

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING: 24 FEBRUARY 2015, 8PM, RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB

Present: Wendy Matthews (Chair), Muhktar Ali, Maureen Atkinson, Lindsey Beagle, , Matthew McEvoy, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall.
Also in attendance Paul Griffin (District Councillor)

Apologies: Sue Barber, Graham Young, Stewart O'Malley

Introduction: at the beginning of the meeting there was a question and answer session with Jo Faul, South Bucks District Council, Sandra Hayes from the National Energy Foundation and Simon Green representing the Lakehouse Group, the parent company of Everwarm the company offering exterior wall insulation in Richings Park.

1 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (27 January 2015):** agreed

2 **Matters Arising and Other Issues**

Heathrow Third Runway: in response to Lindsey's leaflet drop, many more objections had been submitted to Sir Howard Davies' Airport Commission before the 3 February deadline.

We have a seat on the Heathrow Local Focus Forum as previously reported (minutes 27 January 2015). A Heathrow biodiversity meeting was held earlier this month. Land at the end of the proposed new runway would become a 'Nature Wonderland'. Infrastructure that has to be moved for the new runway will not be located here but moved to other areas eg Energy for Waste site to Old Slade Lake, Colne River to the back of the Poynings/Ridings. Poyle Trading Estate will be moved too. The proposed new runway will be higher than the existing land.

Gatwick Presentation: Gatwick are coming to RPSC on 25th March and will give a short presentation. All are invited to this public meeting: 7.30 pm onwards.

Meeting Dominic Grieve, our MP: Dominic has had a dismissive response in a letter from Patrick McLaughlin referring him to the Local Enterprise Partnership for funding to cover impact on local infrastructure. Dominic has agreed to talk to them. He will not be here again until June, ie after the General Election.

Highways Updates: pavements are on the agenda at the next Local Area Forum (LAF) meeting, 25 February. It is a public meeting and we are pressing for North Park to be a priority. Work is being done on the sewer serving 65 Richings Way. Wendy has circulated local collision and injury data from Thames Valley Police.

Area Round Shops: parking control proposals/consultation to be raised at the LAF meeting on 25 February. Planters: LB has looked at IKEA pots. Wendy and Graham will investigate other options.

Foreign truck drivers have driven onto local roads and while trying to U-turn have collided with the bollards – possibly they were following incorrect satnav information. Paul will arrange for, and put up, signs: 'No HGV's'.

Thorney Sidings: Alan reported that the site is being cleared up. He believes that Stobarts want Thorney Sidings as well as a site on Thorney Business Park as they want access to the railway.

Stobart Biomass Application/Meeting with Dominic Grieve: the website has reopened for online objections and all are encouraged to respond. Wendy has asked for a reply from South Bucks District Council who have said that they had 'no objection' to the development. We need to press them to make it clear that at least their current parameters should be met. There is no sign of a proposal for a relief road being attached to the application in mitigation of planned HGV movements. There was a public meeting with Dominic Grieve at Iver Village Hall on Friday on 20 February. There was a good turnout and many probing questions. A DVD on local issues with HGV's was shown; it was very effective and is now on You Tube under 'Iver'.

Sustainable Access to Iver Station: nothing further to report

Broadband: Lindsey reported that there had been no phone or internet connection for over 10 days, with 400 homes affected. As previously reported (minutes 27 January) fibre connectivity is not due to go live in Richings Park until March 2016. Lindsey is keen to find out why we are not included in the Connected Counties project which receives government backing but are now part of a commercial rollout.

Community Forum – Richings Park Today: Lindsey is building an on-line forum. At this stage anything can be changed and she welcomes suggestions. When the forum is live there will be publicity banners and a leaflet drop. Information will be put in the post for those residents who prefer not to use computers. Comments on the forum need to be moderated and Lindsey is looking for a volunteer who can police the site, and also an administrator. The Association thanked Lindsey for her work and it was agreed that the Community Forum would be part of the Residents' Association.

Tradespeople Listing: Wendy had circulated an email from Stoke Poges which listed local tradespeople recommended for their work.

