



BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2019,
AT 14.30– BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL
SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

PRESENT:

Cllr T Stock	CBC
Cllr M Foster	BTC
Ms S Hughes	CBC
Cllr Mrs M Russell	BTC
Cllr Mrs H Ramsay	BTC
Cllr F Foster	BTC/CBC
Cllr M Foster	BTC
Cllr I Bond	BTC
Cllr M North	BTC
Cllr S Watkins	BTC/CBC
Cllr H Whitaker	CBC
Mr G Jones	Biggleswade Chamber of Trade
Mr P Salmon	CBC Traffic Manager
Mr R McGregor	Town Clerk BTC
Mr M Thorn	Deputy Town Clerk BTC
Mrs J Durn	Administrator BTC

Also Present:
MOP Cllr M Knight

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr S Watkins was elected Chairman

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr M Russell was elected Vice Chairman

3. WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr H Whitaker (present) and Cllr C Thomas (in his absence)

4. APOLOGIES

There were no Apologies

5. **MEMBERS INTERESTS**

To receive from members any declarations and the nature in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item – None declared.
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – None declared.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Members received and approved the Minutes of the BJC held on 27 February 2019.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

Clr I Bond: Page 2, Item 9: Yellow lines – various sites around Biggleswade. Is an update available.

Paul Salmon will include this in his update under item 12.

8. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no questions.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no announcements.

10. **JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members considered the attached report. This item will be taken following item 12 (Regular Updates)

11. **BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE – WORK PLAN**

This item will be taken following item 12 (Regular Updates)

12. **REGULAR UPDATES:**

Reports from Paul Salmon

- **TOWN CENTRE DECLUTTERING:**

A survey of street furniture requirements has been completed and the results were received today. Paul Salmon will be circulating copies of the plans which detail these requirements. Once approved by Council, CBC will place an order for the work to hopefully commence with a timescale of June 2019.

- **PARKING**

A review is underway of all parking changes. Once CBC are in receipt of the results the work will be amalgamated into one parking package.

- **GROWTH AND REGENERATION**

Update email from Ingrid Hooley covered below

- **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE**

Lining work at: Shortmead Street, Sun Street, Lawrence Road, Fairfield Road, etc.

An order was placed on 8th May to cover this maintenance work and the contractor is working round the clock to complete. It was noted that even with the extra 2mtrs requested at Lawrence Road, this will not solve the problem.

- **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LONDON ROAD:**

This is hugely delayed due to Ringway Jacob target costs. CBC are progressing this backlog and will have more information by 14 June. It was requested that the signs stating that work will commence on 24 April are removed as they are confusing.

- **SIGNAGE – TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS**

There is a need for more car park signage showing additional information such as spaces and availability for the town car parks. This is currently being discussed. Additional Bus Lane signage is also required.

- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- The Parking Report for Long Term Parking has been discussed at CBC but has not moved forward. Cllr Watkins will take this up with Cllr Young.
- Can the situation regarding Lorries/deliveries unloading on the High Street at Wetherspoons be addressed. Previous arrangements to unload at the back of Wetherspoons seem to have been overlooked, and this is causing considerable and unacceptable delays to traffic on the High Street.
- Can we consider a “No Loading” enforcement if this request is not complied with?

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR REGULAR UPDATE:

Regeneration and HIF Bid: Ingrid Hooley has sent an email update which was relayed by Sara Hughes. Discussions are positive We are in the first tranche of assessment which goes to the investment panel in early July.

RETURN TO AGENDA ITEM 10...

10.

BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE:

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** acceptance of the Joint Committee Terms of Reference.

11. BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE - WORK PLAN

Items to put forward include:

HIF Bid

High Street Bid (Is this the same as HIF?)

Stratton Business Park updates

Section 106 specific to Biggleswade

Neighbourhood Plan

Health Hub

12. BJC MEETING DATES 2019/20

Dates for the next BJC Meetings are

11 July 2019, CBC Chicksands

19 September 2019, CTC Biggleswade

13. EXEMPT

No exempt items.