

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: 24 May 2017, RPSC, 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Graham Young (Chair), Maureen Atkinson, Alan Barrett, Cllr Paul Griffin, Tina Heath, Matthew McEvoy, Stewart O'Malley, Ged Weston (arrived at 8.10 pm), Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Maureen Worrall

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Naz Akbar, Wendy Matthews, Lisa Popa, Gurjit Sandhu, Luisa Sullivan (newly-elected to Bucks County Council BCC) Daphne Wood

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer

Under the constitution officers are elected at the first meeting after the AGM, ie at the beginning of the new Committee year. All are willing to stand again: Graham Young (Chair), Maureen Worrall (Vice Chair), Matthew McEvoy (Treasurer). Paul Griffin proposed and Stewart O'Malley seconded, with none voting against the motion. Graham confirmed that the officers had been re-elected.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (21 March 2017): there were no amendments. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

MINUTES OF THE AGM (19 April 2017): an amendment was needed to item 6, Election of the Committee. The draft minutes stated that Nick Naylor had proposed the motion. In fact it was Nick Collier. With this correction the minutes of the AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. Jan would reissue the AGM minutes. **Action: Jan**

MATTERS ARISING AND OTHER ISSUES

Heathrow, Runway Consultation Response Form: as actioned in the minutes of 21 March 2017 Graham had put bullet points on the website. Action closed.

HGV Signs: Paul has emailed STEP about signage but has had no response. **Action: PG.**

North Star: the Residents' Association objected to the application for a certificate of lawfulness to use the land at the rear of the pub as a builders' merchants. Graham visited the site and spoke to the landlord. The land is currently being used as a builders' merchants in a small way and there is a static caravan on site. We would not object to its current low-key use but would resist attempts to reclassify the site as 'industrial'.

HS2 Community Fund: there are tight parameters involved in using the £500,000 compensation awarded by the House of Lords. The fund is being managed by Buck County Council. For cost-effectiveness we need a project in which BCC has only a vestigial interest.

Speed cameras: Graham reported that camera training is on hold at the moment.

Any other actions and issues were covered in the discussions below.

Heathrow

Forums & Workshops Report: Graham reported that he had just attended a Noise Forum meeting with Heathrow management. There are currently two live consultations: one on general UK airspace (closing 25 May 2017) and the second on Heathrow Airport expansion. In future Heathrow will run the expansion consultation alongside airspace consultation, which is logical as the two issues are connected. There will be two more consultations this year, one voluntary and one sponsored by Heathrow. Two statutory consultations will take place in 2018. In 2019 Heathrow will formally

submit their application and in 2020 government will give a result. At the Noise Forum meeting there were strong objections from overflowed communities. Both The Civil Airports Authority (CAA) and the Department of Transport are defensive; they identify with the industry.

There is a need to give voice to the communities at this forum. Currently there is no slot for a community presentation but in future 30 minutes will be allotted. Another issue raised is the imbalance of representation. Many communities such as Twickenham and Richmond have experts who live locally; Colnbrook and Harmondsworth feel under-represented.

Heathrow have proposed that aircraft climb at a higher angle to reduce noise but this has not been proved and is not always possible. Research is looking into the benefit of respite from noise; as aircraft have specific corridors now the same areas always get the noise. But it takes a vast noise reduction to make a real difference and this is difficult to achieve.

Rather than work on areas of common ground with Heathrow, we will put forward our own submission.

Noise Action Plan: every airport has to have a Noise Action Plan, covering 5 years. Heathrow must produce a new plan from 2018 based on two runways.

Heathrow have appointed a Community Consultation Manager and Graham had an hour's meeting with him. We are pressing for quick win items, such as bus services; re-routing one no 7 bus would give us a service to the airport.

Night Flights Consultation: night flights are a problem. Scheduled flights are not allowed between certain hours, but it is acceptable if the flight is running late. Data shows that this is happening more frequently.

Highways Updates – Verges, Pavements, Roads

Graham thanked Ged and the Richings Park Village Action Group (RPVAG) for organising a very successful litter pick up. Dominic Grieve came and helped for two hours. Ged stressed that we must put pressure on South Bucks District Council (SBDC) to get work done and we particularly need officer involvement. Paul, as a District Councillor, has undertaken to put relevant actions from this and future Residents' Association meetings to SBDC. **Action: Paul.**

Crossrail: APCOA have put up 'no parking' signs on the fences beside the pavement outside Iver station. The pavement belongs to the railway and GWR have given APCOA the contract. It is possible to park alongside the houses/gardens. No-one owns the road, although Network Rail would have the best case as they have maintained it over the years.

Area Around the Shops: see 'Highways Updates' above.

