

**RICHINGS PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday October 7th 2024 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), Jim Skinner, Nick Jones, Helen Pennie, Julia Hill, Sara Wong,

**APOLOGIES** Kam Khatker, Kavita Deva, Ged Weston (Vice Chair), Shantanu Tandon, Tina Heath, Will Goddard, Gurmail Dhokal,

**NON-ATTENDEES:** Maureen Atkinson, Rav Hayer, Kam Patel,

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes were agreed as accurate and were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Graham has contacted Deborah O'Sullivan about using the lobby of the Sports Club as a place to leave surplus food.

St Leonards mound. Work on this is progressing hampered by the weather to allow Lilliput nursery to use the site. Graham has discussed Forest school with them and that it is an expensive option and there are other ways to do the same thing, he suggested they contact the local schools to ask for advice.

Planning information was circulated by Joyce after the last meeting.

**Heathrow Noise and space forum.**

This is now getting a bit confrontational as residents have noted that all their concerns are not being fully registered in the minutes, whilst any comment from Heathrow gets a full account. They feel that the independent chair is not very independent and takes the side of Heathrow.

Wendy has been to a meeting regarding Heathrow's desire to extend the use of both runways at the same time which requires planning permission from Hillingdon which may prove difficult. This will result in an increase in capacity for more flights which may affect us, especially for easterly take offs. More capacity will mean more planes and they also wish to increase their passenger cap on numbers.

It seems likely that the third runway will be on the cards again.

A suggested noise barrier at Longford seems to involve a bund of raised earth and a fence. This may also increase noise for RP if it flows over the barrier.

**Speedwatch**

The working group met before this meeting. Paul, Julia, Nick, Daphne Wood, Paula Bains and Janet Quinn are involved in this. Joyce took notes.

Discussion had involved how many would take the online course? Joyce and Paul have done this, Janet is doing it and Paula and Nick will also do this. A number of questions need to be answered, and Joyce will contact Cllr Julie Cook to clarify these.

Wendy suggested the use of TSID data which records speeds and the Parish own possibly two of these. These will be used to get a better idea of hot spots in speeding before we go down the Speedwatch route. Notes from the meeting will be circulated to the committee for info.

**Kingfisher Gardens**

Wendy, Jim, Joyce, Graham met a few weeks ago with actions to put in place. Joyce circulated the action plan and updated the committee. Anwara from Heathrow will be in touch with a plan for the Rangers which involves continuing maintenance, planting bulbs and native trees (Rowan and Acers) on the verge. Bergey has yet to get back with contact details for the River person at Colne Valley and Joyce is meeting Heritage trees on Wed to discuss what can be done. Graham has contacted the parish to see if we can get help from the maintenance team.

Joyce put another review on Google maps and Julia will also comment.  
Bucks have done the second treatment for the water hemlock.

**Gardening team** –Meeting next week to discuss plans for the year and discuss how to get more volunteers and if they are cutting the right areas. Helen will let Joyce know when the meeting is so we can add an invite to our What's App road groups. Mowers will be serviced over winter by Neil. There is money available if more is needed.

### **Finance report**

Shantanu circulated a detailed assessment of our position and what is in the bank accounts.

We need to try and get some of the planned spending underway.

The repair café first meeting was a great success but may need more funds.

ACTION Will

Mobile library – no more information – Kam to advise.

ACTION Kam

Trees – no further information – Shantanu to advise.

ACTION Shantanu

Interpretive boards – turned down by National lottery but they suggested we try the Lottery Heritage fund – Joyce will do this.

ACTION Joyce

Do we need more ideas?

The Repair café may have some spin off ideas and the group are preparing a report on the first session. Next session is 16<sup>th</sup> November by which time they should have online booking.

### **Membership report**

A few more PayPal payments which trickle in over the year. There are still 20 to go until April next year. Good response to an email reminder to renew so Joyce will see if she can find a few more lapsed payments.

She will also do a What's app message about what we are doing with the money when the Repair café report is done and hopefully that will pull in more membership subs.

### **Events**

Richings Sparkle went well with about 20 in all taking part. Photos sent to the Waste Depot at Bucks.

The fly tipping on the private land behind the shops was discussed.

Graham will write to the owner of the bike shop where most of the fly tipping is and ask that he gets it removed.

If no response, then he will write to all the owners of the shops and ask if they would like to help get it removed.

ACTION Graham

Most of the committee felt that, as a Residents Association we should help fund the removal if no other options were available. Joyce will try to get a quote as to how much this would cost. Cost of a skip is around £300. Waste removal companies will also quote for this.

Christmas party Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Kam to lead and Wendy, Helen and Tina and Claire Goddard would like to be involved. Joyce to send paperwork from last year, Graham to look for finance.

Repair café will be doing a Christmas tree at the event on the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Will also represent RPRA.

### **Planning and enforcement**

Thorney Business Park have put in formal planning for the road into the estate. This isn't a new road.

Some businesses have been cleared from Court Lane.

Pinewood is ceasing TV production which mean they have spare capacity, and it isn't known how they will fill this.

Extension and certificate of lawfulness to the previous Garage on Wellesley was refused.

### **Parish and Unitary council updates**

A new tree for the paved area next to the salt bin by the Resident's garden has been ordered.

**Air quality** Some section 106 money from Thorney Business Park will be spent on improving air quality but only on Iver High Street and there will be no mitigation for Richings Park. A consultation event will be held.

Traffic calming measures and greening are proposed.

### **Road works**

20<sup>th</sup> Oct Bangors Road south will be closed.

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Denham Road will be closed

14<sup>th</sup> Nov Thorney Lane North will be closed

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, Seven Hills road will be closed, and on and off until May 25.

Thorney Mill road resurfacing to the motorway bridge will be done in 2025.

Project gigabit (City Fibre) – to improve rural area Wi-Fi. This will only apply to Iver High street and not Iver Heath or Richings park. Cable will start from the bottom of Wood Lane and it is likely it will leave a mess behind as has already happened on Wood Lane.

### **Date of next meeting**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at the Sports Club.**

**December social to be held at the Tower Arms on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm,  
Some refreshments will be provided.**

### **Around the table**

Paul Griffin will take on stewardship of Wellesley Ave until Kavita returns.

Neighbourhood watch community fund may give us money for Smartville, Graham to talk to Will.

New police constable for Iver in Jan as well as a new sergeant who will cover a very wide area.

Diffuser tubes appeared on lamppost on Richings Way are probable to monitor air quality.

Tree overhanging the pavement on Thorney Lane south opposite Londis – report on Fix my Street

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm