

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG) Action Notes for meeting of 12th September 2011

Present: Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Pam Manfield (notes); Glenn Rickwood; Claire Whitty

1. Apologies: Wendy Craig

2. Matters arising

a) Advice Point: AC and the Town Clerk had met two representative of MIND; they are now using the Simpson Centre small office for counselling and report that this is going well. 4 volunteers have started CAB training and two are interested in becoming full-time volunteers.

b) Art funding: There was a presentation on public art on 27th July to the Town Enhancement Committee. The wide variety of subjects coming under this heading was noted.

c) Co-op Meeting. Andy Pepper, Regional Planning Manager, Central and Eastern has confirmed his interest in meeting with Town Council members and IG and will suggest dates and Co-op attendees. **Action: PM** to pursue if no definite dates have been received by first week of October

d) Zip wire. It was noted that this is proving to be very popular.

e) Libraries: The Librarian was extremely pleased with local responses to the Big Library Debate. The local press has stated that there are now no plans to close libraries.

3. Quiet Lanes

a) AC thanked GR for providing a significant amount of information on websites re: quiet lanes initiatives elsewhere. AC has produced a report which will be presented to the Recreation, Public Lands and Lighting Committee on 14th September.

b) It was noted that the Taylors Road development had been discussed at the Planning Committee of 13th July. PM had drafted several points against the development of housing and a small number of commercial units. She was asked to produce a draft document, expressing the concern of IG about the need to look at the quiet lanes initiative for roads to the north and east of Stotfold holistically, including the points raised by the proposed Taylors Road development and the impact of the housing proposals at Roker Park; the Localism legislation and the lack of communication between Highways and Planning Departments at Central Beds formed part of the discussion. **Action: PM**

4. Work to be carried out

AC to ask the Town Clerk to check the needs of committee chairs. **Action: AC**

5. Any other business

a) Cllr Ken Pollard of Shefford Farmers' Market to be invited to the next meeting. **Action: AC**

b) Attention drawn to 'Let's Talk Together' community meeting at St Mary's Church Hall – 25th October 2011. It was felt that posters and inclusion in the Comet and Biggleswade Chronicle might encourage residents to attend. **Action: AC**

6. Date of next meeting: to be finalised once AC has confirmation from Cllr Pollard.

(The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15th, 2.00pm at The Simpson Centre.)