

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7.30PM**  
**Richings Sports Park**

*(KEY: BC: Bucks Council; IPC: Iver Parish Council; RPSC: Richings Park Sports Club; RPRA: Richings Park Residents' Association; IGNS: Iver Good Neighbour Scheme)*

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Graham Young (Chair), Cllr. Wendy Matthews (IPC, BC), Joyce Young (Minutes), Nick Jones, Stafford Salt, Gurmail Dokal, Jim Skinner, Helen Pennie  
**APOLOGIES,** Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Kavita Devi, Arun Gaur, Tina Heath, Shantanu Tandon,  
**NON-ATTENDEES:** Sue Barber, Maureen Atkinson, Kam Khatkar  
Louise Stevens (Bathurst East ) has resigned from the committee

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Money has been paid to the tree surgeons from our account. As Graham still cannot access the bank details until a new security card arrives, we cannot check whether the money from the Community Board has gone into our account, although Wendy is sure it has now been paid. Graham and Joyce still need to get a sign about no parking in front of Kingfisher Gardens

**ACTION GY /JY**

The bin has now been installed

Whats App groups known - Wellesley, Bathurst West, Syke Cluan, Thorney, Poynings and Ridings and Old Slade Lane have these groups. Syke Ings hasn't got one. Wendy needs to be added to Old Slade Lane group.

No interest from North Park residents when Nick suggested it.

Joyce will make up a Committee What's App group, Arun to ask In and Around for residents to let their road steward know their mobile numbers if they want to be added to the group. Use committee emails to do this. Then we can get info out quickly to each street. **ACTION Arun / Joyce**

**Dr Roger Green arrived (Independent Chair of the Heathrow local focus forum)**

Budget for Centenary events has been sought from Heathrow Villages funds, they have acknowledged they have it and we should hear soon if we get it.

Meeting at the Spiritual Hub didn't occur as date was difficult, to be rearranged. **ACTION Arun**

Membership cards. Niki was going to redesign these; Joyce will check this with her.

Roger explained his role as independent chair of the forum and as such he was visiting all residents' groups. As he is independent, he can challenge actions of Heathrow and make them more accountable to the communities affected by Heathrow.

Issues he is tackling include parking, especially in the laybys around Heathrow which are packed with parked cars and lorries waiting for delivery slots. Hounslow is poorly represented. There needs to be a two-way process rather than Heathrow just informing the forums what they are doing, moving locations of meetings around the community rather than just at Heathrow headquarters, induction for new members of the committees. He has visited the parking area for private hire and Uber drivers and found them inadequate whilst Graham noted that the Black cab parking area is well appointed. He will go and visit that one to compare them. Many ex-members of the committee have resigned because, as they met so infrequently nothing was done between meetings and no Actions carried forward. It was noted that the Heathrow Foundation is a separate charity and is not fully funded by Heathrow although they like the public to think that it is.

**Feedback from the Heathrow noise forum**

Graham mentioned that the new independent chair of that forum (Andreas) seems to be making a difference, as he didn't allow Heathrow to evade responsibility, whereas community presentations were thorough and informative as well as containing supporting evidence to support concerns. Communities want to get Heathrow to admit that profit was their main motivator.

They are still paying dividends to shareholders despite not being able to increase landing fees.

### **Feedback from the Community Board**

The air quality group has now met (Tina is our rep on this) and came up with three options to address this. Wendy wanted us to add any other issues to this. Options were a 20MPH zone, traffic calming on Richings Way/ North Park and car sharing. The Tower Arms roundabout is one of the highest points of air pollution in the area. The committee felt that a 30 MPH speed limit from the railway line on Thorney Lane south and then East along Thorney Mill Road and West to the Slough boundary was a good idea. Traffic calming repair is on the agenda.

The HGV meeting (Jim is our rep on this) hasn't happened yet. Active travel group is waiting for a feasibility study on the footpath / cycle track from Pinewood down to Iver railway station. There is some money from Section 106 funding for the path from Pinewood to the station.

Open for funding now, small grants of up to £1000 can now be applied for and this now includes groups that have membership – eg sports clubs. Larger grants need to be match funded.

### **Highways update, verges, pavements and roads**

Super sucker has done the drains, although many have been cleared some have collapsed (North Park towards Langley)

Wellesley resurfacing will probably only be half done - date 26<sup>th</sup> July, the other half next year.

Bollards – continue reporting the broken bollards on Fix my Street. Wendy will chase this up if she has a report number so send that to her if any reported Fix my street issues aren't dealt with.

TFB have lost their contract with Bucks so not much new work is happening although they are still committed to completing work. It will go in house next year.

### **Gardening team / Kingfisher Garden**

Not much going on as no cutting due to the dry weather. The trees need watering. If you live close, could you put water on them.

Suggested a bid for a grant from the Community Board for watering bags for the trees.

**ACTION Ged**

Kingfisher garden activity for the summer is on hold until another time and the river has been sorted. A meeting with the Colne Valley River man is scheduled for next week.

### **Events team / Centenary celebrations**

Menu now sorted for the Murder Mystery. Script is well underway. High sheriff will attend opening ceremony. Next meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> August

### **Treasurers and membership Figures report**

No report but subs are still coming in.

### **Planning**

Ashville have expansion proposals for using Thorney sidings although Wendy noted that they can take out as much as they wish but can't process, stockpile or load. One way traffic only. Didn't get planning permission last time but we need to keep an eye on what is going on.

Link Park – no date for appeal yet

Thorney Business Park – Data centre planning app is in, but it will create more traffic albeit of a different type (cars/ vans not lorries)

Application for another Data Centre at Court Lane proposed

Other data centres planned for Woodlands Park. Off Palmers Moor Lane and The Ridgeway

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept at 7.30 at the Sports Club.