

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 13 DECEMBER 2016, RPSC, 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Graham Young (Chair), Naz Akbar, Maureen Atkinson, Alan Barrett, Wendy Matthews, Matthew McEvoy, Stewart O'Malley, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall

**Apologies:** Lindsey Beagle, Karanveer Bembey, Paul Griffin, Lisa Popa

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting (25 October 2016):** Jan will reissue the minutes with Wendy's amendments. On this basis the minutes were accepted. **Action: Jan**

**Matters Arising and Other Issues**

Heathrow Forums and Workshops Report: we had had our first meeting with Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) since the announcement confirming the Third Runway. We have raised several issues: number and overnight parking of HGVs, local bus services and housing. However, they have had no approaches from our local authorities in support of our requests.

Compensation: Matthew asked about the position. Wendy replied that currently we do not qualify but with the reconfiguration of the existing runways it is possible that we would. To-date we are not included in Third Runway compensation. Our biggest problem will be any proposed re-siting in our area of eg: Poyle industrial estate, BA and HAL headquarters, the Grundon incinerator.

Highways Updates - Verges/Pavements/Roads: nothing further reported

Highways Updates – Station Approach Acquisition: we have been advised that it would cost £10k to try to file a claim with the Crown. We will complete the forms and claim 'adverse possession' which is cheaper. **Action: WM**

Area Around the Shops – Parking Consultation/Planters/Trees: Graham will be meeting the tree surgeon this week to discuss lopping some branches.

Parking: enough residents in Wellesley Avenue have signed in support of a residents' parking zone – 80% or more. The documentation will be presented to Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) through The Parish Council.

Parking: Naz reported the problems caused over the past four years to Bathurst Close residents trapped by inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Photographs have been taken, police called, a white line painted. Naz has emailed Mark Shaw, cabinet member for transportation at BCC, and Dominic Grieve, our MP. The Close residents have offered to pay for double yellow lines, which can be enforced by law. But BCC are not willing to take action. Naz will keep up pressure on Mark Shaw and Dominic Grieve, and involve the local press. **Action: Naz**

Area Around the Shops – clearing up the area. Daphne reported that compressed leaves in the road outside The Chip Shop made crossing difficult. Malik at Costcutters, the landlord, has spoken to The Chip Shop about keeping the outside

area clean. It was noted that Iver Heath has set up a working party to clean up their area.

Broadband: Wendy has had another meeting with the Head of Broadband for the Council rollout arm of Bucks Business First. There is a problem with cabinet 9, which is outside the former post office. It has been placed accidentally on private property and must be moved onto a highways verge. We must fight to get BT to act. Wendy and the Head of Broadband are drafting a letter for individual residents to send to BT to stimulate action. **Action: Wendy**

HGV Signs: Paul Griffin has put up a sign at the junction of Wellesley Avenue and Richings Way. It needs slight modification but will be a great improvement. Graham and Stewart will ask Paul if he needs help with more signs; his costs will be reimbursed. **Action: Graham, Stewart**

Christmas Event: Friday 16 December, RPSC, 4 pm until 8 pm. All were asked to help setting up from 3 pm. **Action: All**

Good Neighbourhood Scheme: initially we want to set up a volunteer driver scheme. There is a meeting on 13 January 2017, Jubilee Pavilion, 6.30 pm. We need an organiser and drivers, and the initial meeting will indicate the level of support.

Newsletter: Jan was asked to produce a printed newsletter, based on the minutes of the Residents' Association meetings. **Action: Jan**

583 Bus Service: the attached letter from a resident was discussed. Jan will reply to the resident. **Action: Jan**

**Treasurer's and Membership Figures Report:** Lindsey is standing down and Matthew will take her place. **Action: Matthew**

### **Planning/Enforcement**

1 **Heathrow:** Heathrow and Northern Runway Alterations: no further news

### 2 **HS2/HEX**

House of Lord Select Committee Hearing: Wendy represented Iver Parish Council and also took the Richings Park presentation as Graham was away. Paul Griffin represented Iver residents. HS2 gave way on nothing. There has been a generous settlement with Slough but our £1.4 million will not fund a relief road. HS2 did, however, remove some conditions previously attached to our funding.

