

MINUTES OF THE BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE,
4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

PRESENT:

Cllr D Albone (Chair)
Cllr P Biernis
Cllr I Bond - joined the meeting at 7.15 pm
Cllr B Briars
Cllr F Foster
Cllr M Foster
Cllr M North
Cllr Mrs M Russell
Cllr D Strachan
Cllr S Watkins

Mr R McGregor - Town Clerk, Biggleswade Town Council
Mrs J Durn – Meetings Administrator, Biggleswade Town Council

Members of Public – 3

A10/01.1 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr I Bond will be joining the meeting later, Cllr J Medlock, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES

Cllr Ms R Kerfoot, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr T Woodward

A10/01.2 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

A1001.1 a. Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any Agenda item - None

A1001.2 b. Non-Pecuniary interests in any Agenda item - None

A10/01.3 3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A1003.1 a. Welcome to everyone – and a Happy New Year to you all.

A1003.2 b. The Mayor attended a very enjoyable evening at the Christmas Carol Service held at St Andrew's Church, where the East Beds Youth choir were "fabulous"!

At this point Independent Councillor Bernard Rix asked the Chair, and was given permission, to make an announcement to the meeting.

Mr Rix announced that due to his frustration over lack of progress in making improvements to Biggleswade Town, he is standing down from Biggleswade Town Council. He will however, continue to be active in the town, and will be campaigning as a member of public, rather than a Councillor.

The Chairman thanked Mr Rix for all his hard work on behalf of Biggleswade Town Council over the last four years.

At 7.10 pm Mr Rix then joined the public benches for the remainder of the meeting.

A10/01.4 4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

There were no questions.

A10/01.5 5. INVITED SPEAKERS

Ms Gill Reeves, BRCC Community Agent, and Mr Cliff Andrews, also from BRCC. (Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity).

Members were given an update on the work carried out so far, and the progress made; which was illustrated by two case studies, chosen from the many undertaken, which were taken as examples.

Members felt that this work was valuable, and asked if Council could help by publicising this service on our website and facebook pages.

The Chairman thanked Ms Reeves and Mr Andrews for the very informative update. The Council will be pleased to help promote this service in any way they can.

A10/01.6 6. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no Members Questions.

A10/01.7 7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

- A1007.1 a. Members received and approved the Minutes of the Biggleswade Town Council Meeting held on 13 December 2016.

A10/01.8 8. MATTERS ARISING

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13 December 2016.

- A1008.1 a. Page 3, item 9c) – The Saxon Centre, Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade: Cllr F Foster asked if an update had been received regarding status of the land and the 106 agreement. The Town Clerk reported that no further news has been received.
- A1008.2 b. Page 4, item 11a) – Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade: Cllr M Foster asked for an update: Cllr F Foster and Cllr Mrs H Ramsay attended a meeting to discuss initial interest. A further meeting is being arranged; it should however be noted that a Council Member would attend in the capacity of Trustee, and not as a BTC representative, as this is not Council business.
- A1008.3 c. Page 5, item 11b) – Disabled Access, Biggleswade Railway Station: Cllr P Biernis asked if any progress had been made. The Town Clerk reported that no further news has been received.

A10/01.9 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A1009.1 a. **CB/16/05484/FULL – 6 Ely Croft, Biggleswade**
Part single storey front, part single storey rear, first floor side and rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

- A1009.2 b. **CB/16/04372/FULL – 38 Sorrell Way**
Single storey side extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

- A1009.3 c. **CB/16/05636 – 1 Holme Court Avenue, Biggleswade**
Garage conversion and alterations to the roof to form annexe.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

- A1009.4 d. **CB/16/05664/FULL – 1A Brunswick Close, Biggleswade**
Single storey rear and front extensions.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

- A1009.5 e. **CB/16/05658/FULL – 91 Dells Lane, Biggleswade**
Part 2 storey front extension and part single storey side and front extension with new boundary treatment to Dells Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

- A1009.6 f. **CB/16/05683/LDCE – Stratton Park Drive, Dunton Lane, Biggleswade**
Lawful Development Certificate Existing: Retention of domestic cartilage to Mobile Home Park.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application.

A1009.7 g. **CB/16/05717/FULL – 13 Auckland Road, Biggleswade**
Two storey rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

A1009.8 h. **CB/1605674/FULL – 70 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade**
Two storey and single storey side extensions.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

A1009.9 i. **CB/16/05731/FULL – 1 Kitelands Road, Biggleswade**
Single storey front extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

A1009.10 j. **CB/16/05793/FULL – 39 Boddington Gardens, Biggleswade**
Single storey side/rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

A1009.11 k. **CB/1605848/FULL – 191 Holme Courte Avenue, Biggleswade**
Single storey front extension with replacement roof and external walls of existing conservatory, plus insertion of high level window upon the side elevation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this Application, provided that the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

A10/01.10 10. ACCOUNTS

A1010.1 a. Financial Administration

- i)** Detailed Balance Sheet to 31 November 2016.
- ii)** Summary of Income and Expenditure.
- iii)** Income and Expenditure by budget heading.
- iv)** Current Bank Account, receipts and payments to 31 November 2016.

Cllr M North (Chairman F&GP) recommended that the accounts are approved and adopted by Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the above Accounts.

A10/01.11 11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A1011.01 a. Internship within the Dual Course of Study “Public Management”

Members have no objection in principle, however, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would make this decision.

A1011.02 b. Installation on behalf of Telefonica at Biggleswade United FC – Wayleave Consent

There are concerns that this area has trees covered by TPO's, and that work in close proximity would undoubtedly cause damage.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item until receipt of further information.

A11/01.12 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A1012.1 a. Temporary Road Closure – Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

It is important that there is signage from the A1 roundabouts in all directions. Town Clerk will contact CBC regarding this.

A1012.2 b. Temporary Road Closure – High Street, Biggleswade

This information is **NOTED.**

A0112.3 c. Temporary Road Closure – Biggleswade Road, Dunton

This information is **NOTED.**

A10/01.13 13. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A1013.1 To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, in respect of any other business of the Town Council.

Mr Ian Dilley: Regarding Item 11b) Telefonica request: I notice there will also be another road closure in Shortmead Street to accommodate this work.

The Chairman confirmed that this will be happening, and that residents will have to be notified by CBC.

A1013.2 Mr Ian Dilley: Regarding Item 12a) electricity, water, gas will be causing road closures, can I suggest someone liaise with these suppliers so that they can be done together when they are in the same area.

The Chairman stated that BTC have no influence over this, and can only hope that the principal authority responsible for the works takes this into consideration in the planning process.

A10/01.14 14. EXEMPT ITEMS

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

Minutes

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.