

## **RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING, 8 PM THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2014 AT RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB**

**Present:** Wendy Matthews (Chair), Maureen Atkinson, Alan Barrett, Lindsey Beagle, Matthew McEvoy, Judy Teader, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Maureen Worrall, Graham Young

**Apologies:** Daphne Wood

**In Attendance:** Ray Sangster, Iver Parish Councillor

Wendy welcomed Lindsey Beagle, a new member of the Residents' Association, to the meeting. She was representing Richings Way, St Leonards and the bottom of Thorney Road South.

1 **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** accepted

2 **Matters Arising and Other Issues:**

2.1 **Heathrow/Noise Meeting: Davies Report:** there had been a Heathrow Consultation Open Day earlier at RPSC, from 12 – 8 pm. There were representatives from Heathrow Airport Ltd (Third Runway, North and North West Options). The Heathrow Hub had come up twice before as part of both Crossrail and HS2. It had been rejected both times. It now formed part of the Heathrow proposal for Terminal 6 which would incorporate a rail passenger interchange, a freight interchange and a large retail park.

Heathrow Hub Ltd was a subsidiary of Arup and they claimed to have options on land at Thorney Park – 350 acres. They seemed to have made no attempt to consult, despite being on the Heathrow shortlist. The Heathrow Hub has come up twice before as part of both Crossrail and HS2. It had been rejected both times. It now formed part of the Heathrow proposal for Terminal 6 which would incorporate a rail passenger interchange, a freight interchange and a large retail park. We have pushed for a meeting with them. Once the issues were established we would ask for a public meeting. All information relating to Heathrow was now on our website: *Richingspark.com*.

We were awaiting detailed maps which showed the impact on our area.

Submissions had to be in on 9 May; hopefully the submissions would be made public as we needed to see them to address the issues.

There would be a public meeting with our MP, Dominic Grieve, on Friday 14 March, 6 pm, at RPSC. We intended to ask him about the impact of blight on Richings Park: Heathrow Third Runway, Heathrow Hub, HS2 spur issues. He must understand the key issues and we would prepare an agenda to send him.

2.2 **Highways Updates – leak Old Slade Lane:** all work was on hold because of the weather. There had been groundwater and sewage flooding in Old Slade Lane and the Poynings: a pumping station had stopped pumping, ironically because of flooding. Thorney Mill Road had also been affected.

Work should soon be back on track and Wendy was meeting shortly with the new area technician to discuss drains, the leak in Old Slade Lane etc. Alan stressed that flooding was a serious issue for his local residents and pavements were impassable.

Wendy asked all present to encourage residents to report problems to the Highways authority. It paid to be persistent, and be an irritant.

2.3 **Area Round Shops: Parking, Planters, Trees:** there was a parking consultation on 5 March 2pm – 8 pm at Jubilee Pavilion, Iver Recreation Ground. Planters would be picked up. **Action: Graham.**

2.4 **Thorney Sidings:** Alan had visited the site earlier in the day and all buildings except one had been demolished. Olivia Stapleford at Bucks CC was the new case officer. Wendy had written to her for an update. A contractor was supposed to remove all rubbish/waste in excess of 20-thousand tonnes. The current enforcement notices still applied and the removal must be done by rail. Shenker, the site owners, had asked Bucks CC for more information on the restrictions affecting their licence for the site.

2.5 **Khalsa and Other Schools/Meeting:** Khalsa had now gone to appeal. There was pressure to make it a public enquiry. Slough in the meantime had published a paper saying they wanted eight new secondary schools in South Bucks parishes around Slough.

All affected parishes were putting pressure on South Bucks to reject these proposals in the green belt. Consideration was being given to put in a counter proposal to the Department of Education.

Home/School Transport Issue: there was a meeting on 5 March 7 – 9 pm at Iver Village Hall.

2.6 **CQC Wexham Park Hospital Meeting:** the meeting on 29 January 10 am Burnham Park Hall, Burnham, had been poorly attended. The Inspector wanted to be told of both good and bad experiences, and although the CQC were not allowed to make unannounced visits she had gone to A & E as a mystery shopper 10 days before and was not impressed.

The takeover of Wexham by Frimley Park Hospital had been postponed.

2.7 **New Refuse Collections/Bin Storage:** new collections had started on Monday 24 February. It was clear that many people did not understand nor follow the rules. There was a one-month grace period.

2.8 **Verges/pavements/roads:** nothing further to report.

2.9 **Sunday Train Petition:** Graham had finally received a reply from Great First Western customer services and they confirmed they had the information he had sent in. Graham asked for the name of the Timetabling Officer as the National Press were interested; Matthew had a contact in First Great Western who might be able to help. Alison Hanscombe, the Station Manager, had an office on platform 5 at Slough. We had had an email saying that Iver would have a Sunday service with Crossrail.

### 3 **Dates of Next Meetings:**

Thursday 27 March, and Thursday 24 April (AGM): both at 8 pm, RPSC.

AGM notices and subscription envelopes would go out about 1<sup>st</sup> April. Ray offered to deliver to Syke Cluan.

4 **Treasurer's Report:** Income: £70 subscriptions. Expenditure: £214 on leafleting and posters for 4 February Heathrow meeting; £45 website domain name and licence; £40 on joining HACAN consortium to fight Heathrow. Closing balance: £4,475.

5 **Planning/Enforcement:** Pinewood New Development: as previously reported, an announcement from the Secretary of State was due on or before 14 July. Having said at the appeal hearing that there was no 'plan B' Pinewood had now done a deal with Cardiff City Council for a TV production site.

Heathrow Runway Alterations: several applications were pending. A huge acoustic wall planned for the end of the runway might send aircraft noise in our direction and we had submitted our thoughts on this to Heathrow Airport Limited.

Cape Boards Site: an application for 24/7 operation from Rhodes Transport had been refused again by Hillingdon. Other operations on the site continued, despite the outstanding enforcement notices.

Thorney Lane North Mobile Homes on land opposite the Ridgeway: planning applications had been withdrawn.

6 **Heathrow/Hub Station/ Crossrail:** Hub Station: see item 2.1 above

WRAtH: their latest presentation sets out their proposals which included rebuilding Chequers Bridge. The road would be realigned and there was a real chance to get a rear exit from Iver trading estates: Thorney Business Park, Court Lane and Ridgeway. Work was scheduled to begin in 2018 and end in 2020.

Crossrail, Thorney Lane Bridge: railings had been put up adjacent to the bridge so deals must have been done with landowners for the duration of the build. It was not yet clear if work would start at Easter.

7 **Cappagh/Aggregate Industries/ Lorries etc:** TBP Emerson Crane Hire: a site had opened in Thorney Business Park.

Cable Drums: Alan and Ray had separately seen very large farm tractors taking cable drums onto the firm's site; they took up two lanes of the A412 and went down Wood Lane.

8 **Report from Parish Council:** AGM, Monday 3 March, 8 pm Iver Village Hall.

9 **Report from County/District Councils:** there was a new head of transport for Bucks, Kim Hills from Kent CC. He had been to the Local Area Forum meeting on 26 February. There was a Highways meeting on 3 April for Parish and District Councils.

10 **Any Other Business:** Lindsey had reported mud and blocked drains in St Leonards and the work had been done within a couple of days.

Alan reported that the railings on the river bridge had been replaced, possibly as a result of a previous complaint, although the old railings had been in good repair. There was still a parking issue on the bridge.

The meeting ended.