

BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SUMMARY – JUNE 2017

COUNCIL MEETING – 13 JUNE 2017

- Members were informed that the Mayor, Cllr North, had attended the Ceremony of Beating of the Retreat on 3 June; the Tercentary Church Service celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry on 11 June; and the Squadron Annual General Meeting of the RAF Cadets on 12 June.
- Members of the Council asked questions regarding seating outside of the New Inn and Surfin Café, as well as A Frames and Crime in Biggleswade.
- Members received and approved the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 April 2017.
- Members received an invitation to visit St John's Hospice and a date will be arranged for interested members to visit on behalf of the Council.
- Members were informed of applications for work to trees within the Biggleswade conservation area at The Vicarage, 3 Shortmead Street and at Barn Field Close Car Park.
- Cllr Strachan updated members on the meeting he attended with the Community Policing Team regarding priority setting. Members also received the latest Crime statistics and responses from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Members were informed of proposals from CBC to introduce no waiting and 20 mph speed limits on various roads in Biggleswade. Members would like to see these changes introduced soon and would like to ensure that they are sufficiently enforced.
- Members considered potential new street names in Biggleswade and recommended that the names of deceased Olympians and Paralympians be put forward, with Local Olympians also put forward if permission is given to use their names.
- Members received Thank You Letters from Community Groups who received Grants from the Town Council in 2017.
- Members received the Minutes of the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils AGM.

PUBLIC LANDS AND OPEN SPACES MEETING – 20 JUNE 2017

- Members received and approved the minutes of the PLOS Meeting held on 21 March 2017.
- Members considered quotations for changes to Watkin Walk play area to improve child safety. It was resolved to accept Quote A at a cost of £1,450.
- Members considered quotations for the three-year contract hire of an Isuzu D-Max four-wheel drive to replace the existing Ford Ranger. Members recommended that the Council accept Quote A including the maintenance option at a cost of £337.77 per month.
- Members accepted a request from the Splash Park Committee to hold a fundraising event at Franklins Recreation Ground on Sunday 3 September 2017.
- Members resolved not to object to requests from Biggleswade United FC to build a groundsman's store and tea hut, and for work to a tree adjacent to the club house, provided that formal applications for each are made to Central Beds Council.
- Members were informed that arrangements for the transfer of Brunel Drive public open space to the Town Council will now move forward following delays caused by boundary issues.
- Members received information from Biggleswade United Football Club, regarding their lease renewal and youth pitch requirements for the coming season.

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 JUNE 2017

- Members received and approved the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 June 2017 and of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 20 June 2017.
- Members received and adopted accounts up to 31 May 2017 and approved the Annual Return of Accounts up to 31 March 2017.
- Members received and declined a revised Wayleave Agreement offer from Virgin Media with a one-off payment of £750. The sum proposed remains at £500 per annum.
- Members also received updates of the latest planning application outcomes from Central Beds Council, a request for works to trees on Shortmead Street and information on the launch of a consultation on the Draft Local Plan from Central Beds Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Biggleswade Town Council raised **no objection** to the following planning applications in June:

- CB/17/01854/FULL – 111 The Rowlands, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02142/FULL – 7 Edward Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02211/ADV – The Crown Hotel, 23 High Street, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02298/FULL – 153 London Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02157/FULL – 12 The Avenue, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02216/LB – The Crown Hotel, 23 High Street, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02268/FULL – 98 Drove Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02378/FULL – 1 Brunt's Lane, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02292/FULL – 43 London Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02529/FULL – 92 London Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02290/FULL – Post Office, 25 Kitelands Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02651/FULL – 23 Nursery Close, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02889/FULL – 13 Auckland Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02673/FULL – 99 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade
- CB/17/00328/FULL – 33 Rutherford Way, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02692/FULL – 76 Fairfield Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02693/FULL – 1A Walker Mead, Biggleswade

Biggleswade Town Council **objected** to the following planning applications in June:

- CB/17/01827/FULL – The Old Maltings, Church Street, Biggleswade; on the grounds of insufficient parking.
- CB/17/02061/FULL – 7 High Street, Biggleswade; on the grounds of lack of parking and loss of retail premises.
- CB/17/02252/FULL – St Andrews Lower School, Bantock Way, Biggleswade; on the grounds that the development is out of character, (appearance not in keeping with the surrounding properties) and concern on traffic movements (overdevelopment).
- CB/16/05906/RM – Parcels 15, 16 and 18, at Land South of Potton Road, Biggleswade; on the grounds that the Town Council do not support shared space.
- CB/17/02682/FULL – Kennel Farm, Saxon Drive, Biggleswade: on the grounds of scale/height dominating the surrounding area; the same restrictions as the nearby industrial estate should apply; this area is totally unsuitable for the storage of large fairground equipment; application is premature as the Local Plan is not yet in place; English Heritage has opposed this plan.

The final decision on the above planning applications rests with Central Bedfordshire Council.

[For further details of all the above meetings please see the minutes of each recorded on our website.](#)