

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023, 7.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Hall, Harper, Lawton, Rushton, and Yates were in attendance and 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
- Ms Elizabeth Norton – Finance Officer
- Mr John Robertson – Biddulph Town Crier
- Mrs Angela Williams -Administration Officer
- Councillor C R Perkin
- Councillor A J McLoughlin

Four members of the public were in attendance.

74. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded and accepted for:

- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor E Baddeley (absent)

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None
- b) Other Interests: None

76. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 14 March 2023 were **approved and signed**.

77. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH- TO CONSIDER TREE DEDICATION WITHIN THE TOWN

Councillor Smith noted that the Bench Policy had been reviewed at the last meeting; she suggested that a memorial tree planting scheme could also be considered.

The Chief Officer asked Councillors to identify any suitable areas where tree planting could be an option.

Councillor Jones agreed with the principle, but had concerns over flowers being placed at the foot of trees.

Councillor Yates suggested using a designated place, such as Halls Road pathway, and to make it clear that the plaque and tree is the memorial, and advising about additional flowers.

Councillor Eardley suggested a proposal be created; Councillor Davies agreed and suggested that there should be consideration over which trees are planted.

Councillor Smith proposed a policy to be drafted; seconded by Councillor Jones. Agreed.

78. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ALLOTMENTS SITE VISIT

The Chief Officer reported that many of the issues raised at the annual meeting with allotment holders were viewed. Priorities for this Committee to consider are a designated delivery area at Park Lane, costings for an accessible plot at Park Lane and the resurfacing of the car park at the top of Springfield Road.

Councillor Rogers noted that there hadn't been many issues raised, but these were important to the allotment holders.

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

The Chief Officer showed a presentation of photographs of the Section L works.

Councillor Yates stated he had concerns about future interments. The Chief Officer explained that a number of conversations and solutions have been developed.

The Chief Officer stated that tree work will be required to take place shortly on the site.

80. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN

Councillor Yates reported that large holes have appeared in the Briarswood fence/ treeline along Halls Road, and requested chestnut fencing be added.

Councillor Jones noted that Hot Lane would like some too.
The Chief Officer will investigate the cost.

The meeting ended at 7.58pm.

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