3 Dates of Next Meetings: Tuesday 24 March and Tuesday 21 April (AGM) 2015, RPSC, 8 pm.

4 Treasurer's Report: none

5 Planning/Enforcement: see list included in the Agenda. The following issues were discussed:

Thorney Lane Stables: they have now put in an application to change the stables to 'restrooms'. 2 Wellesley (Panyam's): another application for a takeaway has been submitted. Old Slade Farm: an application to convert a barn into 6 dwellings has been resubmitted. All are asked to object to this proposal.

6 Heathrow/Hub Station/Crossrail:

WRAtH (Western Region Access to Heathrow): consultation meetings are under way. However, Paul reported that the Project Manager had no information on a relief road. Plans are still embryonic and now is the time to get changes made. At consultation we want to push for a relief road to the Iver business parks. The public consultation dates are: 26 February 2 - 8.30 pm, 27 February 12 - 6 pm and 28 February 12 – 4 pm: all at RPSC.

HS2 Langley Depot: Matthew stressed that this is a separate development from WRAtH but the Depot is likely to be built first. The need for a relief road and the impact of the proposed depot is a big issue for us. Wendy has a meeting on Monday 2 March with Slough Borough Council to discuss their views: they are opposed to the Langley Depot. HS2 had left South Bucks District Council out of the consultation process, including only Bucks County Council.

Crossrail Thorney Lane Bridge Works: more piling work is due around Easter and we will be told the dates. The new bridge will be open in June. Mukhtar asked whether there had been any further response to noise level readings but Wendy had heard nothing.

Level Access to Iver Station: Wendy and Maureen had been to a meeting with Crossrail at the station recently. A representative of the DfT confirmed that there will be funds for rebuilding the station including the waiting rooms and ticket office to make it accessible for disabled users. There is also the possibility of a car park. The work has been scheduled and costed and will be completed in 2017. The new station will accept Oyster cards.

7 Report from Parish Council: the annual meeting will be held on 2 March, 8 pm Iver Village Hall.

8 Report from County/District Councils: in addition to items covered above Paul reported that the Co-op supermarket may be leasing Fountain's car showroom in Iver. Fountain's will move to Uxbridge. Planning permission would be needed and an application was going in. The Bull is being put on the market.

9 Any Other Business:

M4 Smart Motorway: Wendy reported that the planners have asked for a consultation with Iver Parish Council.

Pavement by the Width Restriction: the narrowness of the pavement in North Park by the junction with Wellesley Avenue has again been reported to Bucks County Council by Daphne. Shrubbery needs to be cut back.

Smell: there is still a smell of gas in Wellesley Avenue despite the road being dug up and the possible leak investigated.

Wheelie bins: the bins outside Richings Motors are still an eyesore. However Paul reported that they are put out only on collection days and contain rubbish for the flats.

Buckfield Court: residents are still dumping their rubbish in black bags and on the wrong day. Paul reported that they do not have wheelie bins and this is in hand. However if the matter is reported it will be dealt with as it happens.

St Leonards Walk: Lindsey reported that a car owner had recently complained that overgrown branches had caused damage. Lindsey had pointed the owner in the direction of Iver Parish Council. Wendy too would ask the Parish Council for action. Lindsey continues to report pot holes

Parking on the Corner of Somerset Way and Wellesley Avenue: Maureen reported that notices have been put on offending cars and they have not parked there again. However, other cars have!

Parking in Bathurst Walk: Matthew wanted for 'Emergency Service Access' signs for the non-shops end of Bathurst Walk. Wendy advised him to contact the Fire Service community liaison officer.

Pavements on Thorney Mill Road: Alan asked Wendy to raise the condition of the pavements at the next Local Area Forum meeting. Uncut hedgerows also block the pavements.

Community Policing: Alan asked whether Community police are aware that Thorney Mill Road is part of Richings Park. There have been serious incidents including the stealing of clay pigeon guns and cartridges. Wendy will raise this with them.

Street Lighting: poor street lighting is still an issue and in summer trees will block what light there is.

Grass Cutting: Wendy will try to obtain a list of grass-cutting dates.

Iver Village Infant School: Wendy reported that the school had received a 'Good' Ofsted report.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.

The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2015, 8 pm, RPSC