

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, 27 JANUARY 2016, RPSC, 8 PM**

Present: Wendy Matthews (Chair), Lindsey Beagle, Stewart O'Malley, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall

Apologies: Maureen Atkinson, Sue Barber, Graham Young. Judy Teader has moved away.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15 December 2015): accepted as a true and accurate record. Lindsey has put the minutes on the Richings Park Forum website.

2 Main Issues

HS2/Heathrow Express: our demonstration against HGVs made a big impact with the Parliamentary Select Committee visitors, who included our MP Dominic Grieve. The following week, 21 January, Wendy and representatives from the Parish Council and other community groups presented our objections to the HS2/Hex depot to the Parliamentary Select Committee, televised on the Parliamentary TV Channel. They made our points clearly to the Committee, who clearly listened.

However Bucks County Council (BCC) negotiated an agreement with HS2 to get a £1.4m contribution to a relief road with a number of caveats. We have been advised that this figure should realistically have been about £4.5m. This was done before the hearing so BCC did not present our case and neither did South Bucks District Council (SBDC). We were left unsupported, a daunting experience.

We have done everything we can and positively put Iver on the map. The ball is now in BCC's court and we will all be pressurising them to develop plans for taking the relief road forward so that the undertaking that HS2 have given is realised.

WRAtH (Western Region Access to Heathrow): the Parish Council had a meeting with representatives from WRAtH on 26 January. They are coming to do their first formal consultations and are now telling us they are going to close Mansion Lane (from railway to canal) permanently. They are not widening the bridge, and there is no chance of a relief road. This is a huge issue for us. WRAtH are reneging on their previous statements and are now saying that too little traffic uses the road to warrant keeping it open; traffic will be absorbed by other local roads. The Parish Council already monitor the traffic on Mansion Lane and take issue with their figures. We must prove their figures wrong and we need a serious presence from residents at all consultation meetings. Once dates are confirmed we will have a leaflet campaign. There are two consultations planned for Iver, two for Langley and one for Richings Park (at RPSC).

Meeting with Dominic Grieve: we have been given only two dates this year to raise our many local issues direct with Dominic: 29 April and 14 October.

South Bucks District Council (SBDC) Local Plan: the draft plan has now been published. Areas highlighted for possible future development in our locale are:

Poynings and Richings Way as far as The Tower Arms.
Between Ridgeway and Iver Village and
Thorney Lane North across to Mansion Lane.

Under this draft plan Iver and Iver Heath will lose allotments and Iver Recreation Ground. The Nature Reserve in Iver Heath will go too. SBDC are holding a single local consultation meeting:

Wednesday 24 February 2016, 6 pm, Iver Village Hall.

Public consultation ends on 14 March and it is important that as many as possible attend. This has a huge impact on our area given the amount of land in Iver which has been identified as having 'potential' for consideration for development. SBDC are working together with Chiltern. We are under SBDC and our response will make it clear that the proposed housing development is disproportionate, even though SBDC are obliged as are all areas to find space for housing.

Iver Neighbourhood Plan: this is a much more local plan drawn up and submitted by Iver Parish Council. Unfortunately the plan has been temporarily withdrawn because Pinewood put in an objection at being included within the Parish for this particular purpose. They had two days including a weekend to respond. The consultant will work on the Pinewood objections, prepare a case and resubmit.

Heathrow – Noise Issues/Local Focus Forum/ Community Noise Forum: there is a meeting with Heathrow on current noise issues at 7 pm, 29 February at Graham's house.

Wendy has been talking with Lisa, a local resident advising on aircraft noise and we need to clarify our issues. There is general airport noise/ground noise, which has a number of aspects such as reverse thrust. There is start-of-roll noise. Noise late at night is possibly engine testing and early morning noise is aircraft on stands warming up. The Air Sensa (see below) is picking up the noise. As reported in previous minutes the golf club monitor picked up a significant number of noise events but Heathrow PLC said at the last meeting certain parts of the dataset were missing and noise contour lines could not be drawn up nor compared. We will raise this at the meeting. **Action: Wendy**

Local Focus Forum: we are members with other local communities. The Community Noise Forum is becoming powerful, and includes many vocal and knowledgeable groups which have grown up round the airport. So we have allies.

