

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 25 OCTOBER 2016, RPSC, 7.30 PM

Present: Graham Young (Chair), Naz Akbar, Mukhtar Ali, Maureen Atkinson, Lindsey Beagle, Paul Griffin, Wendy Matthews, Stewart O'Malley, Luisa Sullivan, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall,

Apologies: Karanveer Bembey, Matthew McEvoy, Lisa Popa

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (27 September 2016): Wendy requested an amendment to the wording of item 3 WRAtH under 'Planning/Enforcement'. The sentence "Meeting held today and South Bucks did not turn up." should read "Meeting held today with Slough Borough Council on the closure of Hollow Hill Lane and South Bucks did not turn up." With this change the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Jan will amend the minutes and send them to Graham.

Action: Jan.

Matters Arising and Other Issues

Heathrow Community Noise Forum & Workshops: the Teddington Action Group are threatening to withdraw from the Forum and we have commented that we agree with their stance. Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) have no control over noise and need to put much more pressure on to reduce current levels. The Forum should be reconstituted to include the Department of Transport who do have power. There is a trade-off between engine noise and maintenance and this also needs CAA involvement. Lindsey reported that she had complained about aircraft noise every day.

Until now there has been a prohibition on discussing the impact of the third runway. Now the government decision has been published this no longer holds and we will get more information. Wendy added that the map of the third runway on the HAL website now appears to show air routes directly over Richings Park.

Wendy has seen a press release from Dominic Grieve, who has shifted his position on the development of a third runway. He is reserving judgment pending Richings Park and Iver receiving adequate compensation. There is also a press release from Grundon relating to the runway development. Their Energy from Waste Incinerator will need to move. It has been suggested that this could be to the top of Old Slade Lake.

Highways Updates

Station Approach Acquisition: the solicitors have delved into their archives and recognised that they have previously dealt with us (via Alan Oxley, previously Chair of the Residents' Association).

Verges, Pavements and Roads: there is a new Local Area Technician covering Richings Park – Wayne Fabian. Daphne reported that she has been trying since August to get trees lopped on North Park.

Area Round Shops - Trees: Bucks County Council have no money but as previously reported there is a small grant available from Iver Parish Council. Graham has had a

quote from a tree surgeon to pollard the trees: £845. This is too costly and BCC would not allow the work. Graham has asked for low-level tidying and is waiting for another quote. Paul will approach another tree surgeon. Paul added that the new street lights in Wellesley Avenue are very good but are obscured by trees.

Area Round Shops - Planters: Maureen Atkinson has volunteered to clear and plant up the four new planters by the shops. **Action: Maureen A.** Volunteers are needed on Saturday 27 November to plant crocus bulbs, donated by Rotary, in the Residents' Garden. **Action: ALL**

Clearing Around the Area: there may have been a misunderstanding. Costcutters are happy to clear their own frontage at no charge. We will compensate Malik for rubbish bags. Costcutters would rather we employ someone to clear the rest of the area round the shops. Graham will write to shop owners to ask them to tidy outside their own properties up to the kerb. **Action: Graham.**

Broadband: there is progress - Wendy has had a meeting with the Head of Broadband for the Council roll out arm of Bucks Business First. He is the enabler for broadband in Bucks. Cabinet 9 has not been connected up as there is an issue with the 'way leaves' needed for its electricity supply. He is speaking to BT to clarify matters. He will also try to get cabinet 9 onto the Connected Counties rollout rather than the commercial list which will take longer. Most of Richings Park is on this cabinet, although some are on cabinet 4 which is working. The rest are on cabinet 8 which is on a district rollout, due in 2018. He will report back to Wendy.

HGV Signs: Graham needs help. The 'A' frame structure is not adequate and the signs need to be placed on embedded poles. Naz will ask a neighbour and report back to Graham. **Action: Naz.**

Christmas Event – Friday 16 December RPSC from 4 pm: (a schedule was sent out with the Agenda.) The event is being organised by Graham, Naz and Maureen Worrall. There was a general discussion. The budget for finger food is £200. There will be entertainment during the day. Oakwood will publicise the event and Committee members were asked to have 'sales' board publicity in their front gardens. We need a Santa, who must be CRB cleared. A grant application has been submitted to the Parish: £575. All Committee members are asked to help on the day from 2 pm (setting up) until 8 pm. The hall will already be decorated. **Action: ALL.**

