

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING : 16 DECEMBER 2014 AT NEW R.P. SPORTS CLUB.

PRESENT: Wendy Matthews (Chair), Alan Barrett, Matthew McEvoy, Maureen Worrall, Lindsey Beagle and Mukhtar Ali (Minutes).

Apologies: Graham Young, Jan Wiseman, Sue Barber, Stewart O'Malley.

1. Minutes Of The Previous Meeting (18 November 2014): The minutes were agreed as modified following comments from Stewart O'Malley.
2. Matters Arising and Other Issues.

2.1 Heathrow- Third Runaway. On 3rd December 2014, a public consultation meeting, convened by Airport Commission, at a hotel near Heathrow took place. Invitation to this venue was through pre-booking tickets. In attendance were:

- Heathrow Ltd led by CEO, J. Holland-Kaye.
- Heathrow Hub Campaign led by former BA Capt. William "Jock" Lowe
- Local MPs : John McDonnell (Hayes & H), Fiona Mactaggart (Slough) and John Randal (Uxbridge). Dominic Grieve did not attend .
- Local authorities such as Ealing, Hillingdon, Slough, Spelthorne and Richmond, Windsor and Maidenhead Councils. SBDC not invited, we were told.
- Local pressure groups – SHE, HACAN, Colnbrook Community Association and RPRA etc

Davies Commission had sent a link to a website for people to apply for tickets, limited to four per person. Tickets were taken up before it went online. Many people couldn't get in but some who applied did not attend thus leaving some empty seats. Back Heathrow campaign attempted to block tickets but Graham and Wendy just about managed to get tickets via HACAN. The manner in which the invitations to this meeting was organised was very dubious and only benefitted the pro-Heathrow expansion campaign.

All Councils, except Spelthorne, had reservations. WM believes that H. Hub's proposal to extend northern runway, (then possibly add an extension to the southern runway) will affect us at RP. Assessment reports for surface transport, noise and air pollution were not available. While H. Ltd and H. Hub bandied about the benefits to UK and to the local economy, pressure groups counteracted with claims of perpetual destruction of communities, heritage and environment alongside increase in noise and air pollution. Compensation packages were touched upon based upon natural boundaries as opposed to straight line approach. Cut-off will be Motorway M4 which means that RP will get no compensation. H. Hub proposals were put forward to RPRA on 15 December 2014 at RPSC. The closing date for Davies/ Airport Commission consultations is 3 February 2015 and a final decision is anticipated in autumn of this year soon after the general election.

2.2 Meeting with Dominic Grieve MP. On Saturday 17th January. WM has invited Dominic to discuss matters concerning Heathrow development, Heathrow hub station, proposed HS2 Depot in Langley, proposed changes to nearby Motorways, HGV lorries becoming a menace to PR residents, Crossrail works, noise from Quattro site and any other issues concerning RPRA.

2.3 Highways – Verges/ Pavements and Roads. Old Slade Lane had pavement resurfaced on one side only as it was deemed high risk as two residents fell over. Incident at Somerset Way had been reported while St. Leonards Walk needed attention. Bushes encroaching pavement at Thorney Mill Road had been reported. BT has been seen in the area digging up for fibre broadband. Some holes have been reported as not properly filled up. Disabled Bay not put back properly. Maintenance generally suffers in RP as we are located in out of sight zone of BCC. Work at Thorney Sidings had started already. They finally got to grips with work load.

2.4 Area Around The Shops. Christmas event display lights seemed a good idea. Cheered everyone up.

2.5 Cornerstone. No option to take Cornerstone forward.

2.6 M4 Motorway expansion meeting took place at Village Hall on 6 December. DOT has setup a consultation website. Wendy encouraged everyone to visit this website as any depot in our local area will be detrimental to us as we already encounter a constant presence of HGVs in the area especially from Thorney Business Park. Consultation ends on 20 December 2014.

2.6 Langley Household Waste Depot. This site has been shut on various occasions recently due to issues with taking away full containers. BCC has the responsibility for this site and has taken steps to ensure that the contractor carries out a timely removal of filled containers from Langley site.

3. Treasurer's Report. Not available.

4. Planning / Enforcement. Nothing further to report.

5. Heathrow/Hubstation/Crossrail.

Follow on from minutes of meeting held on 18 November 2014. WRatH route will only affect two houses in North Park and possibly RP Golf Club. WRatH consultations will take place week beginning 23 Feb 2015.

Langley (old oil terminal site) has been put forward as an HS2/Heathrow Express service depot with all night working.

Stop notices were issued to Crossrail for non-compliance but indications are that work will take place as scheduled. It is anticipated that pile driving will take place from Christmas Eve

to Boxing Day. Christmas Day noise will be monitored by Balfour Beatty. Wendy has urged residents to monitor and to report any disturbance and noise over traditionally a tranquil festive period.

Sandwiches, hot snacks and refreshments were kindly provided by the new and very impressive RPSC.

The meeting ended suddenly as the power was being switched off for building works.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm. Wendy Matthews wished everyone in RP a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Date of Next Meeting : 27 January 2015.