

STAMFORD VISION - URBAN GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY 2007

Present: GR, RB, GH, PH, DS, NG, JJ

1 Apologies for absence

Don Lambert, Charles Crawford, Brian Sumner & Tim Cox

2 Car Parking Issues

GH and GR met Mark Harrison (SKDC Planning Policy Service Manager), Peter Stevens and John Plumb regarding car parking in Stamford. MH was updated on what has been done in recent years by various groups. Issues discussed included no on-street enforcement and that any future car parking strategy needed to take into account not just the council's car parks. It was also mentioned that a minimum level of car parking space was required to keep Stamford viable. The benchmarking survey illustrates that people will park on-street illegally if they can. The group hopes with the arrival of MH things will start moving again. MH appreciated being briefed on the work that community groups and Vision had done.

3 "The Greening of Stamford"

PH does not want to call this scheme "Stamford in Bloom". PH distributed document to members of the group detailing proposed strategies. PH to meet Anthony Hardy and Tim Kemp on Monday 19th February at St. Michaels Church to discuss scheme. It was proposed that initially the group should identify and start a few projects. It was acknowledged that any greenery needs to complement Stamford's architecture. Members of the group were asked to consider priorities for this scheme to discuss at next meeting.

4 Gateway Project Update

On commencement of project, there were protesters in Red Lion Square, who marched into Stamford Mercury's office. Electricity cables are not deep enough which may cause delays. LCC Highways have not yet designated Bath Row West as 2 hours parking limit, this is causing problems. RB suggested that if possible perhaps the group should consider collecting data on the project's impact on local businesses. It was also commented on that the traffic light system in the area appears to be going smoothly.

5 Stamford 3000

RB to draft letter to Egerton Gillman in regards to the document.

6 Dates of next meeting -

Monday 19th March 2007

Future meetings will be fixed which SJ attends next meeting.