

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2007

PRESENT The Mayor, Councillors Adams, Baddeley, Booth, Gibson, Hall, J Harrison, K Harrison, Hart, Jackson, Jones, Lovatt, Meredith, Redfern, Roberts, Rogers, C Stone, D Stone, Walley.

The Town Crier introduced the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Administrator Rev Martin Cannam opened the meeting with prayer

92.01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No notifications had been received.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Shaw and Jones declared personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 99.06, as personal friends of Mr Wilshaw.

94. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and reasons accepted by Councillors Brown, Deaville and Proudlove.

Councillor Jackson apologised for his late arrival.

95. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 March 2007 were agreed and signed. Reference Minute 91.6 no response received. The footpath has been closed since 7 July 2005.

96. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 20 March 2007 were agreed and signed. Councillor D Stone is a former member
- b The Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Committee held on 10 April 2007 were agreed. Councillor Proudlove had attended the meeting. Re Christmas Lights, Councillor Hall had insufficient information, to be discussed at the next meeting of the Civic committee
Minute 88b: Councillor Meredith thought that the work was due to begin on 16 April. Councillor D Stone expressed great concern about the health of Mr Mason and felt that this might result in a slowing down of the work. Councillor Jackson put Councillor D Stone's mind at rest; Mr Mason attended the regeneration meeting, the work had not been delayed by his illness. The work was scheduled to commence week beginning 16 April. Councillor Rogers confirmed this, he had spoken to the foreman of works, surveying has begun and work was expected to begin on Thursday or Friday this week.
- c The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10 April 2007 were agreed.

97. BIDDULPH PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

No minutes were available, the meeting had only taken place on 12 April.

98. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of thanks was received from Private Wysoczan's father and from Staffordshire's Lord Lieutenant. The Rotary Swimathon will take place on Saturday 21st April, the Mayor's team including Councillors Jackson, Lovatt, Jones were due to swim at 4.00 pm. Thanks were expressed from the Mayor; the Civic Ball was over subscribed, a waiting list was in operation, monies and menu choices to the Mayor before 12 noon tomorrow.

Councillor Shaw expressed grateful thanks to all those Councillors who had served for the past four years and for the support received during his term of office as Mayor of Biddulph.

Councillor Hall expressed thanks to those Councillors who had decided not to seek re-election; Councillors Booth and C Stone. Councillor Jackson seconded the sentiments expressed; their presence had enriched the meetings.

99. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

| The following accounts were approved for payment | £ |
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| Community Council of Staffordshire – subscription 07/08 | 20.00 |
| CJ Skelhorne– repair & re-enamelling of Deputy Mayor’s insignia | 329.00 |
| SPCA – annual subscription | 1044.00 |
| SPCA – Quality Council application fee | |
| SMDC – pest control contract | 411.25 |
| - lease of room 8, _ year | 350.00 |
| - allotment land | 100.00 |
| D W Lovatt – TBG maint/grass cutting, 1 st half year | 4500.00 |
| J Wilshaw & Son – repair to security fence (insurance claim in) | 1,169.12 |
| Petty Cash | 21.11 |
| Staffs County Council – pension contributions | 487.31 |
| Inland Revenue | 939.98 |
| Salaries - | 1883.74 |
| | 447.11 |

100. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1 Knypersley Quarry

Request received from Regeneration Executive that the Town Council sends a letter to Stoke City Council to urge that the deadline of 1 May is not missed for the purchase of land at Knypersley Quarry.

2 Biddulph Valley Park

Information received from the District Council that the contractors, JJ Cavanagh, are to start construction work on Monday 23 April. The site cabin is to be set up this week. Letters have been sent to all residents fronting or adjacent to the works area and the contact for any queries is Mrs Sue Higton, Engineering Officer.

3 Vandalism

Biddulph in Bloom has reported vandalism to the tree in the Station Road memorial garden and to the two seats outside the town hall. The damage has been reported to the police.

4 Art in the Arms Spring Exhibition

An invitation has been received for the current exhibition – open 12 noon ‘til 4 pm from 14 to 22 April at the Biddulph Arms. There will also be a Craft Fair on Sunday 22 April from 12 – 4. Admission is free.

5 Reporter

Issue Three is now ready for distribution – please take some for circulation.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm

Signed Date