

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
27th September 2016 at 2.00 pm,

Present: Cllr. S Bundock; Cllr. Anne Clarey (chair & notes); Cllr. Colin Phelps; Julie Stockford; Cllr. John Talbot; Claire Whitty.

Also present: Mr David Osborn; Mrs Wendy Osborn

1. **Apologies:** Wendy Craig; Glenn Rickwood

2. **Matters relating to a letter to CBC councillors for Stotfold and Town Councillors regarding issues affecting disability scooters, wheelchairs and other pedestrians.**

- AC introduced DO/WO to the group. A copy of his letter had been made available. AC outlined research that was carried by IG – principally using twin pushchairs.
- DO produced photographic evidence of his near neighbourhood with cars parking over footways/verges and of overhanging hedges. He made reference to points in his letter but fully accepted that some issues in the old areas of Stotfold would be impossible or too costly to improve. Issues in the new housing areas, which clearly flaunt CBC's recommendations should be given consideration.
- SB has compiled a comprehensive list of footways narrowed by overhanging/overgrown shrubbery. This will be made available to the TC offices and will be sent to CBC Highways. She urged Mr Osborn to send his evidence in order to strengthen the argument.
- SB will be meeting with the CBC Steward and extra monies available may well be used to repair areas of footways that have been prioritised.
- Overgrowth in Olivers Lane and Little London noted – both public footpaths.
- JT suggested dialling 101 to report vehicles parked inconsiderately or illegally.
- It was suggested to contact residents through Stotfold News to report areas of concern. Letters/e-mail with contact details would be preferred.
- Mr and Mrs Osborn were thanked for their input. They elected to stay for the rest of the meeting.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising from action points

- Nomination of Vice Chair (Ag. item 3) – have discussed with the Clerk. Matter to be resolved.
- Representation PPG (Ag. Item 3). WC has officially resigned as Secretary and has become one of the wider PPG Group. JT has agreed to attend meetings.
- Health Hub (Ag. Item 5.1) – Cllr B Saunders has reported back on the article in the Biggleswade Chronicle (June '16). An initial report has been published. It is on-going work with, as yet, no specific recommendations. Stotfold will be within the Ivel Valley Group.
- High Street Improvement Plan (Ag. Item 5.2). Local businesses were invited to attend a meeting (4.08.16) with Cllr. Brian Collier, AC and the Clerk. Presentation given by Sally Williams (working alongside CBC). Interest in Project shown. Co-op already seeking to improve their premises. (They would not be covered by the scheme).
- Short paragraph 'Education Matters' appeared in the September edition of Stotfold News.

All other matters will be covered by the Agenda.

4. Updates

Good Neighbour Group WJC sent report

- 4.1 Business continues to increase with pressure on drivers during the summer months.
- 4.2 A letter will appear in Stotfold News, highlighting the situation – with an aim to encourage volunteers, particularly drivers.
- 4.3 The group hosted a Cream Tea at the mill on 20.09.16 with 30 clients attending. This was much enjoyed.
- 4.4 Discussions around the best ways to utilise the group's funds are taking place.

Patient Participation Group WJC sent report.

- 4.5 The PPG has yet to meet with its new committee.
- 4.6 The planned meeting was postponed due to difficulties in finding a new secretary.
- 4.7 The new Chair of the PPG is going to send out a plea to the 'wider' PPG for a new secretary and is considering leafleting certain areas of Stotfold and Fairfield.
- 4.8 The next meeting is on Thursday, 6th October at 6pm.

Green Wheel AC

- 4.9 Nothing further to report – next meeting is on Friday, 30th September 2016.

Education for Children in Stotfold AC

- 4.10 AC attended the public consultation on the Pix Brook Academy on Saturday, 23rd July 2016.
- 4.11 Meeting poorly attended as predicted (11 adults, 1child).
- 4.12 AC distributed a leaflet giving details on the new school.

5. Items for Information Purposes Only

- 5.1 JT has noticed students from the Central Academy enjoying football at lunchtime on the Green. Recommended that it is time to approach CBC over use of the former Roecroft playing field.
- 5.2 JS reported that the Letchworth Tourist Office is happy to display posters advertising events in Stotfold. Is it possible to alert groups via the TC page in Stotfold News?
- 5.3 JS reported incidents of vandalism in the Nature Reserve.
- 5.4 DO drew attention to a newly finished footpath on the edge of the Taylors Rd development complete with lamppost.
- 5.5 Concern raised about the edging stones on the entry to footpath 11 (Brook Street). Need lowering.
- 5.6 LS will reinstate the missing Town Plan documentation on to the website as soon as we move to the Greenacre Centre.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th November at 2pm, Greenacre Centre. AC to book room.