

## Spotlight Group Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Present: Barbara Kettel (Chair), Jim Rickard, Sheila Fettes. Apologies: David Pepperell, Jim Chisholme

No response from Miranda Fyfe, Eric Maloney, Barbara and Mike Clegg.

The discussion tried to draw together all previous comments and suggestions as a starting point for a more focused approach to this section of the Neighbourhood Plan. Previous suggestions, in no particular order (with new discussion points in italics):-

- Posters. JC is designing a poster to be hung at the Pavilion. General agreement that this was not a place regularly frequented by Shelford or south Stapleford residents. *Other suggestions were the Memorial Hall, the Car Park through to the Doctors, the old Post Office (or new space at Kash's if provided), the Library and the Free Church.*
- Woollards Lane. Should we have a pedestrian area, a chicane, staggered parking, one way system and a 20mph speed limit? *It was felt that a pedestrian area and a one way system were not applicable but the other ideas warranted further discussion. More on this later.*
- Parking. The Memorial Hall is always full. There has been a survey done of early morning parking, 6:30 – 9:00, but it was felt that further surveys would help. *We felt that the quantity of off-street parking for commercial needs was insufficient and maybe businesses who use the car parks for long periods each day could pay a levy. Shelford Park Avenue suffers from constant parking by non-residents and it was felt that this needed to be addressed, possibly by double yellow lines or residents parking only, but that some of the problems there were due to the construction site on Station Road. If more facilities were planned for the neighbourhood in the future then parking must be a major part of such planning.*
- Cycling. It was noted that considerable improvement has been made in the consideration of cyclists but within the villages it was not good. *Two major paths, the Genome path and the Sawston path, start from the outskirts of the village but for residents there are considerable main road routes to access each of these.*
- Station. There has been much historical discussion about foot bridges, number of trains, etc. It was noted that the Shelford and Whittlesford Rail Users Group are meeting at the Memorial Hall at 7:30 on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and obviously suggestions will come from this group, with evidence, that could be incorporated in our report. *We felt that it would be helpful for some of the Stansted trains to stop making access to a wider network possible. We questioned as to when the station was the most frequented, which direction were passengers going and whether a survey by the rail company had been undertaken to direct their own planning of service.*
- Buses. The no.7 bus has improved in reliability but has had extreme conditions to work with due to the constant road works along Hills Road. Also the changing of all speed limits along its route by a reduction of 10mph has meant that every bus will be late before it even starts out on its journey! It was noted that Scotsdales are applying for a stop in both directions outside their premises. *It was reported that several privately chartered buses travel on our roads at peak times to the Genome Campus and Granta Park and it might be possible to allow public access to these. We also discussed the No.31 and the 7A but no one present had much understanding of their routes or timings. Maybe these need to be better publicised. Of those present our routes into central Cambridge are by train, cycle or Trumpington Park and Ride.*

## Questionnaire

We are aware that each Spotlight Group will need to have its own questions within the final questionnaire and that we need to collect evidence to support our final recommendations for the Plan. Two areas that are at present simply perception and anecdotal are the problems of travelling to Central Cambridge and the evidence for the footfall around our neighbourhood. We felt that a good starting point would be to have a volunteer group to position themselves in Woollards Lane and to simply ask people where they had come from and where they were going on to. This would be put to all, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians and the data analysed to give some understanding of our routes across the area. Further questions could be around the difficulties that present when we make these journeys and ideas to alleviate these in future plans.

It was noted that the Stapleford and Shelford Parish Councils' AGMs are on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of April respectively and that Jim Rickard would be making representation for the Neighbourhood Plan at both these meetings. We would like to request some support for our initial evidence collecting.