

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2007

PRESENT

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Adams, Baddeley, Betts, Davies, Deane, Deaville, Gibson, Hall, Harper, Harris, J Harrison, K Harrison, Hart, Jackson, Jones, Shaw, Sheldon and Walley.

The Town Crier introduced the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Town Administrator. The Town Crier invited Rev'd John Fisher to lead a time of prayer.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and invited all present to join her for light refreshment in the Main Hall following the meeting of the General Purposes Committee

72.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notification received.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Rogers declared personal interest in Minute 67, travel expenses.

74. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Proudlove and Redfern and Mrs Humphries

75. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 November 2007 were agreed and signed.

76. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 November 2007 were agreed.
- b The Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 4 December 2007 were agreed.
- c The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 December 2007 were agreed. Two late applications have been received and are available for members to view and register comment.

77. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ~ COUNCILLOR HARPER

It was moved that Councillor Harper serve on the following:

- Town Burial Ground Committee to replace Councillor Shaw
- Planning Committee to replace Councillor Hart
- Civic Committee
- General Purposes Committee
- Tourism Committee

78. BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

- a Meeting notes – 18 October 2007. Received
- b Notification of temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order re High Street. Received. A plan of the works is available to view in the Town Administrator's office.

79. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thanked everyone for their support.

80. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:	£
FW & D Wain (Christmas lights – 2x fuses)	5.39
Protech Electrical Ltd – Christmas lighting 2/3 payment	6584.18
SMDC – Service Charges (2007-8 on account + balances from 2004/5, 20005/6, 2006/7)	34237.05
SMDC – election recharges	3753.64
Vemedia – annual payment to website host (123.reg ltd)	56.26
Staffs County Council – pension contributions	499.35
Inland Revenue	1149.80
Salaries -	1928.89
Acorn Signs – A527 board lettering	5.88
Petty Cash	17.66
D Allcock – Burial Ground & Lengthsman work, Nov/Dec	525.00

81. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Biddulph in Bloom AGM

The AGM is to be held at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 30 January, in the Council Chamber.

2 Stoke on Trent Local Development Framework – Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement

A copy of the Adopted Statement has been received from Stoke on Trent City Council; available in the office or on the City council's website:
www.stoke.gov.uk/ldf

3 Biddulph & District Music Festival

The Festival Chairman had written to enquire why the Music Festival did not receive a grant from the Town Council in 2007. I replied to explain that the application was received too late and that the grant funding had been distributed for the year. The Chairman has written to say that the application for 2008 will be made early in the New Year.

4 Community Council of Staffordshire – Community Shops Competition

Information and application form for a Community Shops competition received from the Rural Community Council, in conjunction with the Village Retail Services Association.

5 Standards Board

The latest issue of the *Bulletin* from the Standards Board for England has been received via email from the SPCA. Highlights include: results of local assessment pilot, which collected data from a broad range of authorities across

England; a checklist for local authorities in the run up to April 2008; details of a new role for standards committees as the role of independent adjudicator is abolished and key findings from the latest Audit Commission self-assessment survey.

6 Annual Leave

I will be on leave from 24 December until 7 January. Councils Connect will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The Report was moved received.

Councillor Hall paid tribute to the Mayor's hard work over the past year, saying that her approach was very different and very refreshing.

The meeting closed at 7.14 pm

Signed Date
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