

**FRESHFORD & LIMPLEY STOKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
FACILITIES & SERVICES WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Date: 28.08.2012

Venue: Meeting room Inn at Freshford, 7.30pm

Present: Mike Newby, John Adler, Maureen Delap, Nick Catcheside, Gitte Dawson, Roger Purcell, John Ager

Apologies: Lucilla Shirley, Louise Flemming, Mark Burchill, Tessa Moriarty

Issue/Concept/Idea/Problem ()**

Support for medium and Small businesses including Agriculture.

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

The working group brainstormed a number of ideas of the types of support, which may help businesses within the community. The key concepts/ideas are listed below.

1. Set up a local networking group for businesses to enable local people to link with others within their community who may have similar business interests.
2. Set up a database accessible to all, of local businesses, the service/product they provide and their contact details. This could possibly be listed on the village website.
3. Set up a business hub possibly within the Memorial Hall that will provide businesses with photocopying/faxing/messaging facilities and somewhere for them to meet clients.
4. Could the business hub provide a marketing/advertising service to businesses to promote their product to the local/wider community?
5. Moving the surgery to more accessible accommodation within the newly developed Memorial Hall would mean that they could deliver more NHS services not currently provided by the surgery. This would have the dual benefit of offering additional services to the community and providing the Memorial Hall with an ongoing revenue stream. RP and JA have already had separate discussions with the GP's who are very supportive of such a move.
6. Could all the different facilities within the Community be brought under one larger charitable arm?
7. Establish a weekly market to enable local farmers and craft people to sell their goods, possibly sited in Memorial Hall car park or on the field behind the Memorial Hall. Get local farmers to sell their produce in the shop.
8. Campaign for improved broadband coverage for the community.
9. Campaign for an extended post office service (more than 2 mornings per/week). Could the shop provide a franking service when the PO was closed? Could the shop take delivery of packages if people are not able to be

home for delivery?

10. What support can we give the local pubs? Can we encourage the local community to support local pubs further? Lunch clubs?

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

MN has done an initial survey to identify the types of businesses within the community (Interim report on businesses given to working group members at the meeting).

Gitte Dawson to provide Ingrid M-R with the list of businesses she had collated from the shop sandwich service contact list.

Nick Catcheside to keep the group informed on what the Local Authorities are doing to improve broadband coverage for the community.

Mike Newby to talk to NP management group to identify how B&NES and Wilts Local Authorities are working together to improve the broadband situation.

John Adler and Mike Newby to have further communication with the surgery about extending service provision in the community. They will also work closely with Roger Purcell on this issue.

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

Please note the next meeting of the Facilities Group has moved to the 11th September. There will be no meeting on the 4th September.

The item for discussion will be 'Developing a joint neighbourhood hub'.

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Any other issues for resolution

None

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

None

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