

RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING 8 PM MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014, RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB

Present: Wendy Matthew (Chair), Maureen Atkinson, Alan Barrett, Lindsey Beagle, Stewart O'Malley, Jan Wiseman (Minutes), Daphne Wood, Maureen Worrall, Graham Young

Apologies: Mukhtar Ali, Bhagat Hundal, Judy Teader

1 **Minutes of the Previous Meetings (24 June and 22 July):** agreed

2 **Matters Arising and Other Issues**

2.1 Heathrow Third Runway: consultation has been taking place on compensation proposals but South Bucks has been omitted from the process. Heathrow PLC say we are not impacted. Wendy contacted the Chief Officers of South Bucks and of Buckinghamshire County Council, and both of them wrote to Heathrow. South Bucks are meeting the CEO of Heathrow PLC on 22 October and this should lead to an offer of consultation for Iver and a date being discussed. We need to set the record straight and ensure Heathrow remember who, and where, we are.

Heathrow may try to move the distribution and logistics building from the A4 to the land between Thorney and Richings Park (which is also the site for the proposed Heathrow Hub development). We will be under siege with Heathrow proposals and we need to keep challenging and also ensure that we obtain a fair share of compensation.

Flyers had been mass circulated in our area by the Back Heathrow campaign.

2.2 Heathrow Ground Noise: the RPRA website now has a form on which to record aircraft noise. Graham has also asked the Slough Observer to publicise the complaint process. The noise of aircraft warming up at 5.30 am is still a problem. Alan believes that the noise may be caused by the Colnbrook incinerator but aircraft are thought to be the main offenders. All present were asked to remind neighbours to fill in the form if they suffer from this noise. There is no regulation of noise on the ground, although planes should warm up only in specific areas and there are limits on times and numbers.

2.3 Heathrow Trials: the last LAANC (Local Authorities' Aircraft Noise Council) meeting reported that unofficial trials were taking place on different aircraft routes. If we don't complain the new routes will go ahead. All were asked to encourage neighbours to report aircraft noise from overflying on the Heathrow website form. It is imperative that we register complaints using the on-line system so that we appear in the relevant statistics.

2.4 Meeting Dominic Grieve: rescheduled to 24 October, 6.15 pm at Wendy Matthews' house (23 Old Slade Lane). We will continue to brief him on all developments in our area and keep encouraging him to act on our behalf. All residents are welcome to attend – please let Wendy know in advance.

2.5 Highways Updates, North Park: some utility work had taken place in North Park and the road was being closed overnight for a week from Monday 29 September. *(After this meeting Wendy*

investigated and established that the closure is for resurfacing North Park, which we were told would be happening in late October.)

2.6 Highways Updates, Pavements: when houses are developed, sending 'before and after' photographs of the pavement to Bucks County Council will allow them to investigate and fund repair work. The offending householder will be recharged.

2.7 Area Round the Shops: we are still waiting for the outcome of the parking consultation. Parking is still a massive issue and Crossrail will only make it worse. Lindsey asked about processes for restricted-hours parking in local roads; other areas have implemented it successfully.

Planters: Lindsey's father-in-law will make them and ensure they are heavy, and also taller than knee-height. **Action: Lindsey**

Trees: an overhanging branch had injured a shopper. Graham had reported this problem to Bucks County Council highways department.

Graffiti: Muhktar had reported graffiti on properties backing onto the station car park. Network Rail had cleared the general area swiftly but householders were responsible for their own properties. There was still graffiti on the garages belonging to the flats and the management company has to deal with it.

2.8 Residents' Garden: we have heard nothing more about a green bin. Graham will ask Chris Sprules, a former member of the Association, if he would cut the grass on a regular basis. **Action: Graham**

2.9 Thorney Sidings: sale of the site to Network Rail has stalled. We have heard no more.

2.10 Khalsa School: permission was granted for the school to occupy the site permanently. As our nearest local school it will have implications for school transport.

2.11 Wexham Park Hospital: no further information about the takeover by Frimley.

2.12 Verges/Pavements/Roads: see above.

2.13 Sustainable Access to Iver Station, Cycle Path: (see previous minutes 24 June, and 22 July). A capital grant has been awarded to create a cycle route from Iver Village and the Station: £1m. But the grant for signage and promotional material had been turned down.

2.14 Land at Larbourne Farm (at back of St Leonard's Walk, leading to the Poynings): Lindsey will look on-line to establish the new owner (not Kuwait Oil as previously minuted). Colin Rayner is still farming the land. Lindsey's family have bought woodland next to her property in St Leonard's Walk.

3 **Dates of Next Meetings:** Tuesdays 21 October, 25 November and 16 December: 8 pm Richings Park Sports Club.

4 **Treasurer's Report:** £40 spent on retention of the email address and website hosting fee. Nothing further to report.

5 **Planning/Enforcement:** see list of current applications/decision included in the Agenda. Calor Gas is moving onto the Cape Boards site.

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

6.1 WRAtH: (Western Region Access to Heathrow): consultation should start next month on the Mansion Lane rail bridge, the route of the tunnel and the back exit route to Iver business parks.

6.2 Crossrail, Thorney Lane Bridge Works: noise overnight Saturday to Sunday last was recorded by residents and complaint made. The complaint and Crossrail's response is on the website. There will be another overnight session in mid-October and probably two more. Crossrail sent a note in advance but to residents of Bathurst Walk only. We all need to be kept informed; the hammering noise was heard in Iver.

The plan of work is on the website. The temporary bridge is being pushed into position overnight Sunday to Monday 28-29 September. It should be ready in November. The old bridge is being demolished on Christmas Day!

7 **Cappagh/Aggregate Industries/Lorries:** there are still significant issues in Court Lane and Enforcement Officers are investigating. Aggregate Industries have moved and have ceased to maintain the Kingfisher garden opposite the North Star. The Aggregate site is being decontaminated.

8 **Report from Parish Council:** we will have new Christmas lights in Iver and Richings Park. Switch-on: 29 November.

9 **Report from County/District Councils:** Councillors have been reduced in number from 41 to 28 but as previously reported (22 July minutes) Iver and Richings Park are not affected.

10 **Any Other Business:**

10.1 Alan reported that drains in Thorney had still not been cleared. Also there were overhanging bushes on the bridge which pushed pedestrians into the road. Wendy would take this up with Bucks CC. **Action: Wendy**

10.2 Daphne had reported overgrown bushes at the width restriction in Richings Way. Again pedestrians were being forced towards the road. She had also reported litter issues to South Bucks, Ed Barron.

10.2 Christmas Shopping Event: there was no news on whether there would be an event at the shops this Christmas.

10.4 The ambulance service have set up a first responder system in local areas. They have one in Iver/IverHeath and are looking for more. Full training is provided.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.