

## Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)

2 pm, 12th February 2013

**Present:** Liz Anderson; Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig; Pam Manfield(notes); Glenn Rickwood; Claire Whitty

### 1. Apologies: none

### 2. Matters Arising:

- 2.1 It was noted there are 4 proposed gypsy and traveller sites.
- 2.2 The Warden Group Meeting has been cancelled; no new date has been suggested.
- 2.3 The Teasel Walks leaflets will be formally launched on March 9th. The Mayor, Chair of Rec Committee and Chair of Warden Group, plus Central Beds managers have confirmed they can attend. The local press will be invited also. All members of the IG group and Stotfold Town Council are warmly invited to attend, 2pm at Stotfold Watermill. Confirmation of attendance should go to Pam Manfield, for catering purposes. It was suggested the Roecroft Centre might also be used as an outlet and that the map of all the walks should be put on the Co-op noticeboard. **Action: PM**
- 2.4 AC reported that the person enquiring about using the Memorial Hall for an indoor market is still investigating sourcing stall holders.
- 2.5 It was noted that the Town Plan is on display in Larksfield Surgery, though still on a high shelf.
- 2.6 PM reported that the Teasel and Town Council websites are linked.

### 3. Good Neighbour Scheme

- 3.1 WC had written an article outlining the scheme for the March edition of Stotfold News.
- 3.2 AC will discuss the scheme at the Town Enhancement Committee on 27th February, as there are funding implications.
- 3.3 A letter praising the scheme will go to April edition of Stotfold News. **Action: PM**
- 3.4 Details should go on the Town Council website. **Action: AC**
- 3.5 It was agreed a follow up article for Stotfold News in April would be good, referring to a form expressing interest in helping or needing help. **Action: WC.** The current form would be reduced to half a page. **Action: WC.** AC would liaise with the Town Clerk to see if this could go on the Town Council page. **Action: AC.**

### 4. Patient Participation Group (PPG)

- 4.1 WC reported that there had been no information about the background of the carers group. **Action: WC** to pursue.
- 4.2 WC had produced a useful list of travel services to and from hospitals. The PPG has agreed this can be displayed on the JX live info board in the surgery, explaining that reception has the list.
- 4.3 It was agreed that the list should be sent to Stotfold News on completion. **Action: WC.**
- 4.4 It was noted that the 391 bus goes from Stotfold to Lister Hospital, though since there is only one bus a day, getting back is more difficult.

### 5. Gypsy and traveller sites

- 5.1 The draft response from the Town Council has been updated and is on the Town Council website. It will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on 20th February.
- 5.2 The percentage of respondents to the Town Plan, as well as the sections emphasising residents' disapproval of development to the north and east of the town, plus the value placed on green surroundings will be added. **Action: AC**
- 5.3 It was noted that Central Beds SUSCOM will be discussing sites on 28th February.

## 6. Work to carry out and information

6.1 AC will ask the Town Clerk about the progress towards youth participation in Town Council meetings. **Action: AC**

6.2 Cliff Andrews will be talking to the Town Enhancement Committee on 27th Feb re: Neighbourhood Plans.

6.3 The new Police Commissioner will be addressing the Annual Town Meeting on 7th March.

## 7. Any other business

7.1 It had been noted that gritting had not taken place along Rook Tree Lane, despite the fact that this is a bus route and has a school. **Action: LA** to send highways list of work to AC

7.2 AC noted that Town Plan updates were now on the website.

7.3 SB reported that Roecroft School now has an Eco Sub-committee and is working towards the designation of eco-school.

7.4 GR reported that Etonbury Academy has been involved in a BEMAT meeting with other local middle and secondary schools. There is possible large funding in the future to provide community facing facilities.

7.5 PM suggested that Stotfold should work towards a Green Arc, like the Biggleswade Green Wheel project, making a clear, green swathe around the town, which would be valuable for wildlife diversity and for resident recreation and exercise. There is funding available next year, so we have time to set up a project. The community woodland to the North East could perhaps be the start of this. **Action: PM** to invite Richard Lawrence to the next IG meeting and establish via Town Clerk exactly where the proposed woodland is sited.

**8. Date of next meeting: 12th March 2013 at 2 pm in the Simpson Centre.**