| 7. Shopfront Improvement | PJ - Why use block paving instead of tiling? Heavy vehicles will break tiling. We need something more substantial. Building it for the overall requirements despite the desire to pedestrianize the whole area. TRO means properties have legitimate access. The above sparked a discussion about the potential to fully pedestrianize the high street from Grace's Bakery onwards. From Garfield Road to Grace's Bakery would be two-way traffic to enable their access, then the rest of the high street would be blocked to traffic. PJ suggested that TROs could be progressed to support this. This would enable different paving materials to be used in the resurfacing, which are more designed for pedestrian use. Grace's lift would still be required / preferred longer term. Steering Group to think about what is really wanted in terms of the pedestrianisation. Put back on Agenda for next meeting. |
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| Grants | 3 shopfronts (The Gambling Man, The Crown and Aladdin's Cave) all into planning with tender docs out and grant agreements in progress. Staged payments planned before the end of the month. 2 further shopfronts (Osbornes and The Kebab House) to be progressed for next financial year. The Star's awning design wasn't approved by the IWC Conservation Officer. The owners are not happy and see themselves as having been rejected a grant. FC to make further contact (despite having received no response from last email) and offer further discussion. |
| 8. Any other Business | A Conservation Deficit Report is required to progress RTC's intentions to purchase the Town Hall. Simon Goddard has been identified as one qualified professional to produce the report, which is vital for grant funding application. PJ asking for £10,000 contribution from the HAZ towards the report. There is no room in the current budget without taking money away from Public Realm or Shopfronts. Conditional agreement based on the successful Active Travel bid, which will provide a boost to the HAZ Budget. Will require sign off from Louise and Marion in Historic England, as not part of an existing HAZ project. |
| 9. Date for Next Meeting | Wednesday 3 rd May – 12:30 – 14:00 |