

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2008

PRESENT

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Adams, Baddeley, Davies, Deane, Deaville, Hall, Harper, Harris, J Harrison, K Harrison, Hart, Jackson, Jones, Redfern, Sheldon.

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

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the first Town Council meeting of 2008

The Mayor noted that Item 10 on the agenda was no longer a confidential item.

82.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notification received.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rogers declared personal interest in Minute 89a; his travel expenses.
Councillor Sheldon declared a personal interest in Minute 90 as Chair of Biddulph in Bloom.
Councillor Hart declared that he was Regeneration Portfolio Holder; re Minute 87.

84. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Betts, Gibson, Proudlove, Shaw and Walley.

85. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11 December 2007 were agreed and signed.

86. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 11 December 2007 were agreed. Reference Minute 106: The Town Administrator reported that she had contacted a First Bus Customer Services representative. The matter is to be referred to the County Council for improved bus stop marking, to enable enforcement by parking wardens.
- b The Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 8 January 2008 were agreed.

87. BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 January 2008. Councillor Jackson reported that Advantage West Midlands representatives will not now be attending, as Dr Wardle is currently on paternity leave.

88. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The Mayor reported the death of former Councillor Betty Booth. The funeral was to take place at the Tunstall Salvation Army Citadel on 8 February at 2.00pm.
- b. Condolences were expressed to Councillor Proudlove following the death of his father.
- c. Biddulph in Bloom Pancake Day fundraising event would take place on Shrove Tuesday 5 February 2008 from 10-5 in the Town Hall, a highly recommended event.

89. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a The following accounts were approved for payment:	£
D Ingman – _ yearly internal audit 07-08	119.00
Protech Electrical Ltd – Christmas lighting final payment	3,246.88

SMDC – lease of land, allotments (quarter)	77.50
SMDC – lease of room 8 (quarter)	175.00
Viking Direct Ltd – stationery	196.33
Councillor Rogers – travel expenses (SPCA)	26.26
Staffs County Council – pension contributions	499.35
Inland Revenue	983.79
Salaries -	1928.91 539.64
Petty cash	13.60
FW & D Wain	26.00
Midshire Business Systems Ltd, copier charges	46.33
Canby – jute bags (payment to be reclaimed from District Council) Biddulph promotional item	1286.63

b Precept 2008/2009

It was moved to approve the recommendations of the Finance/Estimates Committee from the meeting of 10 January 2008 and to set the Precept for Year 2008/2009 at £173,835.00.

90. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1 Biddulph in Bloom Accounts

A copy of the 2006-7 Audited Accounts has been received. (The AGM is to be held at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 30 January, in the Council Chamber.)

2 Tower Hill Road Well

A request has been made by Mow Cop Residents Association for the above well to be tidied up, as it appears on their Heritage Trail leaflet. I have asked the Lengthsman to carry out this work.

3 Staffordshire Moorlands Arts Award

Nomination cards received from the District Council. Deadline for nominations – Friday 15 February 2008.

4 Allotments Sub-committee

The proposed date for the site visit is Wednesday 23 January at 10 30 am; to meet at the Moorland Road site entrance.

5 Winter Driving Leaflet

The latest issue of the above, received in December, had again omitted Biddulph from the salting route maps. I wrote to the County Council to point this out & received an apology plus a promise that a Biddulph map would be included in the next edition.

91. COMPLAINT

Item referred from Civic Committee (Minute 60.07)

The Mayor reported that a complaint had been received following the meeting of the Civic Committee on 4 December 2007 regarding the behaviour of a fellow member. The Mayor stated that she was upset that a Biddulph Town Councillor had so little regard for

this Council that sensitive information had been divulged and said that she would take this matter further. This information was received.

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm

Signed Date