

## **RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2014, 8 PM RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB**

**Present:** Wendy Matthews (Chair), Maureen Atkinson, Lindsey Beagle, Stewart O'Malley, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Graham Young

**Apologies:** Matthew McEvoy, Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall

**1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (21 October 2014):** the minutes were agreed.

#### **2 Matters Arising and Other Issues:**

2.1 Heathrow Meeting 25 November/SHE Meeting 13 November/Airport Commission Consultation: Wendy and Graham attended the SHE (Stop Heathrow Expansion) meeting, which was not much further on than at the launch in Harmondsworth. SHE was originally the Harmondsworth Residents' Association and is trying now to get wider involvement. Mainly local residents attended and they are trying to generate momentum with councillors from neighbouring boroughs and a local MP. They had produced some very good films under the generic title 'No Ifs, No Buts'. Neil Keveren, their Chair, will come to the November 25 consultation here. HACAN (Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) were supporting SHE and their newspaper *Third Runway News* had been distributed by Costcutters to some Richings Park properties. Graham would check distribution with Costcutters: **Action Graham**

The Heathrow Local Forum meeting on 9 December will have representatives from Iver Parish Council; as previously reported Heathrow PLC had finally given us two seats.

On December 3 there is a consultation exhibition/meeting for our side of the airport. This is a ticket-only event.

Heathrow Hub, plus Terminal 6 and Development: the Hub stands on its own in the view of the Davies Commission and if that is the preferred solution it is expected that the plans will be sold to Heathrow PLC for implementation. There will be huge impact for Richings Park which would have to go through normal planning procedures. The Heathrow Hub representatives finally have a local consultation exhibition/meeting: RPSC in January, date to be confirmed. They have failed previously to consult and we will put this in our response to the Davies commission.

Airport Commission Consultation: the summary published last week is critical of Heathrow's proposal in some respects as well as the overall costs to the Exchequer. Summary cost information will be available at the 25 November meeting. Heathrow PLC have the agenda we sent them and they will give a presentation which is open to all residents and is being widely publicised locally. We have asked for a noise contour map.

2.2 Meeting Dominic Grieve: he has met with Howard Davies to point out local issues such as the lack of consultation. Wendy raised other issues with him eg HGVs and we are pressing for another meeting before the general election. As we approach to the next general election local residents must make the third runway an issue with all candidates.

2.3 Highways Updates - verges/pavements/roads: work will begin on Old Slade Lane pavements from 1<sup>st</sup> December. We have put in a request to have North Park pavements resurfaced. Wendy is looking at drains with the Bucks technician on 19 November. She asked all present to let her know urgently of any drains where work was outstanding. Lindsey has complained previously about potholes in St Leonard's Road and repairs have been carried out. However if it is a private road and in future work may not be done. Lindsey will check Land Registry records. An enforcement officer is working in the Richings Park area ensuring that where necessary residents apply for dropped kerbs.

2.4 Area Round the Shops – Parking Consultation/Planters/Trees: leaves are agreed to be an issue; pavements are very slippery. Costcutters’ wall is still not repaired and is both dangerous and unsightly. All were asked to let Wendy know about rubbish bags left out on verges – bags are being dumped in the area.

Planters: Lindsey would progress the planters: **Action: LB**

Litter/Dog Waste Bins: Jan asked Wendy about putting up dual purpose bins. She would let Wendy know about a proposed site: **Action: JMW**

2.5 Thorney Sidings: the area was slowly being cleared by train.

2.6 Khalsa School: there will be an appeal in the High Court in March 2015.

2.7 Wexham Park Hospital: no further news as the new Board of Governors have not communicated their plans.

2.8 Sustainable Access to Iver Station: beyond the initial information that funding has been allocated for a cycleway from Iver to the station there is no further news.

2.9 Colne Valley Park: see previous minutes. We have been thanked for our £50 donation.

2.10 Xmas Event Round the Shops, 3 December: the event will start earlier, at 4 pm.

2.11 Cornerstone: the shop is now an ‘eco-friendly’ laundry, mainly commercial. But there is interest in setting up something similar in the old delicatessen shop. Watch this space!

2.12 M4 Motorway Widening Consultation, 6 December: there will be a consultation in Iver Village Hall from 10 – 4 pm. The project involves using the hard shoulder as a carriageway. Some land will be taken around us but only within the current width of the motorway.

**3 Dates of Next Meetings:** Tuesday 16 December and Tuesday 27 January, both 8 pm RPSC.

**4 Treasurer’s Report:** nothing further to report.

**5 Planning/Enforcement:** from the list included on the Agenda, the following were discussed:

Cape Boards: Hillingdon are designating this as a potential house site. The plan will go to inspection in the new year.

Old Post Office: permission for conversion into flats has been granted. There will be parking problems.

Red House, Sutton Lane: Wendy notified the planning authorities about the stables for ostriches(!) and the application was withdrawn.

**6 Heathrow/Hub Station/Crossrail:**

WRAtH/HS2: WRAtH will hold a public consultation in early February. They are still planning to replace Chequers bridge in Mansion Lane with a new, wider one to accommodate an extra HGV-compliant road. This road would form part of the long-awaited, and enforceable, rear access to the business parks. The WRAtH timescale: 2020. They are currently test-boring.

HS2 depot and sidings: this will come across where the new road will be and this situation would need to be managed.

Crossrail – Thorney Lane Bridge Works: no further information although we know piling work will take place in December.

**7 Report from Parish Council:** Christmas lights switch-on: 29 November.

The Parish Council have tried to adopt the lampposts in Thorney and North Park which were switched off by Bucks County Council. However County have declined as they would have to repair the lampposts before handing them over. The lampposts will probably be removed in due course.

**8 Report from County/District Councils:** nothing to report.

**9 Any Other Business**

9.1 Lindsey reported that her son had been threatened with prosecution for travelling with a Permit to Travel from Iver Station. Maureen stressed that permits may be redeemed within two hours, not just at the next station. All expressed concern at the poor state of the machine, which was often broken.

9.2 Stewart had reported to police a fight between 25-30 young Asians near the new Thorney Lane bridge on 'slide-off' night.

9.3 Lindsey asked when we would get fibre optic broadband. Open Reach are accepting orders but the date is continually being pushed back.

9.4 A survey of local GP practices has been published as part of a nationwide initiative.

9.5 There seems to be a smell of gas in the area where Somerset Way meets Wellesley Avenue.

9.6 The Residents' Association website had been down on 18 November because of problems at the hosting company. It was expected to be back up on 19 November.

9.7 Community Library: two members of the library committee have met some of the Iver Infant School board of governors to establish a joint community library.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm