

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2007

PRESENT

The Mayor welcomed newly elected North Ward Councillor Ken Harper to his first meeting of the Town Council.

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

51.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notifications had been received.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in Minute 58 as an employee of FW and D Wain.

53. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Deane, Gibson, Proudlove and Sheldon, and from the Town Crier and The Town Centre Co-Ordinator.

Apologies were given by Councillor Betts.

54. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 September 2007 were agreed and signed. Reference Minute 50.07a Councillor Jones gave an update, Japan Tobacco are not looking to engage directly with the Town Council, but would like to engage directly with local groups through the Town Council, any further information contact Councillors Jones or Shaw. It was noted that youth groups or sporting organisations would not be eligible.

55. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 18 September 2007 were agreed.
- b The Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 9 October 2007 were agreed.
- c The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9 October 2007 were agreed. The Mayor and Councillor Walley were present at the meeting.

56. BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007 were received.

57. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report

58. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a The following accounts have been received for payment:	£
Meaco Ltd – led bulbs (Christmas Lights)	4606.00
FW & D Wain – catenary wire	235.24
Roy Beech (Contractors) Ltd – TBG paths	23,407.30
Staffordshire Playing Fields Association	15.00
SMDC – rent of allotment land	100.00

- rent of Room 8	175.00
Staffs County Council – pension contributions	487.31
Inland Revenue	962.08
Salaries -	1886.08 447.91
Audit Commission – fee 2006-07	1028.13
J Gaunt – travel expenses	7.51
Petty Cash	12.73

b Completion of Audit of Accounts for year ended March 2007

The Certified Annual Return from the Audit Commission was received.

60. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

a Fair Trade Working Group

Councillor Sheldon has contacted me to ask if any other members of the Town Council would be interested in joining the above group.

b Reporter

Issue 5 is to be delivered by the printers later this week. Assistance with distribution would be welcomed. I have been obtaining some quotes for increasing the print quantity and for delivery to all households and will report back to the next Civic Committee meeting.

c Countryside Activities and Events

Copies of the Autumn/Winter leaflets received from the Countryside Service.

d Parent Direct Staffordshire

Information on a new information service for families with children between 0 and 19 years received from the County Council, plus an invitation to be included in the Children and Young People’s Services Directory.

e Cheshire County Council – Minerals Development Framework

A copy of a CD with information on the current consultation has been received.

f Biddulph In Bloom

An invitation to the Award Ceremony, to be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 24 October at Biddulph Town Hall has been received.

The meeting closed at 7.14 pm

Signed Date