

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017, RPSC, 7.30PM

PRESENT: Graham Young (Chair), Alan Barrett, Tina Heath, Cllr Wendy Matthews, Matthew McEvoy, Lisa Popa, Ged Weston, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall

IN ATTENDANCE: Dimitri Reshetov, Thorney Mill Road

APOLOGIES: Naz Akbar, Mukhtar Ali, Maureen Atkinson, Cllr Paul Griffin, Cllr Chris Jordan, Cllr Jilly Jordan, Stewart O'Malley, Gurjit Sandhu, Cllr Luisa Sullivan

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 26 September 2017: accepted as a true and accurate record

MATTERS ARISING AND OTHER ISSUES: items not on the current agenda were discussed:
Maureen Worrall had sent Wendy details of a neighbour who seems to be renting out an annexe. Maureen had reported it to Enforcement with no result. Wendy reported it again and will chase Enforcement to take action. **Action: Wendy**

Somerset Way: Wendy has had an initial response from Enforcement. Owners of the property had applied for a side and rear extension and then demolished the building. **Action: Wendy**

The Committee agreed to invite a member of the Enforcement team to a future meeting to talk about how they set their priorities. Graham will contact Ben Temple. **Action: Graham**

HEATHROW

Forum and Workshops Report: Wendy and Graham have been to a number of noise-related workshops. Concerned local groups have put pressure on Heathrow to pay for professional consultancy for them. Heathrow has agreed in principle and consultants are being sought. All groups aim to speak with one voice. Gatwick could be a useful contact. **Action: Graham to report back at the next meeting.**

Expansion Consultation: Heathrow's expansion consultation has been put back. To save time, they will run several together in the first quarter of 2018. Performance Based Navigation (PBN) will be introduced at all UK airports and we are trying to understand its implication for Richings Park. The Government have not revealed any plans about flight paths but with the Third Runway aircraft will have to fly over Richings Park and Iver. The Department of Transport are now looking at a noise envelope construction in terms of contours for noise levels/people affected. We have fewer residents and therefore may get more noise. Pollution: Heathrow are saying that their plans to reduce traffic on the M4/M25 offsets pollution from planes. But they are showing no signs of investment in public transport.

Lisa presented two documents. The first, which she had written on behalf of RPRA, is a response to the revised draft Airports National Policy Statement (NPS). The second, a paper from HACAN (Heathrow Airport Communities Against Noise), summarises key points in the draft NPS. Lisa explained that the changes made to the first draft are difficult to follow and HACAN's report enabled us all to understand it more clearly. Nothing ameliorates the impact in our area. Wendy asked Lisa to add an extra paragraph on the impact of freight, which is not mentioned in the NPS. Then Lisa's document will be submitted to Government as our official response. **Action: Lisa.** All thanked Lisa for her work

HIGHWAYS UPDATES: VERGES/PAVEMENTS/ROADS:

AREA AROUND THE SHOPS:

Clearing Around the Area: Wendy reported that Transport for Bucks (Bucks County Council - BCC) will deal with drainage problems in Wellesley Avenue near Iver station on 18 November. There are new street lights

in Wellesley Avenue. Parking: BCC have issued a statement on using parking meters for time-frame parking and aim to install them in 2018-2019. If the first half-hour is free it will be beneficial for local shops.

Residents have been observed blowing leaves into the road and drains, which then block. **Action: All** to report to Wendy who will ask TFB to write to them. Roads were being cleaned in Wellesley Avenue and Somerset Way on Saturday morning. Ged has a schedule of BCC road sweeping/litter picking which he will email to Jan to circulate. **Action: Ged, Jan.** TFB are also responsible for cutting back vegetation and Dimitri will report Thorney Mill Road to them for action. **Action: Dimitri.** Ged will send Dimitri the contact details for Elizabeth Cullen, who coordinates contractors including Biffa on behalf of SBDC. **Action: Ged**

Planters Budget, Residents' Garden Budget: we look after the iron planters but Iver Parish Council (IPC) pay for the plants. Once plants have been bought, Graham will send IPC an invoice. **Action: Graham.** Maureen Atkinson has taken on the role of horticultural consultation in respect of the planters and the Residents' Garden. The gardener must agree all work in advance with Maureen and although we have not previously set a budget we will do so next year.

BROADBAND: nothing further. **Action: Wendy**

HGV ISSUES

HGV Signs: Paul and Graham to meet and decide where to put signs. **Action C/F: Paul, Graham.**

HGV RELIEF ROAD STATUS: nothing further to report but we will keep it on the agenda.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME UPDATE: there are 50 clients and 50-plus journeys, with an advert in 'In and Around Iver' for new drivers. The Iver scheme is growing faster than others in the county. It is also an SBDC lottery good cause (see below).

