



TOWN TEAM TOWN WALK

16th August 2017 at 5.45 pm

From Alton Train Station to The George PH, Alton

Minutes

1. Attendees: Cllr Phillips (DPP), Cllr Joy (AJ) Julie McLatch (JM), Tanya Applegath (TA), Bob Booker (RB), Stephen Lewis (SL)

Abbreviations (colour code relates to area of responsibility) :

Hampshire County Council (HCC),

East Hampshire District Council (EHDC),

Alton Town Council (ATC)

2. Town Walk

The purpose of this town walk was to establish works which may be required to improve the appearance of the town, and who may be responsible for those works/the cost of the works, to encourage greater and/or repeat visits to Alton.

Generally

Should the Town Team boundary map be extended to include the Health Centre?

The draft town signs document prepared by SL show a great number of signs (and so may need to be reduced) and they also only direct people in one direction (from the station into town).

Lamp posts throughout the town need painting "Alton blue".

Continuity of bollard styles throughout town would improve appearance.

Clean/restore bus stops

Where road signs have been hit by vehicles etc they need to be moved back into place or replaced where damaged.

Clean all telephone boxes (BT responsibility)

Use correct logos for accredited paths / walking route signs through the town

Ensure property owners are aware of Retail Improvement Grant Scheme

Alton Train Station to Crown Hill

Station fencing needs replacing: check whether this is part of the station re-development programme

Check whether Waitrose will be re-painting their concrete façade

Can there be a sign at the top of Station Road akin to the one at the end of Market Street listing the businesses on the Kerridge Industrial Estate? (HCC land, but worth asking the businesses if they would be happy to be advertised)

Contact BT to ask them to improve their private land. Could it be used for street parking?

There are no signs into town from the station – there's no directional assistance

The planting outside St Mary's Church has been provided by HCC, who will maintain it for 2 years – enquire who will maintain it after that.

Bollards under the bridge on Paper Mill Lane create a blind spot.

An improvement notice has been served regarding the Bon Bon store – initial hearing on 18th October with a full hearing to be listed after 8th January. Planning permission for change of use has been received by EHDC.

Can the bin outside the Bon Bon store be moved?

The police station is still referenced on the blue finger post sign

Remove empty A Frame outside Complete Feet

Signage required to sites of interest

Paint Crown Hill railings. The planters end midway down the hill

Replace old-style bin outside the Assembly Rooms

Crown Hill (via Turk Street and Turk Street car park) to Butts Road

Public path needs clearing down the side of The Wey Bridge PH

Roof on the Radian properties is causing problems

Remove banner outside The Wey Bridge PH

Goodfellows Alley – who owns and maintains it?

Oxfam walkway – brickwork needs repointing

Replace the directional sign outside Bakers Alley

Who owns the freehold to that block of flats?

Environment Agency clears the River Wey as it passes Costa coffee – ascertain when they are next back to clear it again (allow Alton Society to take it over?). It is part of the heritage walks and should be maintained as such.

Blocked drain outside CRUK

The planter outside Boots is weathered/damaged

Remove graffiti on the Stop sign (corner of Turk Street)

Replace the black bin on Turk Street and add littering sign

Roadsign on the edge of Turk Street/ Draymans Way is covered and needs clearing

Wall at the side of the alley between Turk Street and Turk Street car park isn't finished.

Alleyway surface is dangerous and needs re-paving. Is it part of the EHDC car park?

Turk Street car park – walkway needs cleaning and possibly re-covering

The metal grills around the trees in the car park have been removed and need replacing – the gaps are a trip hazard

Black bins in Turk Street car park need replacing

John Trimmer Alleyway – AlleyCats control the noticeboard – the bin needs replacing

Bollards are needed outside Card Factory to prevent dangerous parking

ATC noticeboard outside Westbrook House is bowing

Can anything be done about the stones/steep steps outside M&S?

High Street/Butts Road Give Way sign needs replacing.

Need signs to direct traffic to sports centre