

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007

PRESENT

The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Adams, Davies, Deane, Deaville, Gibson, Hall, Harris, J Harrison, K Harrison, Jackson, Jones, Redfern, Shaw, Sheldon and Walley. Also in attendance Mrs Humphreys, the Town Centre Co-ordinator

The Town Administrator introduced the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Mayor introduced Pastor Alec Hilton who invited those attending to observe one minutes silence in memory of Councillor George Brown MBE who died on 17 June 2007. Pastor Hilton led the meeting in prayer.

Councillor Hall spoke about Councillor Brown; a colleague, friend, and a gentleman in all his dealings. He was dedicated to community service and faced up to his illness with courage and fortitude. This Council will feel greatly the loss of a man of faith - now at peace. The Administrator gave details of the funeral service.

10.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notifications had been received.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in Minute 18.07; travel expenses

12. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Baddeley, Hart and Proudlove and from the Town Crier, Mr Robinson.

Councillor Betts was absent from the meeting.

13. MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15 May 2007 were agreed.
- b The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 15 May 2007 were agreed.

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 15 May 2007 were agreed. Councillor Shaw is a member of the committee and was present at the meeting.
- b The Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 12 June 2007 were agreed.
- c The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 June 2007 were agreed. Councillor Adams requested that District Council planning decisions are listed and distributed to members.

15 BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

The Minutes of the meeting held 12 April 2007 were received.

16 CODE OF CONDUCT

To adopt revised Code of Conduct and to consider the applicability of paragraph 12(2).

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor J Harrison that this Council adopts the revised Code of Conduct and paragraph 12(2). This was Moved, unanimously.

All members will now need to complete the revised Notification of Financial and other Interests form; the Town Administrator will return the completed forms to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of today's meeting. It was proposed that the Monitoring Officer be invited to a future meeting to give a more detailed explanation and to answer Councillors questions. This was Moved.

17. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor's Civic Service will be held on Sunday 15 July 2007; 2.45pm for 3.00pm at the Church of the English Martyrs Church Road, followed by a light buffet. All welcome.

18. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:	£
Creative Copy 'N' Colour Ltd – Festival leaflets	1355.00
Bourne International Ltd – Tourism promotional items (pen/mouse mat)	1060.44
N power – Christmas lighting – town hall meter	60.22
- unmetered supply	40.98
SLCC – annual subscription	190.00
Smith of Derby – 5 year maintenance contracts:	
- Town hall clock	838.95
- St Lawrence Church	1029.30
- Knypersley Church Hall (query as hall for sale)	803.70
Councillor Rogers – travel (SPCA meeting)	26.26
Petty Cash	33.60
Staffs County Council – pension contributions	487.31
Inland Revenue	972.46
Salaries -	1886.12
	549.67

b) Annual Audit of Accounts – Annual Return and Statement of Assurance

The Annual Return and final accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 were approved and signed. The Statement of Assurance was completed and signed.

It was Moved to review the effectiveness of the internal audit process at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

19. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1 Grants 2007/8

The closing date for the receipt of grant applications was 31 May 2007. I propose that the meeting for the allocation of grants be held on Wednesday 4 July at 7 pm. Committee members are: Councillors Adams, Gibson, Hall, Harris, Jones, Shaw, Chair/Vice Chair of the Burial Ground Committee, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

2 Licensing Act 2003

Notification of variation of premises licence for the Roebuck Inn, 12 Congleton Road: Sunday 10 am – 1.00 am for live & recorded music, provision of facilities for making music or dancing, provision supply of alcohol. Observations requested by 9 July.

3 Street Plan

Local Authority Publishing is in the process of compiling the next edition of the Biddulph Street Plan. This should be completed by the autumn.

4 Knypersley Cricket Club – Minor Counties Game

Knypersley Cricket Club have been successful in being awarded a minor counties game between Staffordshire and Cumbria (5th to 7th August) and have written to request that the Town Council considers sponsoring the event – possibly a sponsorship package. A representative of the Club has offered to attend a meeting to discuss this further.

5 Biddulph in Bloom

The Britain in Bloom Judges will be in Biddulph on Friday 20 July.

6 Recycling & Waste Roadshow

Twenty events have now been arranged throughout the District – Biddulph dates: Wharf Road car park on Saturday 21 July 10 – 4; Rose & Crown car park at Biddulph Moor on Wednesday 8 August between 6 – 8 pm.

20 TWINNING ANNIVERSARY MOSAIC (referred from Civic Committee)

Following lively discussion and several proposals, it was Moved that the following amendments were made:

Mow Cop Castle to be kept, it is part of the Biddulph landscape; the SMDC badge (which places Biddulph in its geographical context), to be moved and decreased in size, to be replaced by a prominent Biddulph Town Council emblem; the plane to be removed; Trent Head Well to be included. Preferred site for mosaic to the left side of the Town Hall entrance, at the discretion of the owners of the building, the District Council.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

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