

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2.00 pm, 7th November 2017
Council Chamber Greenacre Centre

Present: Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig (notes); Cllr Colin Phelps; Julie Stockford; Cllr John Talbot;

1. Apologies: Claire Whitty; Glenn Rickwood

2. Minutes of last meeting / Matters Arising from action points

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted, WC, CW and JS were given copies of the notes taken at the meeting with Julie Ogley.
- Since the meeting with JO, Cllr Bundock has sent a comprehensive list of the poor/non-existent transport options available to Stotfold residents to reach nearby towns and villages. The IG feels that JO and CBC should now be well aware now of the difficulties of using public transport to access local towns and villages from Stotfold.
- It was noted that residents of Norton Rd were concerned about the lack of bus stops on their road. Stops are required to be every 400 yds through new estates, TC will be advised to pursue why this is not so for established residential areas on bus routes.
- It was also noted that the playing field adjacent to the former Roecroft School had been cut but was generally in a poor condition. There seems to be confusion as to whether the ACB wants to use the land now. Cllr Cooper (STC) and Cllr Dixon (CBC) will be investigating.

3. Progress: Footpath adjacent to former Roecroft Lower School site.

AC said that she would be bringing the issue of the Brewery Lane footpath to the attention of Cllrs. at the meeting of the Rec. Public Lands and Lighting Committee on the 8th Nov. She told IG that she still has evidence (including copies of emails and minutes) of what was said/done/agreed and that TC approved the path being added to the definitive list in 2012. AC will suggest that the TC invite Adam Maciejewski (Senior Definitive Maps Officer) to advise, as we clearly need to establish where we are in 2017.

CBC has mislaid a number of the Public Right of Way User Evidence Forms submitted in 2012.

4. Updates

SGNG (Good Neighbour Group): WJC

- SGNG was pleased to report that they had received the full grant of £502.25 requested from the Town Council to set up the Seated Exercise classes.
- The AGM had been held on the 24th Oct. The number of activities carried out during the past year was 1025, of these, 72% (738 jobs) were transport related. That is an increase of 204 from last year.
- The SGNG committee asked all volunteers present at the AGM for their agreement to apply to become a '*small charity*' and register with HMRC. This was unanimously agreed. The current committee have all agreed to become Trustees.
- A new Insurer is to be found, as the previous provider will no longer cover voluntary organisations.
- The group is actively liaising with the Library Service to provide an 'Outreach' service for household individuals.
- We are also collaborating with the ACB to provide a 'post Christmas' lunch for clients to be hosted in St Mary's Church. Food, soup and sandwiches, is to be prepared by the students at the ACB.
- An afternoon Tea and biscuits event is also being planned with the Cubs at which songs and games may be available for those who wish to participate.

PPG (Patient Participation Group) JT

- No new information available as there had been no further meetings.
- However, WC said that the TC had agreed to provide a free let of a room in the old TC building for the Carers group to use once a month, as it was no longer possible to meet in a suitable room at Larksfield.

Green Wheel: AC

- The Masterplan Consultation has been completed
- There had only been 68 written submissions of which, 6 comments were worthy of consideration. However Cliff Andrews was not concerned at the low response numbers.
- Cliff Andrews (BRCC) and Caroline Romans (CBC) will be working towards the Masterplan being adopted by CBC and then formally endorsed.
- The Green Wheel minutes were circulated and will be received by the Rec. Public Lands and Lighting Committee on the 8th Nov.

Education CP

- Cllr. Phelps reported that he was impressed on a recent visit to Etonbury.
- There had been construction of a “Junior Department” where children in years 5 & 6 had been allocated a separate area.
- Everything was still very new and class sizes were 32-33 in number.
- There was to be an open evening the following Thursday
- Places at the school had to be applied for by mid January.
- The local Lower schools were pretty much full, any new families will continue to find it difficult to find school places.
- The situation is expected to be the same in Arlesey, but all local schools are doing a good job.
- Preschools are also in a difficult situation now, even before the building of more housing is considered.
- In Cllr. Phelps’ opinion, BEST does not seem to have a good overview or be particularly concerned about the effect on families of separate and/or distant school place allocation for siblings.
- No further information is available on the status of the Pix Brook Academy.

5. Items for information

- The River Warden Scheme is getting off the ground, Richard Lawrence of BRCC and the Wildlife Trust are coordinating a network of volunteers.
- The Ivel Drainage Board is responsible for control of the weeds at the rear of the mill.
- AC requested that members of the IG continue to monitor the effects of overhanging hedges and trees on the clear passage along footways. If possible she requested photos and specific addresses where access is impeded.
- Similarly, please note the effect of parked cars on verges, particularly persistent offenders.

6. Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 2 pm. Action: AC