Other Issues

Christmas Tree/Pavement Party: the pavement party went well and we also lit up the Christmas tree as planned. However the lights were vandalised between Christmas and New Year and we removed them.

Highways Updates: nothing further. There is flooding in Richings Way and the supersucker machine is overdue. Lindsey will chase BCC. HGVs are still going up our roads despite our warning notices because their satnavs are redirecting them away from Thorney Bridge. BCC are responsible and we will press them for action.

Area Round Shops – Parking Consultation/Planters/Clear Up: the parking consultation process has been permanently 'lost' within BCC and will be dropped from future Residents' Association agendas. We are waiting to hear from the Heathrow fund about the planters. Clear Up For the Queen, 6 March: the local Scout group are heading this up, we need volunteers in Richings Park.

Thorney Sidings/Thorney Mill Road: Lindsey sent Wendy a recent advert for a plot on the old Aggregate site which implied there is a building on the site. If so it has no planning

permission and Wendy has let Enforcement Officers know. Restricted operational hours will be enforced but there are no number restrictions. We will continue to monitor.

Cycle Path: the cycle path will go from the north side of the new access to Thorney Business Park only as far as Colne Orchard. The footpath will be upgraded between Iver Station and Thorney Lane by Crossrail.

Broadband: Lindsey reported that several residents are getting Virgin, who are taking on cabinet 9 customers. If many demand a service from Virgin it might put pressure on BT. Cabinet 9 is by the Old Sorting Office.

Air Sensa: Wendy reported on one week's figures from the sensor placed by St Peter's Church. This shows that we have a problem with nitrogen dioxide levels and the legal limit may be being breached. Lindsey is working with her daughter, Jess, who is leading the project for us. They aim to raise money through crowd-funding for two additional Air Sensas to cover Iver Heath and Richings Park. They are setting up a website *Airaware Iver* on which current air quality figures will be published. **Action: Lindsey**

Transport for Bucks Consultation: some have responded to a previous consultation document. A new one is on their website.

Notice Board: Lindsey will give Wendy details of the company who will repair it. **Action: Lindsey**

4 Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 24 February 2016 (Maureen Worrell sent apologies in advance); Tuesday 22 March 2016

5 Treasurer's Report: Graham away.

6 Planning/Enforcement: of the list included in the agenda the following items were discussed:

33 Syke lngs has just been demolished. They will have to apply for retrospective planning permission.

Iver Water Treatment Works have applied for upgraded water filtration and retrospectively for other work.

7 Crossrail

Thorney Lane Bridge Works: the new bridge should be open by the end of February, with the 20 mph speed limit maintained until the end of May. Workers should be offsite completely by the end of October.

Car Park: nothing further

New Works in Thorney Mill Road: there will be a huge tunnelling project in Thorney Mill Road because Crossrail have realised that they need to do something about overhead power lines. Where the power lines cross the railway there is insufficient space to safely install and operate the new railway electrification equipment. The power lines will be put underground. There was a recent consultation meeting at the Tower Arms, poorly attended as the local residents affected had not received their letters. Lindsey will put information on the Facebook group and the Forum. **Action: Lindsey**

8 Report from Parish Council: The Parish have installed a new South Bucks litter bin at end of Syke lngs near the post box.

9 Report from County/District Councils: none

10 Any Other Business:

The Ridings: cars have been broken into and there are also many break-ins throughout Iver. It is believed that gangs are coming in from Hillingdon.

North Park: Daphne is still pressing BCC, Transport for Bucks, to clean the dirty pavements in North Park satisfactorily. Wendy pointed out that there is a Local Area Forum meeting on 3 February at the Harvey Memorial Hall. Transport for Bucks will be there from 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7.30pm. Issues with Transport for Bucks can be discussed face-to-face with them.

The meeting ended at 10 pm