

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 7 April 2008 at 7.15 p.m. in St Ippolyts School.

Yours sincerely



Audrey Powell, Clerk

Parish Council Action Plan
Report of St Ippolyts Parish Plan Group, March 2008

Background, We now have a duty to continually monitor and review the implementation of the requirements of the Parish Council Action Plan, August 2003 that was revised in September 2006. We held our Review meeting in February 2008. We are pleased that following our suggestions, the Parish Council agreed the changes on 3 March 2008. Sara White is unable to organise a litter pick this year and we thank her for organising them in the past. Robert Williams will not be carrying on with the Parish enhancement and we thank him for his work over many years.

Cherish and preserve

Protection of the parish environment (*timescale ongoing*)

- The Council continues to respond to national and local government consultation/stakeholder documents.
- 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 was adjusted to spring 2009.

Travel & Road Safety (*targets met*)

- Following the Travel Plan Partnership's questionnaire and analysis, feasibility schemes for gateway feature at Ashbrook Lane and pelican crossing at London Road (B656) have been prepared by Herts Highways. The next stage is to see whether funding is available.
- A questionnaire on St Ippolyts School Travel Plan including input from parents will be sent to all families this term for comments.

Routine highway 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

- The East of England Plan will set out the Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021. The Plan requires that urban extensions (new neighbourhoods) should be developed to the west and north of Stevenage.
- A consultation on Stevenage and North Herts. Action Plan (SNAP) Key Issues and Options Document has been carried out. There are at least two further stages of public consultation and a public examination in front of an independent inspector.

The situation regarding additional housing will need to be monitored.

Personal Safety

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

The first scheme in Newlands Lane area was started in November 1994, then Grange Close, St Ippolyts south scheme and more recently Broadmeadow Estate scheme. Langbridge Close/The Paddock area is not covered – If you would like to start a scheme in your road, please call Penelope Knapper, Watch Liaison Officer for North Hertfordshire on 01438 757610 or email penelope.knapper@herts.pnn.police.uk

Police non emergency number is 0845 33 00 222

Facilities

New facilities (*timescale not set*)

Dog faeces bins have been provided on Dell Field, the Recreation Ground and an extra one on Rowan Grove. The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a Parish Challenge grant of £4750.00 towards providing safe playing area in the recreation ground that includes fencing and bollards plus refurbishment of the pavilion used by the Football Club. Match funding will need to be sought for these initiatives within the next two years.

Countryside and Environment

Organise litter pick day (*timescale ongoing*)

- Litter clear at Dell Field is planned for the spring.

Parish Paths (*timescale ongoing*)

- A Winter walk was held and a Spring walk hopefully will be organised to coincide with the launch of the walks leaflet.

Discourage flytipping (*timescale ongoing*)

- Parish enhancement grant for £1000 was obtained and work successfully carried out by Robert Williams on areas not covered by Service Team. New arrangements need to be clarified.
- Litter clearance by residents to look after their own area is also encouraged and effective, thanks to their efforts.

Flytipping enforcement no 01462 474373 Removal 0800 3286023 or 01462 681095

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

- North Hertfordshire District Council introduced the new Waste and Recycling service last October. For more information phone 01462 474000, email service@north-herts.gov or visit www.north-herts.gov.
- Plastic bottle recycling banks are available in Hitchin and Stevenage.
- Home compost bins at subsidised prices for info phone 0845 077 0757 or visit www.recyclenow.com/compost

Another useful website www.wasteaware.org.uk

Provision of walks leaflet (*timescale extended*)

- The final proof has been prepared and copies will be distributed to all households in the parish also to pupils at Kingshott School and St Ippolyts School.

General

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 website.
- The Council website includes downloads for Approved Minutes and Next Agenda for meetings. www.stippolyts-parishcouncil.org.uk
- The Council now has a regular Agenda item for Public participation.
- The Council welcomes residents and other interested 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
Annual Report 2007	circulated to all households, March 2007

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 Group are:

David Mawer, Pam Skeggs, Brent Smith, Ellie Titmuss, Pat Veasey, Sara White and Bob Williams