KINGFISHER GARDEN: Graham had arranged to have leaflets delivered to properties on Thorney Mill Road both about BCC's plan to dump spoil in Thorney Park (see below) and also about getting together a working party for Kingfisher Garden. SBDC who own the land have received complaints that we are not maintaining it. But we are looking after the garden; Alan reported that the central grass is mown every few weeks and it looks overgrown because the garden was set up as a wildlife park. Wendy will pass this information on to SBDC. **Action: Wendy.** Alan and Dimitri will coordinate any volunteers that Graham sends them and set a date for a working party session. **Action: Alan, Dimitri**

Thorney Brook: the Environment Agency are sending in Enforcement to speak to the householder who has diverted the stream. Alan will confirm the house number to Wendy. **Action: Alan**

DEFIBRILLATOR REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE: Jan reported that fund raising would start on 1st November, with Ged's posters and the donation envelopes going into local shops. Jan and Ged's press release would be sent out to local publications and there would be information on social media.

SBDC LOTTERY: Graham reported that this could be an additional source of income for the defibrillator. Tickets are sold on-line only at £1 per line, with 60% going to registered good causes. The defibrillator has been registered.

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER: Graham reported that 130 had been taken and he had put another 100 into Costcutters. **Action: Jan to email the Newsletter to Wendy for IPC**

RICHINGS PARK VILLAGE ACTION GROUP (RPVAG) REPORT: the Bollywood/Hollywood dinner dance had been very successful and all had enjoyed it. A profit of £3,700 had been made on the night for the

Playground fund. Richings Cycle, Richings Sparkle and Richings Pints were well supported. Fireworks Night: the event on 5 November was being well advertised and should prove popular. A Children's Christmas party was planned again this year, with IPC giving a grant of £200 as before. **Action: Ged**

Children's Playground : see above. Graham had submitted a revised application to the HS2 community fund.

Neighbourhood Watch – CCTV Networking: the Ivers would like to emulate Ickenham and coordinate cctv to give improved cover. Graham has written to our local police, asking them to liaise with Ickenham and give their support for such a system here. **Action: Graham**

Police/Community Crime Priorities Consultation Forums: police resources are contracting and prioritising is important. Consultation Forums are being set up which are independent of police and also of local authorities. Graham had been asked to be the independent chairman of the South Bucks forum, covering South Bucks, Denham, Gerrards Cross, Iver. The forums aim to define priorities and set out the impacts of crime.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP FIGURES REPORT: Matthew apologised for not bringing a report. He will send out an updated membership list to road stewards and bring a summary to the next meeting. **Action: Matthew**

PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

1 LOCAL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.

1.1 **List accompanying the agenda.** Graham has written to oppose an additional development at Sej Place, next to Residents' Garden. **Action: All to object**

In the pipeline: a local developer is planning to buy land in Bathurst Close and some of the road behind Costcutters from the Crown for guaranteed access to back gardens. All land that was unadopted belongs to the Crown because it reverted at the point at which the original developers went bankrupt.

1.2 **CEMEX Status:** there has been an inaugural meeting of the local liaison group. CEMEX have updated their plans. Wendy reported that for the North East corner, abutting Bathurst Close, the timeframe, including excavation, removal and restoration, was no more than 6 months. It was felt that Sutton Lane Junction should be upgraded first before the lorry movements. CEMEX 2018 community funds would give up to £250 to a suitable local project. The next liaison group meeting: 4 December 2017, 7.30pm, RPGC

1.3 **Bredon Application:** BCC are still deliberating. Graham has written to them as their provisionally agreed route is inconsistent to the one they had agreed with CEMEX.

1.4 **Flats by the Station:** a new application has gone which conforms to parking requirements.

1.5 **New Station Build:** going ahead. Trees are being cleared.

1.6 **Thorney Country Park:** Wendy and Graham had attended BCC's presentation, which they rated as abysmal: no knowledge of local area, no consultation and no benefit to us. Despite the insistence that spoil would be moved by rail, the suspicion is that lorries will be needed. The project is going ahead but Graham will write to Dominic Grieve on behalf of RPRA as there appears to be a conflict of interest: BCC are awarding the contract and are benefiting to the tune of £6m. Can they also be running the consultation exercise? **Action: All to write to BCC opposing the project**

REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILS: BCC: Cllr Luisa Sullivan's update email will be sent to the RPRA Committee. **Action: Jan**

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL: there will no longer be a library bus. A library will be put into the old police station once IPC own it. Christmas Lights Switch On: Iver Clock Tower Square, 25 November

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: a new sub-Committee: RPRA Constitution. Ged to chair, with Maureen Worrall, Wendy and Jan.

DATES OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 21 November, 7.30 pm RPSC

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Wendy had had a response regarding the HS2 depot in Langley. They are developing the details, and it is unlikely that the original date of November 2019 will be met. We await updates to Community groups!

Tina: Purple Parking are buying sites on Court Lane. The Southall site will close before Christmas. There will be about 500 cars a day on site and some are likely to cut through Bathurst Walk rather than driving via The Tower Arms. Could someone from RPRA speak to them about the dangers of using local roads? Wendy added that there is a routing agreement with SBDC that they will go through West Drayton. Tina added that they are using The Links for overflow parking. Wendy will go back to Enforcement as this was supposed to have been shut down.

Daphne: the land at the end of Sutton Lane is being used by Heathrow Parking. Wendy replied that Slough is the responsible local authority.

MEETING ENDED AT: 9.45 pm