst Walk footway has started to be resurfaced. Somerset Way: work on the footpath is pending. However there is no forward plan for the Ivers: Luisa has insisted that Bucks County Council (BCC) Transport for Bucks come to future discussions fully informed on issues affecting our area. Luisa has drawn up a plan for repair and resurfacing.

Parking Consultation: unanimous approval has been given for the station car park. BCC Transport for Bucks must now set up informal consultations with residents and draw up a parking plan. Restrictions must be wide enough to deter commuter parking. WM still has some paperwork from the original scheme.

UPDATE ON PLANTERS & RESIDENTS' GARDEN (Maureen Atkinson): Maureen will maintain the metal planters and recoup the cost from IPC. Action: Maureen A. She will also maintain our tubs. Graham stressed that the Residents' Garden is a drain on our resources. We need to find £600 pa and discussed events onto which the fundraising could be bolted. Ged and Gurjit offered £300 from Fireworks Night. **Action Ged, Gurjit.**

SBDC LOTTERY FUNDING: only Graham and Wendy have registered.

BROADBAND: work in progress but still no deadline.

HGV ISSUES

HGV Signs: discussed in Paul Griffin's absence. Luisa and Wendy reported that a new sign has been put up at the entry to Syke Cluan. The sign at the entry to Wellesley Avenue needs to be moved. Gurjit has offered to progress this and location of other signs with Paul. **Action: Gurjit.** Wendy added that we should approach satnav companies to amend their routes.

Relief Road Status: on going.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME update: Graham reported that it is still growing. Recently four new volunteer drivers have applied.

KINGFISHER GARDEN: Graham had sent an email to Robert Crouch in response to Robert's complaint that his work on the garden was ignored and undervalued. The Committee thanked Graham for the email, which he had copied to them. Mr Crouch has not replied and Dimitri will remind Alan Barrett to speak to him.

Thorney Brook: on going.

DEFIBRILLATOR: Jan reported that the equipment was due to be delivered. Concerns about the Community Heartbeat Trust's response time had been allayed after Jan emailed their National Secretary, Martin Fagan. Publicity will be organised when the equipment is installed and Martin will be invited. **Action: Jan**

WINTER NEWSLETTER: Jan had sent out a draft and will circulate another which incorporates changes suggested by the Committee. **Action: Jan.** It needs to be published shortly.

RICHINGS PARK VILLAGE ACTION GROUP (RPVAG) REPORT:

Litter Picking, Saturday 20 January despite the rain, Ged reported that there was a reasonable turnout.

Richings Pints: Tower Arms, 7.30 pm Friday 2 February.

2018 Activity Plan: events include Summer Fete, Film in the Park, Gala Dinner Fireworks and Christmas Party. A list of dates across the year will be circulated. **Action: Ged**

Children's Playground – Progress Report: Graham reported that the funding application has passed HS2's conditions. The three quotes needed are now in and there will be a meeting in a few days to decide which contractor to use.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP FIGURES REPORT: Matthew reported that of 791 houses, 216 had joined to-date. Recruitment will be discussed at the Constitution sub-committee, which will meet on 30 January. Bank balances: current account £882, savings account £14,042 (earmarked).

PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

1 Local Applications Submitted: no list accompanied the agenda this month; SBDC has changed the format which makes cutting and pasting items to form one document problematic. So, Graham read out the list of planning applications.

1.1 **32 North Park:** another application to extend and Graham has objected on our behalf.

1.2 **Bathurst Close Status:** Naz reported on the residents' objections to the developer's proposals.

1.3 **CEMEX Activities:** the situation is being closely monitored by residents. There are regular meetings with Cemex.

1.4 **Breedon Application:** nothing further on their application to use Thorney Sidings.

1.5 **Thorney Country Park:** on-going. See the IPC website for more information. Dimitri added that we need to go over our objections before the meeting on 12 February. Ged suggested that we try to get people to use the park more often.

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS: see item under Highways Updates for Luisa's report on County. (Luisa left at 8.30). Wendy reported on District matters: the Unitary decision is reported to be imminent. Work on the Local Plan is ongoing and it will go to consultation in about four months.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL: Wendy reported that, as the Neighbourhood Plan tracks the Local Plan, it has been local delayed. Dates for workshops to be confirmed.

CONSTITUTION SUB-COMMITTEE, Progress Report: Ged, Wendy, Maureen W and Jan will meet on 30 January, 8 pm at RPSC. **Action: Ged**

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 28th February 28 and 20th March. There will be a separate sub-committee meeting to prepare for the Heathrow consultation (2nd March): Wednesday 21 February, RPSC.

DOMINIC GRIEVE MEETING REPORT: Wendy gave a brief report on the meeting (Friday 12 January 2018, 6pm). Our concerns are put to Dominic at each meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Daphne had emailed some items which she asked Jan to raise in her absence:

New Gate at Station Approach: Daphne was concerned that the gate is smaller. Wendy responded at the meeting that it is the same size. The Richings Park sign is now on order.

Photos of RPRA Committee: Naz reported at the meeting that photos could not be included on the Newsletter because of lack of both space and response.

Pavements: Ged will chase Elizabeth Cullen (SBDC) to have mud and grit cleaned from North Park and Richings Way, including the width restriction. Daphne's email added that she had complained to BCC about the state of the pavement opposite Pump House in North Park.

Matthew reported that Iver Station was now staffed in the evening, although the new ticket machine had been vandalised.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.