



**MINUTES OF THE BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 09 JULY 2019  
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL,  
THE OLD COURT HOUSE, 4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE**

**PRESENT:**

- Cllr D Albone
- Cllr I Bond
- Cllr K Brown
- Cllr G Fage
- Cllr L Fage
- Cllr F Foster (Chairman)
- Cllr M Foster
- Cllr M Knight
- Cllr M North
- Cllr H Ramsay
- Cllr D Strachan

- Mr S Newton – TCO Manager
- Mrs J Durn – Meeting Administrator, Biggleswade Town Council
- Members of Public – 3

The Deputy Mayor gave a welcome address and asked that the Minutes record thanks to the Council staff who have been standing in to cover the long-term absence due to sickness, of the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk, whilst being already short-staffed due to holiday commitments and a vacant administration position.

- A09/0701      1.      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- Cllr M Russell, Cllr C Thomas, Cllr R Pullinger, Cllr J Woodhead
- ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES**
- None
- A09/0702      2.      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- A09/0702.1      a.      Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item - none
- A09/0702.2      b.      Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – Cllr M Foster, Item 9b.
- A09/0703      3.      TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
- There were no announcements
- A09/0704      4.      PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**
- There were no questions from members of the public.

**A09/0705** **INVITED SPEAKER**  
No invited speaker

**A09/0706** **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Cllr G Fage asked that the question of a taxi rank I Biggleswade could be taken forward to the Biggleswade Joint Committee meeting being held on Thursday 11 July.

**A09/0707** 7. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

A09/0707.1 a. Members received and approved the Minutes of the Biggleswade Town Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019.

**A09/0708** 8. **MATTERS ARISING**

From the Minutes of the Biggleswade Town Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019.

a. Cllr G Fage asked if there was an update on the Rights of Way Anomalies meeting. Cllr Bond said that the meeting planned for 24 June had been cancelled by the Rights of Way Officer, and unfortunately Cllr Albone was unable to make the suggested new date. Therefore, the meeting had been postponed.

Cllr Albone's attendance is important as he has valuable input to contribute on this topic, and we are currently waiting for more diary dates to be issued by CBC so that the meeting can take place as soon as possible.

**A09/0709** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A09/0709.1 a. **CB/19/20232/RM – Land off Saxon Drive, Biggleswade**  
Reserved Matters following outline application CB/17/01277/OUT Erection of 200 residential dwellings with associated access, landscaping, open space and ancillary works.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to this Application on the grounds of insufficient space between the development and the mobile homes on Saxon Drive. Concerns (previously raised) over flooding, and pressure on the road network to the south of Biggleswade, particularly leading to the A1.

A09/0709.2 b. **CB/19/02029/RM – Land at Sorrell Way, Biggleswade**  
Reserved Matters following outline application CB/17/01236/OUT Erection of buildings) to provide extra care accommodation comprising up to 93 units with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works.

Members were pleased to note that Developers have taken the previous Council comments into consideration. However, there are still concerns regarding the parking which Members feel should be maximised to include staff and visitors, and would like this point taken into consideration

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town council has **NO OBJECTION** to this Planning Application.

A09/0709.3 c. **CB/19/01301/FULL – 1 Sunderand Hall Farm Cottage, Biggleswade, SG18 8SD**  
Proposed first-floor rear extension, front porch 2<sup>nd</sup> floor dormer windows. 1st floor front and rear dormer windows and alterations to existing dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this Planning Application providing 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 to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

**A09/0710 10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A09/0710.1 a. **Resident Petition – Royal Oak Close**

Concerns from Community Safety Group to be brought forward to CBC and the Joint Committee.

BTC Parking Working Group to address the commuter side street parking issues in their review of the parking.

Ask BTC's CBC Councillors to pick this up. Also, BTC to write in support to add weight.

A09/0710.2 b. **Review of Planning Application Outcome – CB/18/02353/FULL – Land at Bonds Lane and Foundry Lane, Biggleswade SG18 8AY**

Cllr Bond has read the report thoroughly and can find no reference to the BTC points raised regarding commercial use? BTC put forward an objection previously citing many issues, and the objection still holds. Actions will be to:

- Request Ward Councillor to address this.
- Council representative to attend to put forward Council views.
- Cllr Bond and Cllr M Foster to discuss outside of this meeting.

**A09/0711 11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

A09/0711.1 a. **Mayors Charity Fund – 2018/2019**

This information was **NOTED**.

A09/0711.2 b. **CBC – Proposal No Waiting at any time and uncontrolled crossings on Potton Road and Havelock Road, Biggleswade.**

**NOTED, supported and approved**

Pass this information to the Parking Working Group

A09/0711.3      c.      **CBC Proposal No Waiting at any time, No Stopping on School Entrance markings, Bus Stops and Traffic Calming in Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade.**

**Kerb Buildout**

To introduce an uncontrolled crossing consisting of a kerb buildout on the southern side of Eagle Farm Road, approx. 75 metres east of the entrance to the Stratton Upper School and Community College Car Park, connecting to the existing footpath to Sorrell way.

This information was **NOTED**

**A09/0712      12.      PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No questions from the Public

**A09/0713      13.      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.

(No Exempt Items)

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.