Hollow Hill Lane Closure Update: we have attended all the meetings called by Slough Borough Council. BCC also attended and are aware of the issue with SBC's action. We have alerted Dominic Grieve, who will try to talk to Slough MP, Fiona McTaggart. Slough Observer published a joint letter from Langley Action Groups, Colnbrook and RPRA. The HS2 bill may be given royal assent in February 2017.

### 3 **CEMEX**

The date to register objections has passed. Two meetings for residents of Bathurst Walk west and Syke Cluan were poorly attended. We have requested a visit to an

existing Cemex site and want to take a video with sound so we can show residents the noise and dust. Cemex plan to have a concrete batch plant on site and use extracted gravel to make concrete for WRAtH. But WRAtH say the concrete is unsuitable. We will push for the batch plant to be removed from the plans and this might change the viability of the site. There will be a hearing in February or March.

#### **4 South Bucks Local Plan**

The deadline for comments has now passed.

#### **5 Iver Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan**

We need to generate more involvement from Richings Park residents. The Neighbourhood Plan will now include Pinewood. In January Iver Parish Council will send out information prior to a formal consultation. Residents will define their preferred options. The priorities will then form the local plan. We can include a car park for Iver station, but not general parking concerns.

#### **6 Local Applications Submitted**

(See the list accompanying the agenda.)

Shop, formerly The Flower Academy: there is an application to convert the shop to a dwelling house. Graham will register an objection on behalf of residents: there has been little effort put into renting out the shop; we would lose a local retail amenity; it is incongruous to site a house in a row of shops. **Action: Graham**

Main Drive: we need to object to another house being built. It is green belt and would set a precedent. **Action: Graham**

Land adjacent to Buckfield Court: the new owner is trying to go back to the original plan. We will object. **Action: Graham, Wendy**

#### **Report from County/District Councils**

Unitary Authority Proposals: the Residents' Association will write to Sajid Javid, Mayor of London, who will be making a decision personally in the New Year. We need to press for the more locally-based option, with Buckinghamshire being divided administratively into two or three areas. In the South, Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks would be one area. The alternative is that BCC at Aylesbury would run the whole of Buckinghamshire. **Action: Stewart, Graham and Wendy**

#### **Report from Parish Council**

Wendy, a Parish Councillor, reported that their objections to the local plan in Iver Heath had been accepted. The Christmas lights contract is due for renewal and in January Iver Parish Council will set up a working group to define the requirements. Jan agreed to represent Richings Park residents. **Action: Jan**

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 17 January 7.30 pm RPSC

#### **Any Other Business**

David Wilson Homes: we do not support this speculative development.

Ridgeway Estate: DX House and Olympic House are being converted into flats but there have been difficulties in getting mortgages on those completed.

Old Bardon Site: there are at least 150 parcels of land. All business applicants are informed of the restrictions to hours of working but enforcement is essential.

Kingfisher Park: the Environment Agency are still investigating the compensation issue. We await the outcome.

North Park: Daphne pressed South Bucks District Council to clean the pavements. The small sweeping machine they used also removed some of the surface, which then gets silted up again. There is no sign of the promised pavement resurfacing. There is also a rumbling sound from the road when heavy lorries pass which may indicate an issue under the ground.

Crossrail: we need photographic evidence of the white Richings Park gate previously sited near Thorney Lane rail bridge, and the bins. Crossrail will not reinstate them without proof. We will report the advertising board at the entrance to Court Lane which does not have planning permission.

Crossrail are also under the impression that Iver station is not well used: the ticket office is often closed; the ticket machine is not working and several commuters travel without tickets. This impression means that developers are less willing to invest in a car park. Crossrail will be putting up temporary metal barriers on the station footbridge to prevent illegal access to the electrical wiring. There is a replanting programme to replace the hedgerows which will start soon. They will use native species.

Pot Hole: at the junction of Somerset Way and Thorney Lane South. It has been reported and we will also try Fixmystreet.com.

21 Somerset Way: Maureen Atkinson has had several issues with the development on this site, which adjoins hers. There is rubbish and litter at the front, and wood piled high at the back. She has phoned Environmental Health.

Paddington Train: Matthew reported that the 00.34 is now stopping regularly at Iver, Monday to Saturday.

Colne Valley Park: a lottery grant is being used to document the area round the park, of which we are part, to enable for example an industrial heritage trail to be set up.

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm