

## **BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SUMMARY – MAY 2017**

### **ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY – 9 MAY 2017**

- Members received the minutes of the Annual Town Assembly, 24 May 2016.
- Members received the annual Biggleswade Town Council Report from the Mayor and Chairman of the Council, Cllr David Albone.
- Members received annual reports from Committee Chairs: Public Land and Open Spaces by Cllr Bernard Briars; Town Centre Management by Cllr Mrs Madeline Russell; Finance & General Purposes by Cllr Michael North; Personnel by Cllr Ian Bond.

[To read the Annual Report in full please see our website](#)

### **ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING – 23 MAY 2017**

- Cllr Michael North was elected to the office of Biggleswade Town Mayor for 2017/18. Cllr North signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor.
- Cllr Mrs Madeline Russell was elected to the office of Biggleswade Deputy Town Mayor for 2017/18. Cllr Mrs Russell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- Councillors were appointed to Committees for 2017/18 as follows:
- APPEALS: Cllr D Albone; Cllr P Biernis; Cllr D Strachan; Cllr T Woodward.
- FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES: Cllr Mrs H Ramsay (Chair); Cllr D Strachan (Vice Chair); Cllr D Albone; Cllr I Bond; Cllr F Foster; Cllr M Foster; Cllr M North; Cllr S Patel; Cllr Mrs M Russell.
- PERSONNEL: Cllr I Bond (Chair); Cllr M Foster (Vice Chair); Cllr F Foster; Cllr J Medlock; Cllr M North; Cllr S Patel; Cllr Mrs H Ramsay; Cllr Mrs M Russell.
- PUBLIC LAND & OPEN SPACES: Cllr B Briars (Chair); Cllr D Albone (Vice Chair); Cllr I Bond; Cllr P Biernis; Cllr G Fage; Cllr F Foster; Cllr M Foster; Cllr J Medlock; Cllr M North; Cllr S Patel; Cllr D Strachan.
- TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT: Cllr M Foster (Chair); Cllr Mrs M Russell (Vice Chair); Cllr D Albone; Cllr P Biernis; Cllr I Bond; Cllr B Briars; Cllr G Fage; Cllr F Foster; Cllr J Medlock; Cllr M North; Cllr S Patel; Cllr D Strachan.
- Councillors were also appointed to represent the Council on Outside Bodies: Bedfordshire Association of Town & Parish Councils – Cllr M Foster, Cllr M North, Cllr S Patel; Biggleswade Twinning Committee – Cllr B Briars, Cllr S Patel (Substitute); Fen Reeves as Proxy Voter – Cllr I Bond, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay (Substitute); Land East Community Facility Group – Cllr D Albone, Cllr B Briars, Cllr F Foster, Cllr M Foster, Cllr S Patel; Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr I Bond, Cllr P Biernis; Police Liaison officer – Cllr D Strachan, Cllr S Patel (Substitute); Sir John Cotton Educational Foundation – Cllr M North; Windfarm Grant Panel – Cllr J Medlock, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay.
- Members received and approved the minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 10 May 2016.
- Members considered a proposed pedestrian crossing on London Road and High Street. Members strongly objected to this proposal due to unsuitable positioning, lack of visibility, proximity to the existing crossing, the close situation of a blind corner and traffic flow issues.
- Members considered options for street naming in Biggleswade and it was agreed that a list should be produced including names of British Olympians and Para-Olympians.
- Members received a petition from Town Centre Retailers regarding parking, public transport, Century House and the Market. It was agreed that this be referred to the Town Centre Management Committee for discussion.
- Arrangements were made to transfer the Town Council's banking facilities to Lloyds Bank and signatories were confirmed for this purpose.
- Members also received the minutes of the latest Biggleswade Community Alcohol Partnership meeting, Crime Statistics for April 2017, information from Biggleswade Town Cricket Club and a thank you letter from the family of Michael Presland, for information.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- CB/17/02062/FULL – 1 Snowdrop Walk, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02205/FULL – 100 Drove Road, Biggleswade
- CB/17/01932/FULL – 3 Frankel Way, Biggleswade
- CB/17/01897/FULL – Shortmead Cottage, Shortmead Lane, Biggleswade
- CB/17/01842/VOC – 67 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade
- CB/17/02166/OUT – Stratton Business Park, Pegasus Drive, Biggleswade
- CB/17/01670/FULL – 11A High Street, Biggleswade

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

- CB/17/ CB/16/04196/FULL - 136 Shortmead Street Biggleswade  
On the Grounds that: it is not in keeping with the building next door; it encroaches on the public pavement; the general size of the building has increased from the original proposal.

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.](#)