

**Notes of the meeting of the Place Plan Review held in the Mayor's Parlour,
College House on Monday 8 January 2018 at 6.15pm**

Present: Cllrs David Cooper, Adrian Hinton, Edward Marshall and
Mrs Carol Whittle.
Mr Clive Dyson
Mrs Lynn Gardner (minutes' secretary)

1. Fire Safety Announcement

Councillor D Cooper, in the Chair, read out the fire safety announcement.

2. Apologies

It was announced that Mr Ray Gill had submitted his apologies.

3. Place Plan

Members had been asked to consider the infrastructure investment priorities identified in the Bridgnorth and Surrounding Area Place Plan 2015-16 and identify any items no longer needed or additional infrastructure requirements to be added to support the delivery of development in the Bridgnorth Area up to 2026. The requirements itemised in the documents provided had been separated into Critical Infrastructure, Priority Infrastructure and Key Infrastructure and Members' attention was drawn to the definitions: Critical projects address a physical constraint to built development taking place, Priority projects are needed so that development or economic growth can take place in a sustainable or acceptable way and Key projects are needed to mitigate potential adverse impacts on local sustainability arising from development or economic growth.

Members were presented with an electronic copy of the Bridgnorth Place Plan 2017 Update document and reading through it made the following comments or amendments:

CRITICAL PROJECTS

Strategic:

Broadband provision – No problem in the town area

Upgrade A458/Wenlock Road Junction – No change

Electricity reinforcement at Star Aluminium – This needs to be taken up with Bridgnorth Aluminium themselves.

Sewage network capacity – No comment

A request was made to include the Community Governance Review as a critical project but there was some debate as to whether this was a physical infrastructure investment issue.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Locally Strategic:

Wenlock Road Pedestrian Crossing – This has already been completed and should be removed from this list.

Operational Flood Response Plan – No comment.

Additional Cemetery Land – Discussions are in place for land acquisition. This project needs to be implemented within 18 months. Highway improvements on the Hermitage may be required in the long term for this project. We would like to discuss the availability of funds within the wider ‘funds for local development’ for this project.

Members requested that an update regarding the proposed extension land be sought from the landowner.

Members are aware that the Green Belt determination could have an impact on the availability of additional cemetery land and that ongoing we need to plan for the next 50 + years. Members were reminded that potential funds in the region of £3-5,000 had been identified from The Neighbourhood Fund with the possibility of bidding elsewhere and also possibly CIL money. Members were reminded that a recent application to change the location where agreed S106 money for Play Areas was to be spent took up to nine months to approve despite being required for the same purpose, albeit with a change of location.

Assessment of Local Flood Risk – Members were unsure as to the exact areas in Town that this assessment is being carried out and requested that clarification be sought.

KEY PROJECTS

Community Strategic:

Upgrading the Hospital Walk – Improvement to the lighting at the Innage Lane end of the footpath will be required if the development of the old William Williams site takes place and also if greater use is made of the Innage Lane car park creating increased footfall.

Footpath enhancements along the riverside – The footpath along Riverside leading into the school playing field (0113/49/5) needs improvement as it is always muddy, as are most paths through gateways.

Other footpaths identified as requiring improvement are 0113/48/1 behind the Engine House at the Severn Valley Railway, 0113/31/3 running from the end of Ludlow Road to Conduit Lane (used to access Castlefields School) and 0113/31/1 which

runs behind Castlefields adjacent to the by-pass and is used as access to Oldbury Wells School.

It was also requested that consideration be given to a Right of Way through the old William Williams Builders' Yard proposed development to link the Innage Lane car park to the Health Centre.

Working Party member Clive Dyson agreed to prepare a list of other footpaths within the town boundary that require improvement.

New site for Bridgnorth RUFC – No comment

Football HUB – No comment

Additional cricket pitch – No comment

Upgrade to full teaching capacity within primary school provision – No comment

High Town Central Car Park – The Town Council will continue to press for this and also for a Park and Ride. Members felt that this should be a Priority Project and not a Key Project. Members also put forward the requirement for charging points for electric cars and the investigation of car share schemes.

Members were informed that the poor air quality in Pound Street (Air Quality Management Area) was supposed to be addressed in the Local Transport Plan but the Government Air Quality Strategy published in July has required that Local Authorities develop new solutions to reduce omissions to improve air quality and submit provisional plans to the Government by March 2018. It was acknowledged however that may require changes to the infrastructure in the Town to support sustainable transport and improve the traffic flow which would only get worse following the development of the planned 500 homes in Tasley.

4. Conclusion

It was agreed that members would be circulated with draft comments and that these would be taken to the Town Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 for approval and submission to Shropshire Council.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm