

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
8th November 2016 at 2.00 pm, The Greenacre Centre

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

1. Apologies: Glenn Rickwood

2. Minutes of last meeting

Point 5.1 should read **CP** not **JT**

Matters arising from action points

3.1 Nomination of Vice Chair: - proposal for revised Terms of Reference to be put to Town Enhancement Committee and then to TC meeting on 7th Dec 2016

3.3 Health Hub: - reported in B. Chron. in June. By Sept. it was described as 'an emerging vision for integrated care'. In Oct. it was mentioned by Julie Ogley (Dir. of CBC Social Care & Housing) as well underway. This will doubtless come to TC as a consultative document at some point, but we need to be aware as there are "*perceived implications for residents*" (quote from CBC document). TC needs to focus on this particularly as Stotfold is not mentioned. Is there an opportunity for PPG involvement?

3.4 Town Regeneration: - it is likely that one shop owner will apply for funding.

3.5 No new information on the Pix Brook Academy web site to date.

5.1 Central Academy students, TC agreed with the IG recommendation that it should be chasing CBC now, with regard to use of the land adjacent to the school.

5.5 The edging stones at the Brook St end of footpath II have been adjusted with a slope

3. Footway access / obstructions

Following meeting with David Osborn 27.09.16, (Ref: STC – Rec. Ground, Lands & Lighting Comm. – 12.10.16) the IG has been given the task of preparing a list of issues prior to producing an action plan. KET has highlighted issues in Stotfold News. **SB** distributed list of parked vehicles obstructing footways in addition to providing much information on overgrown trees and hedges. The committee was encouraged to be aware of other instances and record accurately the addresses where such obstructions occur. Persistent parking offenders should also be listed. JT suggested reporting vehicle obstructions to the Police on the 101 non-emergency number. The aim of the IG is to add to the existing lists by Feb. 2017

Barriers – It was noted that barriers vary in style throughout the town, but they are not a TC issue. The question was posed, is there anybody at CBC with responsibility for barriers?

Surfaces – The committee was asked to report on areas within the town where surfaces are breaking up and are a trip hazard for residents, (roads, footways, footpaths) WC reported that growth of weeds and small buddleia plants on the footpath between Coppice Mead and Pix Road should be treated before surfacing is damaged further.

4. Updates

Good Neighbour Group WJC

4.1 Changes to Insurance Act require SGNG to be more specific about tasks performed and risk factors of tasks and clients. Analysis of clients indicates 113 current clients, 10% lost in 3 years operation, 23% of clients (unsurprisingly) have mobility problems, but no

other particularly high risk factors.

4.2 A letter appeared in Stotfold News, highlighting the need for new drivers resulted in two volunteer applications, one of which is progressing well.

4.3 Members of the committee attended the BRCC Network Celebration event and exhibited the advertising poster and last years Xmas tree exhibit, which were well received.

4.4 A decision has been made to utilise part of the group's (substantial) funds to offer parking and transport concessions to clients visiting hospitals.

4.5 Letters had been sent to Alistair Burt and Nadine Dorries urging them to support action to improve mobile phone reception, as this is a vital service for SGNG.

4.6 A Xmas shopping trip has been arranged for clients for the 28th November.

4.7 AGM booked for 6th Dec

Patient Participation Group JT.

4.8 The PPG had its second meeting with its new committee.

4.9 The Chair, John Street has arranged a meeting with CBC to discuss the PPG's concerns over the huge growth in population in Stotfold and the resultant high ratio of patients to Doctors at the Larksfield Practice.

4.10 The PPG was looking into updating the transport leaflet.

4.11 The PPG had received a request from SGNG that they ask the practice if it is possible to prioritise blood test appointments at Larksfield for elderly and vulnerable patients rather than arranging them at out of town clinics or hospitals.

Green Wheel AC

4.11 Cliff Andrews was getting landowners together and pursuing the establishment of footpaths linking existing green areas.

4.12 Much work had been done in Etonbury area.

4.13 Dedicated car parking spaces were now available in the new Pendleton Sports Centre for the use of walkers accessing Etonbury woods.

4.14 A 'Big Tree' planting in Etonbury wood has been organised for the 29th November, it is hoped that children will be involved.

4.15 The proposed planting of the underpass area has not yet occurred, as a meeting date has been difficult to arrange with those concerned.

5. Items for Information Purposes Only

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 2pm, Greenacre Centre. AC to book room.