

Stamford Vision: Urban

Notes from the meeting on 7.12.04

The group were pleased to be joined by Graham Froggett of Stamford School so that we could discuss how we, in conjunction with Stamford in Bloom, might work together to improve areas of the town. Mr Froggett explained that there were two groups within the Endowed Schools who might be able to offer help. First there are pupils who are engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and second there are those involved in the Millennium Volunteers scheme. Ideally it would be useful to start to work with the pupils at the beginning of the school year and this should be our aim next year. However, this year it might be possible to undertake certain specified projects. CLH will outline the possible projects so that Mr Froggett can encourage involvement from the pupils at the appropriate moment. There is also an individual at the High School who has responsibility for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme so it might be useful to let him know what we are doing as well.

Updates on:

- a. The River: It was agreed that BS and JK will work as a team on this. There was a discussion about the navigability of the river between the weir near Tinwell and Hudd's Mill. JK to reopen discussion with Candy Reid of the Environment Agency. Mr Froggett has a long involvement with canoeing and so he kindly offered to help in this matter. It is understood that Anglian Water have done a survey of depth across the bed of the river and GR agreed to contact Rick Butler to see if he could make this information available. The river height was reduced in the 1980's and a logical goal would be to try and see if it would be possible to reverse this in the future. In addition, there is still work on Water Street to be done and CLH will give JK the photos which DL took to use as the basis of an exhibition with locals.
- b. Benches: CC has previously set out the principles which should be flowed in the Furniture Design Brief as to the type of bench which is suitable for the sensitive Town Meadows site. He produced some information and a sample of a bench with a hardwood slatted seat and a black powder coated metal frame which would meet these criteria. The committee were enthusiastic about the design and would like to progress the matter once funding has been finalised.
- c. Maps: Progress is being made and GR, CLH and AH met with Les Ball to discuss the details further. RB has kindly agreed to look at possible words for the back of the map.
- d. Litter bins: RB will undertake a cascade review after he had found out how many are salvageable. It will include other locations further out of town. Ian Simmonds should be asked to link into this review. CC pointed out that the Town Hall ought to have one of the new models and GR asked for a bin to be placed near St Peter's Green. RB undertook to go round with AH to remove 'extras', such as the one at the top of Horseshoe Lane.

2. AOB:

- a. RB is the group's rep on the Disorder Forum.
- b. Members of the group are reminded of the annual review of all Stamford Vision groups on 14th December 6pm at Melbourn Brothers' Brewery.

Dates of the next meetings at 6pm at 64 High Street St Martin's:

11/1/05, 8/2/05