Good Neighbourhood Scheme: meeting 2 November in Jubilee Pavilion, Iver. This is a Bucks County Council initiative to keep older/vulnerable people active for longer. Graham will find out what the Residents' Association can do. **Action: Graham.**

Treasurer and Membership Figures Report

Lindsey distributed summaries of subscriptions paid, by road. All agreed that in future we need to move to on-line or standing order payment and Graham will add a sentence on this in "In and Around Iver". **Action: Graham.** Lindsey will produce a flyer with a payment slip for Committee members to approve. Copies will then be given to road stewards to put in the doors of non-payers. **Action: Lindsey, ALL**

Planning/Enforcement

1 Heathrow: the decision has been made to go ahead with the third runway. Air quality is an important issue and Lindsey will chase Air Sensa, who have been out of contact. The Parish Council have put up the air quality monitoring device near St Peter's Church, Iver, and we need information from the company on live tracking and their new website. The Parish Council do not have time or expertise to interpret the data from the monitor. **Action: Lindsey.**

2 HS2/HEX (Heathrow Express): we now have a date for our hearing in the House of Lords (16 November). Graham will be away and will ask if he is permitted to get a substitute to present the Richings Park case. **Action: Graham.** Paul has had notification on behalf of Iver. He will send a copy to Graham and Wendy (Iver Parish Council) so that they can contact the House of Lords and obtain their own notification letters as well as checking whether a substitute is allowed. **Action: Paul.** We cannot deal with highways issues; and these are being presented by Martin Tett (BCC). But we can put the case for the impact of highways issues. Graham will take photographs around Richings Way as ammunition; Paul will cover Iver High Street. **Action: Graham, Paul**

3 WRAtH (Western Region Access to Heathrow): the current issue is the closure of Hollow Hill Lane. Wendy and Graham have had a meeting with officers from Slough Borough Council, who are responsible for the closure. The process they have started means that the road cannot open for 6 months. Dominic Grieve is involved and Committee members have had letters from him. On 27 October there is an open drop-in session and WRAtH have asked for a meeting with local representatives.

4 CEMEX: there is a public meeting on 26 October. A formal application for gravel extraction has been submitted. The deadline for comment has been put back to 11 November.

5 South Bucks Local Plan: we are waiting for a date for a public meeting in Richings Park. The meetings in Iver Village and Iver Heath were quite well attended.

6 Iver Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan: on hold until consultation on the South Bucks Local Plan has taken place. We need to generate involvement from Richings Park residents.

7 Local Applications Submitted: a digest accompanied the agenda and can be viewed on our website.

Report from County/District Councils: Wendy, Paul and Luisa are District Councillors. Luisa, a Cabinet Member, reported. There are plans for a multi-storey car park in Gerrards Cross. A defibrillator will be installed in Iver Heath Library. The Five Points roundabout in Iver Heath and the Black Park junction need to be improved following two road deaths. The District Councillors are working together for all 3 settlements: Iver, Iver Heath and Richings Park.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 December. A date for the January meeting will be decided then.

Report from Parish Council: Saturday 26 November – Christmas Lights event at Iver Village Hall. In January the contract is due for renewal and the Parish Council will set up a working party to look at Christmas lighting. RPRA need to provide a representative to sit on that group.

Any Other Business

November 5 Fireworks: there will be no display at Richings Park Sports Club this year. As it is a Saturday there is too much competition to guarantee a profit when the need to suspend field sports on Saturday and Sunday (and subsequent loss to bar takings) is taken into account.

Thorney Lane Rail Bridge: Daphne reported that the white gate and welcome sign need to be reinstalled. Wendy asked for a photograph of the sign **when it was** in place. We know that the trees and dog bin need to be reinstated and Wendy will contact **Crossrail. Action: Wendy.**

Bollards on Verges: it was noted that Pemberley book shop have paid for the bollards on their verge, as have the householders opposite the entrance to Richings Park Sports Club.

HGVs: Mukhtar will discuss local routes with transport managers on the Ridgeway employing EU HGVs. **Action: Mukhtar.** Stewart suggested signs to show the preferred route for HGVs; drivers do not speak English and it would be more positive than displaying 'No HGV' signs.

Residents' Association Noticeboard: the post office is now in Costcutters and they are not willing to set up a noticeboard. We need to look at repairing the current board.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm