

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

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| • The Mayor: | • Councillor S Rushton |
| • Councillor J Garvey | • Councillor J Salt |
| • Councillor N Eardley | • Councillor N R Yates |
| • Councillor D A Hall | • Councillor J T Jones |
| • Councillor A H Hart (Chair) | • Councillor K Harper |
| • Councillor A Lawton | |
| • Councillor W Rogers | |

Councillors Rushton, Harper and Yates were present but did not sign the attendance sheet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance & Governance Officer
- Mrs Ange Williams – Administrator Officer
- Councillor K J Jackson
- Mr James Connolly - Biddulph Chronicle

56. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded and accepted for:

- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor E Baddeley
- Councillor C M Smith

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: None
- b) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests: None

58. MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 January 2023 were **approved and signed**. Proposed by Councillor Hart; seconded by Councillor Harper and agreed.

b) The Notes of the Transport Working Group meeting held on 16 January 2023 were **received**.

59. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FOLLOWING THE BURIAL GROUND SITE VISIT

The Chief Officer thanked those who were able to attend. The Chief Officer provided an update following a site visit to the burial ground; she highlighted areas of discussion.

Councillor Lawton questioned what the progress was regarding the benches installed by the Biddulph Rotary; the Chief Officer stated that she will update the Councillors as soon as possible.

There was a discussion around why there are no dogs allowed at the burial ground. It was suggested to add this point to an agenda item to discuss further.

60. TO CONSIDER THE LOCATION AND LAYOUT OF A NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WOODHOUSE BURIAL GROUND (PRESENTATION OF IMAGES AT THE MEETING)

The Chief Officer displayed images of the proposed site for a new Garden of Remembrance at the Woodhouse Burial Ground.

Councillor Jones proposed to accept the location, seconded by Councillor Garvey.

There was a discussion around replacing the memorial block with a smaller headstone; images were displayed. There was discussion about how many graves could be created. It was agreed to calculate the capacity and longevity of the area.

61. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DRAINAGE WORK IN SECTION L OF THE TOWN BURIAL GROUND

The Chief Officer reported that the drainage work is scheduled to commence week commencing Monday 27 March 2023. All grave managers will receive a letter to request that belongings are removed.

62. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor salt questioned whether a grit delivery has been completed at the Town Hall; the Chief Officer will check.

Councillor Jones requested additional grit at Hurst Road.

James Connolly left the meeting at 8.40pm

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

63. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TENDER OF THE 93 BUS SERVICE

The tender process would commence soon.

The meeting ended at 7.49 pm.

Signed..... Date.....