

Stamford Vision: Urban

Notes from the meeting on 26.4.05

1. Current projects
 - a. Benches

AF to investigate how the resin bonded gravel has worn and whether any remedial works are to take place which should be taken into account when the benches are installed. AH to be asked to consider the installation options so that when the benches arrive they can be put in place as soon as possible.

A question was raised about the upkeep of the existing benches and in particular the amount of graffiti which is appearing. AH to be asked about whether there is a graffiti task force and what kind of maintenance programme there is to keep the street furniture for which SKDC are responsible in order.
 - b. Streetlights

The cast iron lampposts in the central area should be painted soon, the works order has been placed.
 - c. Bins

AH/AF to liaise on the detail of how the new bins are to be installed in the High Street.

There was some discussion on the cascading of bins and locations in the wider town which need some provision, RB to be asked to consider this.

The tops of the bins should be cleaned and AH to be asked what the response to our request for this was.
 - d. River

JK has attended a meeting of the Rivercare group. This is an initiative from Anglian Water. They are working towards an event on the Meadows on World Environment Day on June 5th. JK to ask Hugh Cripps to attend the next urban group meeting to see where we can work together.
2. Possible future projects
 - a. Eastern end of High Street

CC handed round a very initial proposal as to what could potentially be incorporated to upgrade the street scene at this point of the High Street. The proposals incorporate planting, including trees, as well as more places to sit.

AF agreed to give some early thought as to the acceptability, from a Highway's perspective, of what CC has provided. We will then need to think of how best to proceed bearing in mind the importance of early consultation with local business, and others such as the police, whose opinions are crucial in building a successful scheme. RK agreed to start to gather together contact names of locals to include in the initial sounding out process.
3. Other issues in the town which have a bearing on the work of the group

The proposals for the relief of traffic were raised and the need for the urban group to have a voice within Stamford Vision was agreed.
4. AOB
 - a. Pub watch: This has just been launched and will be the third biggest in the country.
 - b. Stamford in Bloom: The judging route has been agreed. SiB are involved in replanting the bed at the vehicular entrance to the bus station. TR to consider how to get residents of High Street St Martin involved in planting up window boxes. JK mentioned the Marie Curie scheme and will pass on details to RK.

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

Tuesday 24/05/05

Tuesday 21/06/05