

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

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

**Venue: Meeting room Inn at Freshford,**

**Present: Mike Newby, Claudia Towner, John Adler, Maureen Delap, Nick Catcheside, Mark Birchall, Gitte Dawson, Roger Purcell, Louise Fleming**

**Apologies: Lucilla Shirley, John Ager,**

**Issue/Concept/Idea/Problem (\*\*)**

To explore the needs of the neighbourhood in relation to the provision of a central hub which will include the existing facilities such as the hall, shop, surgery etc.

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

It was concluded that not all facilities needed by the neighbourhood could be provided in one location and that a hub should have spines to take into account other sites such as Browns Field, the old bakery and especially the two local pubs. The approach to be taken by the group would be to determine needs in relation to age groups:-

**0 to 10 year olds**

1. Provision of the pre school – a key requirement and location in the memorial hall would help ensure the sustainability of this facility, as it is the main source of income flow.
2. School
3. Wrap around child care – surgery, clinic, education etc.
4. Creche
5. Play area – in a position so it could be overseen by parents while they enjoy other things eg. Coffee at the cafe
6. Safe parking – mother and child
7. Access to safe cycling
8. Pavements
9. Footpaths

Items 5 to 8 to be referred to the transport group, it is of particular importance when thinking of linking the satellite hubs to the centre.

**10 to 20 year olds**

1. Club facilities – a place for them to meet
2. Sports facilities – football tennis etc.
3. Cycling, skate board park
4. Organised youth activities
5. Surgery

This is an area where more research is required with information coming from the young persons themselves. There is a danger of placing these facilities in an 'out of sight out of mind' area and isolating them from the rest of the community.

**20 to 50 year olds**

1. Sports facilities ( indoor and out ) – an obvious link to the needs of the teenage group.
2. Gym
3. Shop
4. Café – from where the children could be observed in a play area ( Alice Park in Bath is an excellent example of this and is used by many mothers in our community )
5. Post Office
6. Pub – a major area of concern as so many village pubs are closing and the loss to the community would be a disaster, incorporating other community needs into the local pubs would help ensure their survival and establish them as a community hub. (Use them or lose them).
7. Surgery
8. Cashpoint
9. Affordable housing

**50 years and over**

1. Lunch club
2. Care
3. Social interaction
4. Provision of transport
5. Integrated medical facilities – problems have been identified in this area by senior members of the community.