Parking Consultation: Ged asked for an update on the progress of the parking consultation. Paul stressed that the money has been ring-fenced and Ged was advised to contact the Local Area Forum (LAF) and ask them to release the funds. LAF are meeting on 20 June. **Action: Ged**

Clearing Around the Area: see 'Highways Updates' above.

Broadband: no further information.

HGV Signs: Paul reported that road legal signs are relatively inexpensive – about £45 each plus fixing kit – and he has been in contact with a company who produces them. It was agreed the Residents' Association would buy one to test. **Action: Paul**

Good Neighbour Scheme Update: the scheme has been running for a few weeks but is poorly used. Only seven users have signed up so far but there is no interest in going to local surgeries, only High Wycombe hospital which we do not cover. Nine drivers have also signed up but the scheme needs coordinators. Tina suggested that the scheme be presented to the patients' participation group meeting at the surgery.

Kingfisher Garden: no further information. Paul will contact Jess Beagle for an update. **Action: Paul**

Defibrillator: Jan reported on a meeting she had arranged which was attended by Ian Jones, Defibrillator Adviser, South Central Ambulance Service, Maureen Worrall, Tina Heath, Daphne Wood and herself. Ian demonstrated two models, both of which are robust and easy to use. The first is the most popular Public Access Defibrillator, the IPAD SPI from WEL Medical limited. This is the machine bought by Iver Parish Council and costs £2,341 (inc £390.25 VAT), including a 10-year 'worry-free' package, covering replacement pads, and batteries.

The second, the Powerheart G5 unit produced by Cardiac Science, is currently being offered at a special price which includes 8-years' warranty and indemnification insurance, and replacement pads and batteries. It also includes 8-years' theft insurance. It costs £1,860 (inc £310 VAT).

Both units are recommended by the ambulance service. Training will be offered by Ian's team and it was suggested that local shopkeepers might be interested in attending; the machine will be set up on Costcutters' wall next to The Chip Shop. It is important to stress that the defibrillator has been designed to be used by untrained users and will be available to everyone. The whole Richings Park community needs to feel involved.

Jan asked the Committee to fund a Powerheart G5 defibrillator: we will need £2,000 to cover delivery and installation.

It was agreed that a small sub-group be set up to co-ordinate fund-raising: Jan, Maureen Worrall, Tina and Paul. They would liaise with Ged and the RPVAG who are arranging a Summer Fete on 29 July at RPSC. **Action: Jan, Maureen W, Tina, Paul.** Paul would ask Malik if the Costcutters organisation had a Community Fund. **Action: Paul**

Newsletter: a second newsletter will be published at the end of June. The content will be based on the minutes and will aim to highlight the work and commitment of the Residents' Association membership. Jan will plan the outline with advice on layout and photographs. She will initially contact Naz. **Action: Jan**

Richings Park Village Action Group Report (RPVAG): Ged had emailed a report to Graham covering such items as: Summer Fete; Neighbourhood Watch; Litter Pick, Grass Cutting. They will advertise on the Residents' Association website.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP FIGURES REPORT: Matthew reported that numbers are still low: 128 households have paid, against 205 last year. Only 5 are paying by bank transfer. Membership cards need to be delivered to the households who have paid. Graham asked Matthew to email individual road reports to stewards. **Action: Matthew.** Ged suggested that there be free entry to the Summer

Fete for those who have paid their subscription, or who are prepared to sign up on the door. This was agreed. **Action: Ged**

PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

1 Heathrow, Northern Runway Alteration: the appeal has been successful. The change to aircraft taxi-ways permits another 25,000 movements a year, which is within their cap.

2 CEMEX: gravel extraction has been approved subject to conditions, despite our presentations. The Planning Committee agreed that the North East extraction section, close to Bathurst Walk cul de sac, is a problem. The Committee want some form of reassessment: extract, cover up and move off, ideally as a separate section. Lorry routing pattern: Cemex agreed with Slough Borough Council (SBC) to use Sutton Lane. SBC were awarded £750,000 in compensation, which they will use for road work on Brands Hill/Sutton Lane.

3 Local applications Submitted: a list accompanied the Agenda. Graham was asked to object to Court Lane off-airport car parking. **Action: Graham.** The development affecting Bathurst Close had been approved.

Report from County/District Councils: nothing reported

Report from Iver Parish Council: nothing reported

Dates of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 June 7.30 pm, RPSC

Any Other Business

Matthew: some electric trains are now running through Iver.

Paul: there should be a 30 mph speed limit in Thorney Lane South. Ged will contact Iver Parish Council. **Action: Ged**

Alan: there are aggregates lorries in Links Park. Paul will look at the site to assess what is happening. **Action: Paul**

Graham: meetings are becoming lengthy. We need a sub-committee level to look at issues in more detail and report to the main Committee. This item will be added to the next agenda. **Action: Graham**

The meeting ended at 9.57 pm