

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th October 2014 at 10.00am
PRIORY HOUSE, MONKS WALK, CHICKSANDS
IN ROOM 13

Present:	Cllr M Jones, Chairman	Deputy Leader CBC
	Cllr T Woodward	Cllr CBC
	Cllr Mrs J Lawrence	Cllr CBC
	Cllr D Lawrence	Cllr CBC
	Mr R McGregor	BTC Town Clerk
	Cllr G Wilson	Cllr BTC
	Mr S Caldbeck	Projects Manager CBC
	Mr P Fraser	HOP&CE, CBC
	Cllr I Bond	Cllr BTC
	Mr G Lawrence	Town Plan Steering Group
	Cllr M Russell	Cllr BTC
	Cllr H Ramsay	Cllr BTC
	Mr M Thomas	Biggleswade Chamber of Trade
	Mr A Porter	Biggleswade Chamber of Trade
	Cllr M North	Cllr BTC
	Mr A Gwilliam	Countryside Access CBC
	Michaela Beckwith	BTC Minute taker

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W Smith

2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Members approved the minutes of the BJC held on 25 June 2014

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Russell appreciated the help that Cllr Jones' PA, Tracy, is providing regarding Hitchin Street.

5. **ELECTION OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

No nominations for the co-option of members to the Committee.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Eastern Relief Road has been given a completion date of March 2015.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public made statements.

8. **TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE**

Report Provided by Ben King

Surveys have been carried out and a meeting will take place 16th October 2014 with Network Rail to finalise the design. Progress is on track resulting in the probability of deadlines being met.

9. **SUN STREET ST JOHNS STREET**

Report Provided by Paul Mason

An estimate price for construction of £150000 has been given. This is to include a figure for widening the footway along Rose Lane as well as drainage, signal reconfiguration, illuminated signs etc.

Notes from the site visits identified some deterioration in the surfacing which could be accelerated due to the change in manoeuvres therefore this has been included in the estimate. These works are currently unfunded.

A point was raised that perhaps the change in manoeuvres should go ahead without the resurfacing.

However, the repairs may be essential and in that case will still need to go-ahead, it will be unclear what the repairs are until the consultation.

10. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – DROVE ROAD AND LONDON ROAD**

Report provided by Ben King

The crossing to be placed at the junction of London Road/ The Baulk will most likely be a raised table. The 20mph limit will also most likely be extended. The signal crossing will not be a raised table.

These plans were the safest methods.

11. **BIGGLESWADE GREEN WHEEL**

Report provided by Caroline Romans

Andrew Gwilliam added to the report saying footpath 55 has been diverted to a field ditch path and has been extended to be closer to the Mill. The resurfacing has just been completed. It will legally remain a footpath but allow cyclists to use it.

The path which runs from the Ivel to the Mill has had delays due to pipeline, once a survey has been completed the materials should be allowed to be manoeuvred over the pipeline. However, the footpath is now open.

Footpath clearance is also ongoing and should be completed by next week for the whole area.

Regarding the access through the Crown PH, Drew Gwilliam suggested that anyone with information on access through the Crown to pass this on to Rob Mc Gregor.

12. **UNADOPTED ROADS – FOXGLOVE AND SORRELL WAY**

Report provided by Stuart Borgognoni

Developers are required to make the roads up to the appropriate standard before adoption of the roads can take place.

In order for the roads to be adopted residents could put pressure on to the developers to bring roads up to the required standard.

13. **EASTERN RELIEF ROAD**

As mentioned in the Chairman's announcements the date for completion is March 2015.

The Scouts would like to be involved in the opening of the road, preferable before the official opening to make it safer.

Cllr M Jones agreed to inform Cllr H Ramsay of an exact date as soon as he was aware, in order for her to pass this onto the scouts.