

**FRESHFORD & LIMPLEY STOKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Facilities and Services WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Date: 23.10. 2012

Venue: Meeting room,

**Present Mike Newby, John Ager, Maureen Delap, Claudia Towner, John Adler,
Nick Catcheside, Nick Stevens, Gitte Dawson**

**Apologies Louise Flemming, Mark Birchall, Tessa Moriaty, Roger Purcell,
Lucilla Shirley, Ingrid Maher Roberts**

Issue/Concept/Idea/Problem ()**

To Prioritise the areas of Support for Businesses and Development of
Communications (Broadband and Mobile Phone)

Initial resolution and ideas to develop in more detail ()**

The Working Group reflected on their previous work in both these areas and
reached the following conclusions:

1. Set up a local networking group for businesses, use the information this provides to establish a database that could aid advertising to the local community and be placed on the village websites.
2. Provide a business hub that could provide them with a meeting place to engage with clients and include photocopying/faxing/messaging facilities.
3. Movement of the surgery to more accessible accommodation in the redeveloped Memorial Hall would mean that the community would have better facilities, the hall more revenue and release accommodation for other uses.
4. Could all the different facilities within the community be rationalized and work together for the common good.
5. Campaign for an extension to the existing Post Office service and the improvement in the service offered by the shop when the Post Office is closed.
6. Support the local pubs and hotels by ensuring that they are used for local events (use of meeting facilities, lunch clubs etc.)

The group welcomed the planned improvements to the Limpley Stoke exchange that would appear to offer Broadband speeds of between 7mb – 20mb, however because of the distances involved and the state of the local lines it is unlikely that satisfactory speeds would be available to everyone therefore:

1. There is a need to back the provision of a super fast network through the local councils links with the Devon and Cornwall project.
2. To approach mobile phone network providers to check if any of them would be willing to invest in network improvements that would benefit business communications and give a better quality of life to all but especially young people.

Actions/research to be undertaken and by whom. External help/consultancy required? Possible work with another of the working groups.

Discuss with the school their need for high speed broadband access in the provision of the curriculum.

Survey local businesses and residents to see if they are prepared to contribute to the provision of high speed broadband (use the villages bulletins for this)

Discuss with the local pubs and hotels as to their needs for high speed broadband

Results/conclusions to be brought back to Working Group – ()
Date of further review:**

Any other issues for resolution

It is anticipated that no more meetings of the group need to be scheduled until some kind of draft overall report is available when further work may be required.

**Issue resolved/abandoned/added to another issue
Conclusion reached and taken to Management Group**



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