

St. Ippolyts Parish Council
(www.stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk)

Dear Resident

The Parish Council invites you to come along to the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 02 April 2007 at 7.15 p.m. in St Ippolyts School.

Yours sincerely



Clerk

Parish Council Action Plan
Report of St Ippolyts Parish Plan Committee, March 2007

Background. This committee now has a duty to continually monitor and review the implementation of the requirements of the Parish Council Action Plan. We held our Review meeting in February 2007. In addition, this committee has been instrumental in initiating the Parish Travel Plan. William Steel resigned from the committee and we thank him for his input over the years.

We are pleased that following our recommendations last April the Parish Council adopted a Revised Action Plan on 4 September 2006.

Cherish and preserve

Protection of the parish environment (*timescale ongoing*)

- The Council continues to respond to national and local government consultation and stakeholder documents and have responded with objections to the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the East of England Plan.
- The Council also continues to watch over and respond to planning applications in the parish.

Conservation Area Appraisals (*timescale target extended*)

- The volunteer co-ordinator has been unable to proceed as anticipated – time adjusted to Spring 2009.

Travel & Road Safety (*targets met*)

- Following the Travel Plan Partnership's questionnaire and analysis, localised mini surveys have been carried out to find out whether or not there is support for **a controlled crossing on London Road at the current location of the traffic island (e.g. pedestrian traffic lights)**. The local Residents, St Ippolyts School, County, District and Parish Councillors are in favour. We wish to thank our partners for all their assistance with this project particularly Jacque Grant (CDA) and Ian Thompson (HCC). We hope that funding will be available for this potential scheme and for flashing speed limiter signs on London Road.
- The Travel Plan Partnership also produced a Transport Services, Walking and Cycling leaflet that was delivered to all households last October and a revised edition will be prepared.
- Regular highways maintenance meeting has taken place with Hertfordshire Highways engineer.

Routine maintenance is carried out. **For reporting highway faults please use the Customer Call Centre 01438 737320 or go to website www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults.**

Housing

- Ruth Kelly, The Secretary of State issued her final proposals, in the form of changes she considers necessary to the original draft East of England Plan and demands more houses than the inspectors. Overall housing growth at Stevenage of 16,000 dwellings including at least 5000 dwellings proposed for the west and more to the north of the town. There is also the threat of Luton expanding eastwards.
- Both our County and District Councils have responded that The Deed of Obligation from West Stevenage Consortium contains serious flaws and should not be used as a basis for the granting of planning permission for West of Stevenage.

The situation regarding additional housing will need to be monitored

Personal Safety

Neighbourhood Watch coverage for the whole parish (*Timescale target extended*)

Unfortunately the Blackhorse Lane area is not covered as there are no volunteers for a co-ordinator or co-ordinators. Surely there is an individual or group of people interested in setting up a scheme? **Police non emergency number is 0845 33 00 222**

Facilities

New facilities (*timescale not set*)

Following a request from young people a single 5-a-side goal post was installed on the Recreation Ground in February 2007 grant aided by North Hertfordshire District Council. Following requests dog poo bins are being provided on the Recreation Ground and Dellfield grant funded from North Hertfordshire District with the Parish Council paying ongoing costs.

Following requests from residents and the Sports Clubs, the Council are looking into the possibilities of providing the following:

- Boundary fence between Townsend Place and the Recreation Ground.
- Fencing round the children's play area on the Recreation Ground.
- Barrier and bollards at the entrance to Recreation Ground from Orchard Close and bollards at the entrance from Townsend Place

Grant aid funding will need to be sought for these initiatives.

Due to the condition of the Sports Pavilion used by the football clubs (St Ippolyts & SANTOS) the Council are seeking quotes for essential work. The PACIF Committee has been investigating the provision of a youth shelter and has been active in making recommendations to the Council on issues relating to the Recreation Ground.

Countryside and Environment

Organise litter pick day (timescale ongoing)

- **Next event will take place on Saturday 28 April. Please meet at the Post Office at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Sara White 01462 453920.**

Parish Paths (timescale ongoing)

- A Winter Walk was organised and a Spring Bluebell Walk is planned for the 20th of May.

Discourage fly tipping (timescale ongoing)

- Parish enhancement grant for £1000 was obtained and work successfully carried out by Mr & Mrs Robert Williams on areas not covered by Service Team. Mr Harry French retired and we thank him for his work over the years.
- Litter clearance by residents to look after their own area is also encouraged and effective thanks to their efforts.

Fly tipping enforcement no 01462 474373 Removal 0800 3286023 or 01462 681095

Enhance door-to-door service and Recycling (timescale ongoing)

- North Hertfordshire District Council has provided brown bins for all households. Aluminium / steel cans and tins kerb side collection and plastic bottle recycling banks throughout the district will be provided from October 2007. Due to enhanced recycling facilities there will be less rubbish in refuse bins and North Hertfordshire District Council are changing the frequency of refuse collections. Bargain compost bins for sale, for info visit www.recyclenow.com/compost or call 0845 077 0757

Provision of walks leaflet (timescale extended 2007)

- Six circular walks have been chosen; photographs and text have been prepared and the second draft has been received from the designer and the project is on target.

General

The Council has agreed a new Action this being Best Practice and Value for Money.

Effective communication (timescale ongoing)

- The Council has regular contact with various agencies and authorities.
- Invites appropriate representatives to address Council meetings.
- Council representatives also attend meetings and workshops as required.
- The Council publicizes activities on its three notice boards, in other media and on www.stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk. The website also includes downloads for approved minutes and the next agenda for meetings.
- The Council welcomes residents and other interest parties to all meetings.

**The Parish Council Action Plan is a living document and a continuous process.
Your input is welcome.**

Process and documents

Parish Plan

Survey forms blank	Delivered to residents, businesses and organisations, September 2002
Draft Report	presented to Parish Council, February 2003
*Final Report	presented at the Annual Meeting, April 2003
*Summary Report	circulated to all households, May 2003
*Parish Council Action Plan	circulated to all households, September 2003
Annual Report 2004	presented at the Annual Meeting, April 2004
Annual Report 2005	circulated to all households, April 2005
Annual Report 2006	circulated to all households, April 2006
*Parish Council Revised Action Plan	adopted September 2006

Travel Plan

Questionnaire	circulated to all households, February 2006
Summary Report	presented at Annual Meeting, April 2006

Info on website www.stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk and in *Hitchin Library and *St Ippolyts Post Office.

Members of St Ippolyts Parish Plan & Travel Plan Committee are: David Mawer, Pam Skeggs (Co-ordinator), Brent Smith, Ellie Titmuss, Pat Veasey, Sara White and Bob Williams