



**BIGGLESWADE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER**  
**2017 AT 2.00pm - LEADERS ROOM**  
**AT CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**PRIORY HOUSE, MONKS WALK, CHICKSANDS, SHEFFORD**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs J Lawrence	CBC (Chairman)
Cllr D Lawrence	CBC
Cllr S Watkins	CBC
Cllr S Dixon	CBC (sub)
Cllr Mrs M Russell	BTC
Cllr Mrs H Ramsay	BTC
Cllr B Briars	BTC
Cllr D Albone	BTC
Mr M Thomas	Biggleswade Chamber of Trade
Mr R McGregor	Town Clerk BTC
Mr M Thorn	Deputy Town Clerk BTC

Also, Present:

Mr P Fraser	CBC Head of Partnerships, CEYS
Mr M Coiffait	CBC Director of Community Services
Cllr F Foster	BTC
Cllr M North	BTC
Cllr I Bond	BTC
Cllr M Foster	BTC
Kate McFarlane	CBC Group Manager B&I R&BD
Member of Public - 0	

1. **APPOINT A CHAIR**

Cllr Mrs J Lawrence was appointed as Chairman.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Woodward.

3. **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.



#### 4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Subject to the amendments members received and approved the Minutes of the BJC held on 26 April 2017.

Cllr J Lawrence – Reference item 11 Yellow Lines – Sun Street should refer to Gladstone Terrace.

#### 5. MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the Minutes of the BJC Meeting held on 26 April 2017;

Cllr M Russell – Reference item 4 Development Map – the item to be brought forward to the next BJC meeting.

Cllr B Briars reference item 11 Parking on Grass Verges – this item be brought forward to the next BJC.

#### 6. 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 Committee, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda. Each Speaker will give their name to the Chairman, prior to speaking, which will be recorded in the minutes, unless that person requests otherwise. Each speaker will be allowed (one) three-minute slot.

None present.

#### 7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed members that the Baulk one way system went before the CBC TMC and the decision of the TMC is that the Baulk will remain one way.

Members agreed that further investment is required to make the one-way system permanent.

#### 8. TOWN CENTRE DE-CLUTTERING

Members were informed that a guard rail assessment has yet to be carried out, it is hoped that this will be completed by the end of December 2017.

Final costings will be available by March 2018, with any works being carried out in the 2018/19 financial year.

#### 9. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND PROPOSED CYCLE-WAY BACK STREET

Members were informed that a topographical survey will be carried out week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The proposed crossing will be a split crossing similar to the one in Hill Lane.

Members raised concerns that Back Street was not suitable for a two-way cycle route.

The final design will be brought back to the BJC.



10. **LTP RURAL MATCH FUND 2016 - 2017**

A review of what is required for the junction has yet to take place, it may be that a mini roundabout is not the solution.

11. **PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME – VARIOUS ROADS IN BIGGLESWADE**

Members were informed that works are likely to take place between January and March 2018.

12. **ACCESS – BIGGLESWADE RAILWAY STATION**

Members proposed that the chairman and the Director for Regeneration and Business write to the Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, to ask that disabled access to Biggleswade railway station is moved up the agenda.

13. **ORCHARD CENTRE – VARIOUS ISSUES**

Members considered various issues impacting on the Orchard Community Centre. It was agreed that Marcel Coiffait, would look at what is possible to resolve the issues moving forward.

14. **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 Committee, through the Chairman, in respect of any other business of the Biggleswade Joint Committee.

Each Speaker will give their name to the Chairman, prior to speaking, which will be recorded in the minutes, unless that person requests otherwise. Each speaker will be allowed (one) three-minute slot.

None present.

15. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

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

(Parking & Report)

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