

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2007

PRESENT The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Adams, Baddeley, Betts, Brown, Davies, Deaville, Gibson, Hall, Harris, J Harrison, Hart, Jackson, Jones, Redfern, Shaw, Sheldon and Walley.

The Town Crier introduced the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Administrator.

1.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notifications had been received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Deane, K Harrison and Proudlove.

4. MINUTES

a The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 17 April 2007 were agreed and signed.

b The Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2007 were agreed and signed.

5. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 17 April 2007 were agreed and signed.

6. BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

No minutes were available.

7. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- a. CAB AGM to be held on 13 June at 7.00pm; topic is a case study on debt; all welcome.
- b. The Mayor welcomed all the new Councillors and reminded them to sign the attendance register.
- c. Thanks were recorded to Councillor Hall for 40 years continuous service to Biddulph, with both the Biddulph Urban District Council and Biddulph Town Council. This was a remarkable achievement.
- d. There had been a gift of a plate from Fusignano; this was on display in the Chamber.
- e. The Mayor requested discussion re a letter tabled to be included as a Confidential matter following the General Purposes meeting. This was Agreed.

8. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

- a) The following accounts were approved for payment £

Siemens – copier rental	329.00
K Thacker – refund for new computer hard drive	28.50
SLCC – Certificate in Local Council Administration registration fee (Mrs Gaunt)	70.00
Paul Smart Print – newsletter printing	285.00
SMDC – waste container hire, Burial Ground	545.20
Petty Cash	18.47
Staffs County Council – pension contributions	487.31
Inland Revenue	964.96
Salaries -	1883.51 471.98
Heads (Congleton) Ltd – notice, Annual Meeting	53.58

b) Civic Allowances:

Cllr M Roberts – Mayor’s Allowance	2200.00
Cllr W Rogers – Deputy Mayor’s Allowance	800.00
Mr J Robinson – Honorarium	500.00
Mrs V Brown – Honorarium	500.00

9. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1 Sarah Humphreys, Town Centre Co-coordinator

Mrs Humphreys started in post yesterday, 14 May, following a brief induction by the District Council. Her usual office hours will be 9 – 5 pm each Monday and Tuesday and her telephone numbers will be circulated in the near future. Mrs Humphreys will attend the June meeting cycle.

2 Moorlands Parish Assembly

The Town Council’s two representatives are Councillors Baddeley and Rogers, however, a letter has been received to say that only one representative may have voting rights at meetings and we are requested to identify which member.

Councillor Baddeley to stand down.

3 SMCVS Board of Directors

The next meeting is Tuesday 22 May and the Town Council seat is currently vacant. A letter requesting that a representative be appointed has been received.

4 Tourism Sub-Committee

The next meeting of this committee is to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 7 June, in the Council Chamber.

5 Biddulph in Bloom

The summer meeting is to take place at 7.15pm on Wednesday 16 May, in the Council Chamber.

6 Thames Drive – speeding traffic

I have received a further letter from a resident of Thames Drive re the above, following a letter sent in October 2006 on the same subject. The letter was forwarded to the County Council’s area highways and to the police. The complainant has received no response from these authorities and would like this to be taken further.

Councillor Hart said that the Highways Agency had carried out a survey and are to share the results with North Ward Councillors. Staffordshire Police have been using rolling cameras, Councillor Hart would talk with PC John Kidd. County Councillor Lovatt to follow up lack of response from County Council.

7 Annual Leave

I will be on leave from 23 May to 1 June, inclusive.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

Signed Date
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