

Neighbourhood Plan meeting –Special recreation meeting 12th September 2012

Present:	Chairman Steve Kendall
John Coleman	Steering Group member
Tony Lines	Steering Group member
Saskia Duncan	Central Bedfordshire
David Herne	Resident
Tim Cakebread	Central Bedfordshire Council
Jim Edwards	Toddington Carpet Bowls
Allan Portas	Farming and Rights of Way
Chris Davey	Toddington Riding Club
Janet Hornsby	Girl guiding in Toddington
Joff Talbot	Toddington Youth Centre
Joan Smith	Allotment Holders
Jo Hastings	Netball
Tom Chevalier	steering group – Rights of Way
Jake Kirby	Toddington Rovers
Peter Ward	Toddington Rovers
Geoff Betts	Toddington Tennis Club
Martin Harradine	Planning Aid
Rachel Birks	Tads Theatre
Dee Curtis	Steering Group
Joan Harradine	Steering Group
Richard Hagen	Steering Group

Meeting opened at 8pm in Wilkinson Hall

Apologies, A Whiting, Sharron Corrie

Everybody present had the opportunity to speak and ask questions. All organisations were asked to comment on the following four points.

- What facilities do we have that you would wish to keep?

- What, in an ideal world, would you need or want that you currently do not have ?
- What facilities could be shared with others?
- How many people involved with the club or organisation, how many are from Toddington and how many from elsewhere?

Tennis

4 courts 1 public court, small clubhouse, male and female changing including one shower. 80 members – 30-40% from Toddington

Netball

Now operate away from Toddington because no courts/storage/toilets/ changing available in village.

Membership now much wider than Toddington. Note: Netball, Tennis, 5 aside football use same size court

Football

Poplars pitch – 1 container, Luton Road 1 pitch – Pavilion with Changing/toilet/shower

Glebe 3 pitches – 1 -40ft container

Crowbush – Forward looking

Occasionally use Parkfields middle school

Membership 180 – not all from Toddington around 80% are local. 30 volunteers help run club. Need Changing facilities.

No use of farmers' fields – no intention to buy land

Rights of Way

Local rights of way are not bad. There are circular walks possible, lack of willingness from farmers to pull bridleways together. Always room for improvement. Could develop maps and information on routes.

Youth Club

At Anapurna Centre – Not purpose built but is adequate for use. Not enough outdoor sports space. Sometimes use St Georges Lower School field. Looking forward – Need to improve facilities. Limited by law to attendance of 30 people at time currently have 85 names on register. Age 11-19 Numbers growing, more boys than girls. Need investment to give young people a place where they feel welcome.

Allotments

Additional allotments needed around 50 plot holders plus current waiting list of 15. Ideally require 80-100 total in foreseeable future. Water supply inadequate, parking problems when Glebe in use.

Guides-Brownies

No extra facilities required. All members are residents. Changing facilities not required at present

Riding Club

Need good access Inc. trailers and lorries. Must be relatively flat. Expensive (5,000+) equipment needs storage. Shows take place six times a year at weekend. Need temporary fencing etc. for shows. At any one show 250 members 10% live in Toddington 50% keep horses in the village. Ground use for shows is not suitable for sharing with football due to surface damage etc caused from horses jumping and vehicle usage.

Allan Portas

Circular footpaths – 6-8 in regular use, more could be created. Bridleways sometimes too damaged by horses to make good paths. Horses at Griffin Farm 10-20, Chalgrave Manor 20-30, Park House, Herne Willow, Fancott + others. Motorcycles sometimes a problem.

Carpet Bowls Club.

Play indoors in Village Hall. 4 Mats generally satisfied. 32 people a time can play. 30 local members with visiting clubs 20 times a year. Village hall facilities shared.

Outdoor Bowls a possible development given facilities.

TADS Theatre – Conger Lane

Now has changing facilities. 30 active members 15 from Toddington. Youth group 30-50 Children but regularly 15 attend only 2 boys need more. 6-8 shows a year and Panto's. Facilities shared with Film Club (Church's). Would like Signage, Parking, Storage.

Other Matters

Skateboard Park exceptionally busy in Flitwick. Why not one in Toddington? Emergency services, unable to access site, Good facilities available elsewhere

Table Tennis - In Methodist Hall in winter 25-30 people. 2 Tables no room for more

Scouts - Not in attendance, ?

Schools - Why locked up at night ? A super opportunity lost to the community. Could have netball in school. Youth link with all organisations needed.

Cycleway considered **essential** from Toddington – Harlington.