

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2 pm, 25th February 2014

Present: Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig; Pam Manfield (notes): Clare Whitty

1. **Apologies:** Liz Anderson; Glenn Rickwood

2. Matters arising:

2.1 Roecroft Playing Fields: no further news. AC reported that she had informed Cllr Collier of the Assets of Community Value programme. **Action: PM** to check with Junior Football Club re: previous and potential use of Roecroft Playing Fields.

2.2 The Town Clerk had informed AC that Nicola King was working on "a community profile with young person input". It was also noted that Groundworks had been seeking venues for meeting young people in Stotfold. **Action: AC** to invite Nicola King to the next IG meeting to discuss plans for Stotfold and any possible help the IG can provide.

3. Good Neighbours Group (GNG)

3.1 WC reported that the GNG had had an information stand at the Co-op and given out cards.

3.2 There are now 20 volunteers, with a possible additional four. 24 requests for help had been received, though some had been repeats. The majority were help with transport; 2 were DIY and 3 for befriending.

3.3 There is obviously a need for more drivers and more volunteers generally. **Action: WC** to send a paragraph about the group to the Biggleswade Chronicle and a letter to the editor.

4. Patient Participation Group (PPG)

4.1 WC reported that Dr Wilkins was leaving after a very short time. Dr Lewis was back. The practice were recruiting two new partners.

4.2 The expert patient list was being set up.

4.3 A TV in the waiting room will replace much of the information on the JX board and doctors' photographs will be included.

4.4 It was noted there are still a large number of missed appointments. It is unclear why these occur.

5. Green Wheel (GW)

5.1 A Stakeholder Meeting had taken place the previous week. Radwell and Letchworth did not attend and should be contacted. **Action: PM**

5.2 Cliff Andrews was writing the application for funding for the suggested projects. Funding for Cliff's time had been agreed from Arlesey, Fairfield and Stotfold Councils. Etonbury Wood is intended as the hub and to be improved as a recreational area and wildlife habitat.

5.3 The green bridge linking the Wood to the new development, funded by the developer, is vital to the GW idea and should be pursued at all opportunities.

5.4 Improvements to Bridleway 17 are part of the proposed projects. It is possible the extension of the Academy could pay for some of this as it would link eastern parts of Stotfold to the school and to Etonbury Wood.

5.5 Church Road has been surveyed .

5.6 It was noted that any unregistered footpaths need to be registered as soon as possible. **Action: PM** to contact Loudon Masterton and Jane Hyde to ascertain any paths

that need registering.

5.7 The Stotfold GW meeting was investigating the possible use of the beetroot field as a community orchard. Cliff Andrews will investigate also via CBC.

5.8 It had been recommended that there should be a footpath to link Pogle's Wood to Wrayfields inside the A1 barrier.

5.9 The work associated with the Steam Museum should include the funding of a barrier enabling people to cross the A507 more safely and linking the Kingfisher Way.

6. Education Section of Town Plan

6.1 AC presented a questionnaire which will be distributed after 18th March when children have been allocated school places. She has had a discussion with Ms Bishop, the new Head of St Mary's. She will be contacting the other Headteachers. Copies of the questionnaire will also be available on the Town Council stall at the Steam and Country Fair. **Action: AC**

7 Items for information only.

7.1 The Town Clerk is conducting a survey on the use of the new Community Building; deadline is March 3rd and all were urged to respond. It was noted that car parking spaces were inadequate. **Action: all**

7.2 CBC was making a presentation on the plans for the Town Centre Enhancement on 28th Feb and 1st March. All were urged to attend and comment. **Action: all**

7.3 PM reported that the planting outside the new houses fronting Taylor's Road had been grassed and topiary replaced with beech and laurel hedging.

7.4 Toads had begun moving on Taylor's Road and Teasel had leafletted the new homes about care in driving and help needed for Toad Patrols.

7.5 It was suggested there could be a path/gap in hedge between the car park or the new Leisure Centre and Larksfield Surgery, which would enable breast screening vans etc to take place in Stotfold, rather than residents having to travel for these services.

8. Date of next meeting: 2pm on 25th March at the Simpson Centre.