

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 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, Jim Skinner, Helen Pennie, Kavita Devi, Arun Gaur, Tina Heath,  
**APOLOGIES,** Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Kam Khatkar, Shantanu Tandon, Gurmail Dokal  
**NON-ATTENDEES:** Stafford Salt, Sue Barber, Maureen Atkinson,

We hoped to have a presentation from the Court Lane Data centre proposal, but this wasn't possible. They are happy to hold an evening one at the Sports Club on 14<sup>th</sup> September and an afternoon one for the committee. Wendy noted that at present there is no spare electricity capacity until an upgrade to the substation expected in 2027 at the earliest. Also noted that all the Data centres are going for outline planning permission, meaning that if it is granted, they can then build what they like on the site. This will no doubt mean more warehousing leading to more HGV movements.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes were agreed as accurate and approved.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

Sign about No Parking at Kingfisher Gardens hasn't been completed although it has been discussed with Jim. Graham will action this.

Committee What's App group has been created. So far not much response from the In and Around Iver magazine to join street What's app groups.

Meeting with the Spiritual Hub was postponed, and this will be reinstated by Arun who will ask the Hub for some dates week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. To involve Graham, Arun, Nick and Ged. Possible action for the group to enquire about the use of Marquees for our Centenary Food event in Sept 2023.

Community board bid for tree watering – Helen is working on this.

Membership cards have been redesigned by Nicky, circulated to all and can now be printed. Discussion about digital versions – many of the residents would like a card and Graham noted that Mick will give a discount to RPRA members at the bar so a card would be needed. They will also be used when we have Centenary events, as they will give discount prices for RPRA members.

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

The air quality group has now met (Tina is our rep on this) and came up with options to address this. Wendy wanted us to add any other issues to this. The committee felt that a 30 MPH speed limit was a good idea. Car share initiative, speed humps, and traffic calming ideas are on the agenda. There are still things to discuss, what do we want? what will work best?

Perhaps we need to start a dialogue on our Facebook page to find out what residents want.

Could Ged initiate this? GY to ask Ged.

ACTION JY / GW

Tina has minutes of the meeting which will be circulated with these minutes.

Arun will put something in In and Around, put it on all the local What's app groups – perhaps a form of words could be sent to all the committee for the groups to circulate?

ACTION GY

The North Park What's app group needs to be formed, Arun has people he knows who want to be involved and will ask them to contact Nick.

Joyce offered to join the air quality group.

The HGV meeting (Jim is our rep on this) has now met but minutes not yet available. Discussion on changing the routes vehicles take from the Ridgeway and Court Lane Estates. There would be a width restriction or a chicane between the two estates so only cars can use this.

Only a left turn – North out of Ridgeway and a left for Court Lane and a right for Thorney Park - South turn from those estates.

This would hopefully discourage heavy vehicles. They are also talking to the HGV operators about better driving techniques. Other suggestions should go to Jim. Graham will also join this group.

Signs are needed at the end of Wellesley and Syke Cluan and Bathurst about unsuitable for HGVs. Wendy advised that these need to be blue advisory signs and can't be enforced. Kavita will investigate this, and the resident's association will pay for them. They can go on the parking restrictions posts.

ACTION KD

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

There is a new area manager for the LATs who is Bucks 'in house' staff, not TFB. Our LAT has visited 28 Somerset Way where they have encroached on the highway by extending a parking concrete area onto the grass verge outside their curtilage. They have been told to reinstate the grass and have been asked about their thinking that planning agreement for an in and out drive meant they could do this. Enforcement will be enacted if it does not happen. There have been two other refusals of planning consent for similar projects in the Park.

Pavements on Wellesley are due for work end of Sept/ Oct.

Wildflowers are looking a bit messy; they need to be allowed to go to seed and then will be cut as planned in Autumn.

Syke Cluan and parts of Bathurst pavements are dangerous and need mending. Members advised to report on Fix my Street regularly.

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

Not much going on, as still not much cutting due to the dry weather. Cut due this weekend.

A meeting with the Colne Valley River representative Josh was held and an action of contacting the Heathrow Rangers to do some small pruning jobs has proved so far fruitless, Joyce will try and contact again. If they can't do it, Joyce will ask Heritage trees.

ACTION JY

Josh said a plan for river management would be done by the end of August, Wendy to chase this up.

ACTION WM

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

Exhibition in planning stage but a plan has been made. Nicki to help with graphics. Evening of Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and invites to be sent. Nicki to be asked to design an invite card. ACTION GW  
Murder Mystery seems on track, a committee member suggested that we have three different price structures, £40 for present RPRA members, £45 if you also join the RPRA and £50 for others. Will put to centenary committee.

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

No report but subs are still coming in although Graham noted they seem a little down on last year. Shantanu has circulated his report.

### **Planning**

Fourells paddock planning app application for a development of houses at the back of Old Slade Lane has been seen by IPC. Although it may have good points, including some low-cost housing, it is still on Greenbelt. NB this is again an outline application so what is now shown on the plans may not be what is built! The developer is claiming that it is trapped Greenbelt and thus can be used. Using cases in Herts where the planning inspector overturned the planning refusal as the Green Belt was not of the best quality.

Bullet points for objections to be circulated by Arun. So far 22 objections and 17 supporters, although these are mainly not local.

Where is the housing need? flats in the old post office are still for sale.  
Why did he not put it in as part of the Neighbourhood Plan? Infrastructure support – schools, medical centre etc not provided for.

The IPC will call in the proposal. A call in means that it will go to committee rather than be decided by the officers. We would be allowed only 4 minutes to make our case verbally to the committee. If the committee refuse and the applicant appeals, then it goes to a Planning Inspectorate enquiry where we can advance a more reasoned objection as there is no 4-minute rule in this case.

Graham has agreed to speak for the objectors when it gets to planning.

Link Park – now gone to appeal. This is the second planning application whilst the first was refused the second was not determined by Bucks within the required timescale because the developers did not provide the necessary information. Objections to the first application are not considered, only objections to the second which never got to planning refusal so there are less objections.

**We need to support the council in refusing this application.** Need to go to the Planning inspectorate web site and object. Link to the web site and where to object will be sent with these minutes.

The consequences of getting planning permission are horrendous, as there will probably be no Data centre just vast warehousing and much more HGV movements.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 at the Sports Club.

#### **Around the table**

Wendy asked where we want a Happy bench? – provided by Iver Parish Council.

Suggestion that it goes at the corner of Wellesley and Somerset opposite the wildflower area.

More bike racks being installed at the station.

Joyce suggested we ask TFL for a bench (and a shelter?) outside the station for waiting customers.

Will write to TFL and ask.

ACTION JY /GY

We need signs for the residents' gardens as they are getting very full of litter.

Take your litter home Keep our garden beautiful Use the bin please etc

ACTION GY

Kingfisher Gardens - getting beer cans left. Suggestions for a bin inside by the bench which Jim will endeavour to put into the outside bin that Bucks council empty regularly. Jim will get some quotes.

ACTION JS

Meeting ended at 8.55pm