



A03/05/05.1 Town Centre Decluttering: Mr Paul Salmon gave an update. It was recommended that the guard railing in the town be removed in three phases starting with the area around the war memorial. This was a cause of concern from BTC as it was felt that people would then try to bump up on the kerb and park in that area. There is a need for cctv coverage and talks will be held with the Town Clerk regarding this issue.

A03/05/05.2 London Road/Chambers Way junction: Mr Marcel Coiffait provided an update:  
The speed data has been collated and a Road Safety Report has been completed. It was found that there is no case to remodel the junction on safety grounds.

A03/05/05.3 Mr Paul Salmon provided an update on signage and redesign for the Baulk and will be circulating a new plan. Members asked if the site lines could be looked at and it was agreed that a double line survey could be undertaken. The new plan was put before the Road Safety Audit last week. The Auditor raised some points and Mr Salmon asked for feedback from Members once they have looked at the plan.

A03/05/05.4 **Item 8 was taken at this point:**

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing and proposed cycle-way Back Street: This item has been taken to Traffic Management where the decision was made to make this permanent and revert to two-way running to accommodate the National Cycle Route. Costs have not yet been received from the construction company Ringway Jacob.

Concerns were raised over safety at that junction. BTC has not seen the final plans. The Chairman asked that drawings of both the crossing at the top of the High Street, together with plans showing how the cyclists will be directed down Back Street, be sent out for Members to see and feedback comments urgently. It was requested that the plans are emailed as soon as possible as work on this is imminent.

Hitchin Street: Mr Salmon said that work on the Hitchin Street reversal is subject to change and detailed plans are due by the 11<sup>th</sup> May. These plans will then be issued for statutory consultation, as well as going on the Agenda for Biggleswade Town Council and the Biggleswade Joint committee.

A03/05/06 6. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no questions.

A03/05/07 7. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

BTC and CBC have shared clear up duties on the access route for commuters to the station.

Marcel Coiffait has been given additional funding to continue "hit squad" work and will discuss additional ideas for this with the Town Clerk.

A03/05/08 8. **This item was taken as part of item 5 above.**

- A03/05/09**    **9.    PARKING ON GRASS VERGES, MEAD END**
- The Town Council are currently working with CBC on various sites around Biggleswade to deal with the parking on grass verges; of particular concern are the problems at Mead End.
- A three-phase enforcement is taking place. Bollards are being put in place by CBC, and these will be followed by appropriate signage.
- A03/05/10**    **10.    REVIEW - CBC ON STREET PARKING PERMIT SCHEME**
- Marcel Coiffait advised that CBC has completed a survey. This information is currently being analysed. Once this work is complete the results will be circulated.
- A03/05/11**    **11.    ORCHARD CENTRE – VARIOUS ISSUES**
- There is insufficient parking for the Orchard Centre. None of the roads are adopted and therefore CBC are unable to put up signs. There are yellow lines around the Busy Bees Nursery, but these are not enforced.
- Marcel Coiffait is in negotiation with the Planners and will provide the Town Clerk with a map of enforceable lines. This item will continue to be progressed.
- A03/05/12**    **12.    CENTURY HOUSE – VARIOUS ISSUES**
- Legal fees of £200 are required from BTC and CBC for a defibrillator licence. BTC were not aware of this charge. Marcel Coiffait said that CBC will take on this fee.
- As a matter of priority, Pest control contractors have placed bait boxes to rid the market square of vermin. The refuse bins are also being relocated, including the refuse bins at the back of the public house walkway on the opposite side of the market square.
- Members suggested that the underground plans be checked as there may be pipework still underneath the marketplace that could be harbouring vermin.
- A03/05/13**    **13.    COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**
- This Consultation seeks to regularise minor anomalies and is aiming to balance the number of Councillors by making slight changes to the borders by holding a boundary review.
- Consultation will be taking place and stage three commences on 14<sup>th</sup> May through to 6<sup>th</sup> July. Objections can be made on the website.
- Cllr Steve Watkins offered to act as a liaison between BTC and CBC on this issue and will keep Members updated.

**A03/05/14 14. GROWTH AND REGENERATION IN BIGGLESWADE**

Members received an update from Kate McFarland: CBC has put in a bid for infrastructure funding and our “Expression of Interest” has been successful.

This is the beginning of an exciting journey and is a huge undertaking. Meetings will need to be set up now to ensure that the programme of work covering a range of projects both large and small are completed by the autumn deadline.

Kate would be happy to receive any comments/feedback.

Due to the importance of this project, and the timescale involved, Members requested that once additional information is received, would Peter Fraser please email Members to pull together an interim meeting before the next planned BJC in September.

**A03/05/15 15. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No comments from public.

**A03/05/16 16. 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.

(Additional Car Parking – Proposed Sites)

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