

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2 pm, 17th May 2016

Present: Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig (notes); Pam Manfield; Cllr Colin Phelps; Cllr John Talbot; Clare Whitty

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

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Point 2.1 in minutes of the meeting 5th April 2016 Paul Blelloc should read **David** Blelloc.
Point 6.9 in minutes of the meeting 5th April 2016 CP should read **JT**
The corrected minutes were presented to full TC on 11th May 2016

Matters Arising from action points

2.1 AC reported that despite best efforts to encourage David Blellock (still 'Regional Portfolio Man' HQ Manchester) to come back to Stotfold, we have had no response. His staff has confirmed his email address.

AC also reported that a week ago a resident was 'dragged' along by a delivery lorry within the Co-op grounds. This is exactly the type of 'nightmare scenario' accident that has been predicted and is of great concern. Steve Dixon (CBC Councillor) is actively pursuing this issue on behalf of the TC.

6.1 AC has nearly completed the Town Plan Monitoring sheets, but will not ask KET to update TC web site with the information until new staff appointed in office and workload diminished.

6.4 The underpass survey will be available to this week's Recreation, Public Lands & Lighting Committee meeting (18th May 2016). Arlesey has modified its mowing schedule to accommodate the wildflower season.

3. **Updates**

Good Neighbour Group: WC

3.1 Number of volunteers constant at 30, the group has lost Larry Stoter as he is moving to Wales, but has gained Jim Reilly who has been a volunteer driver for the Lister hospital for many years.

3.2 The group is planning an awareness raising presence at the Stotfold Watering Can festival on 12th June.

3.3 Also a fundraising stall at the Stotfold Festival fete on 25th June.

3.4 WJC was pleased to report that BRCC had negotiated free parking at Bedford Hospital for SGNG drivers. A sign has been provided and designated parking spaces.

3.5 The group still had a healthy bank balance of £970.

Etonbury Green Wheel: PM

3.6 The minutes of the last meeting 15th April 2016 were distributed

3.7 Paul Burgess (head of Countryside Access at CBC) stated he '*is committed to supporting the Green Wheel project and the wider implications of the outdoor access improvement plan*'. This is good news for the project.

3.8 There are still some gaps in the 'wheel', but all involved are working to resolve this.

3.9 Total funding to date over £100 000.

4. **Education for children in Stotfold: AC**

4.1 Only 50 responses had been received from the public.

4.2 AC eventually managed to speak with Mike Fayers (before Easter sent him hard copy data plus invitation to IG). He had not replied and clearly had given the survey no

attention. He required time to go back and look at the results, AC received an email 24 hrs later (circulated) in which he said '*we are happy for you to insert the educational issues results into your Town Plan*'. The interaction with BRCC on this issue is thought to have been a waste of IG time. The information will be published in Stotfold News and the TC web site updated. The small number of responses received may be highlighted to indicate the low level of involvement of the community and, in particular, parents of school age children. However, it will be made clear that educational issues will be continue to be considered by the group. **Action: AC** to pursue.

6. Items for information: work to be done

6.1 Julie Stockford (who runs the children's Watch wildlife group at the mill) has been appointed as the new Secretary for Teasel. She is likely to join the Green Wheel group and may be invited to join the IG also.

6.2 It was noted that the bollards preventing access through to Grange Drive near Mulberry Close had been removed, and that this is very likely to exacerbate the traffic problems in the Co-op area. Grange Drive is still un-adopted and has no road markings. Cllr. Alan Cooper has suggested that the IG may like to conduct a survey of people traffic entering the Co-op site. **Action: AC** to consider

6.3 The Larksfield PPG has had a stay of execution, John Street has been elected as Chair and Arthur Castle as Vice Chair. There is currently no Secretary, WJC has stood down but is acting secretary for the next two meetings. There are only two other committee members (potential of 14). A virtual PPG is being created to run in parallel with the actual committee on the Larksfield Facebook platform.

6.4 Stotfold schools update: New enlarged Roecroft school now full (numbers grown from 40 to 60 to potential level of 90), next years allocation will be filled quickly. St Mary's not yet full (40 enlarged to 70-ish). The current catchment areas are now very large and need reconsidering in light of the distribution of new homes in Stotfold. Fairfield school has doubled in size and will double again when building completed on second site on old pig farmland. It is predicted that Etonbury will have a 10 to 11 form entry within 5 years.

6.5 Mention was made of the underestimation by CBC School Admissions of the number of new homes proposed for Stotfold. Councillor Brian Saunders has agreed to update the team as soon as land for housing has been approved by CBC.

7. Date of next meeting: 12th July at 2 pm. **Action: AC** to book room.
Meeting closed at 3.20pm