



**Biggleswade Town Plan
Steering Group
Minutes of meeting: 09 July 2012**

Attendees:

Alan Dansey, Sheila Grayston, Rob Green, Martin Humberstone, Paul Jenkins, Gerry Lawrence, Jonathan Levantine, Deirdre Royston, Kim Sadler, Mike Strange, Nicholas Titley

Apologies:

Pamela Bagnall, Ian Bond, Vic Brunt, Mike Fayers, Hazel Ramsay, Madeline Russell, Mark Wright

NB: Although no representative of BRCC were present, they have verbally confirmed their continued support for the Town Plan and the Steering Group

Agenda item 5: Paul Jenkins was elected to replace Sheila Grayston as Secretary

Agenda items 6 and 7: Gerry Lawrence stood down as Chair. Kim Sadler and Mike Strange were elected as Acting Chairs. Sheila Grayston will be staying on as Treasurer

Agenda items 8 and 9: There was unanimous agreement that the group should continue. All present agreed to take active roles

Agenda item 10: Paul Jenkins will contact all Action Plan Champions and establish if they wish to continue so any roles can be reallocated.

Action 0712/01 - Paul

It was recommended that Champions hold sub-group meetings to devise mechanisms to engage with their stakeholders, also monitoring and reporting outcomes. Groups should identify priorities in terms of importance and achievability in order to report outcomes effectively.

Action 0712/02 – Action Plan Champions

One of the aims for the group is for the Action Plan to go online so people can monitor progress.

Rob Green suggested contacting St Ives Town Plan Group and arrange opportunities to share experience.

Action 0712/03 - Rob

Agenda item 13: Gerry Lawrence reported on the progress of the Green Wheel. There is now a hard standing path at Saxon Drive and the developers has promised to deliver a linear wood to Potton Road. Jubilee woodland at Kennel Farm has been given the go ahead, including 15,000 trees, all of which will be native species. Also the kissing gate at Pocket Park will be replaced in the next two weeks.

It was noted that there was still no brown sign to Pocket Park. Paul Jenkins to write to the four Biggleswade district councillors asking them to push this with Central Beds

Action 0712/04 - Paul

AOB: Sheila Grayston reported that she has yet to receive written answers to questions she asked at the Town Assembly on 8 May relating to progress of Town Plan actions. Sheila will chase the Town Clerk for an answer

Action 0712/05 - Sheila

Gerry Lawrence informed the group that the newly formed Biggleswade Joint Committee – made up of elected members and 2 members co-opted from BTPSG and the Chamber of Trade - met for the first time. Among the items discussed were the Hitchin Street development, Shortmead Street/Sun Street roundabout and relocation of the Ivel Health Centre to the Acorn Centre

Next meeting: Monday 15 October at 19:30