

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR

PRESENT:

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| • The Mayor: | • Councillor D J Hawley |
| Councillor J Garvey | • Councillor J Jones |
| • Deputy Mayor: | • Councillor A Lawton |
| Councillor C R Perkin | • Councillor A J McLoughlin |
| • Councillor J Davies | • Councillor W Rogers |
| • Councillor N Eardley | • Councillor C M Smith |
| • Councillor D A Hall | • Councillor J Salt |
| • Councillor A H Hart | • Councillor N R Yates |

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance and Governance Officer
- Ms Elizabeth Norton – Finance Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Mr John Robertson – Biddulph Town Crier
- Councillor Keith Flunder – Staffordshire County Council

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were recorded and accepted for:

- Councillor Jackson
- Councillor Brady
- Councillor Baddley

96. To approve that the Town Council confer the title of honorary freeman.

Councillor Perkin proposed that Councillor Hall should be granted the title of honorary freeman, in recognition of over 50 years' service at Biddulph Town Council. A new wooden panel should be added to the wall of the Council Chamber, in recognition of this. Seconded by Councillor Hart.

Councillor Davies paid tribute to Councillor Hall, summarising Councillor Hall's career and successes. Councillor Yates had the utmost respect for Councillor Hall and echoed the sentiments of colleagues, on behalf of the Labour Group.

Councillor Rogers joked that Councillor Hall had promised that working with Biddulph Town Council would be '12 meetings a year'.

Councillor Salt felt that Councillor Hall was a 'legend of local government'.

It was agreed that Councillor Hall would be granted this honour. In response, Councillor Hall stated that he was 'speechless'.

Councillor Davies and Councillor Swift offered their thanks to colleagues and to the Chief Officer, as they left the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

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