

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM  
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

**PRESENT:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Mayor:</b><br/>Councillor A K Harper</li><li>• <b>Deputy Mayor</b><br/>Councillor N R Yates</li><li>• Councillor C Brady</li><li>• Councillor N Eardley</li><li>• Councillor J I M Garvey</li><li>• Councillor A H Hart (Chair)</li><li>• Councillor K J Jackson</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor J T Jones</li><li>• Councillor C Kisicki</li><li>• Councillor A C Lawton</li><li>• Councillor A C W Parkes</li><li>• Councillor D A Proudlove</li><li>• Councillor J Redfern</li><li>• Councillor C M Smith</li></ul> |
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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance & Governance Officer
- Councillor F A Holdsworth
- Councillor J Salt

The Chief Officer recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

**19. APOLOGIES**

- Councillor W Rogers
- Councillor S Rushton

**20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations. None.
- b) Other Interests. None.

## **21. MINUTES**

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 11 July 2023

All **agreed and signed**.

- b) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on 19 July 2023

Proposed by Councillor Lawton. All **Agreed**.

## **22. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON BURIAL DATA FOR 2022-23**

The Chief Officer shared data and talked through numbers and types of burials.

Councillor Salt asked how long it would be until the burial ground was full and suggested a piece of work is completed to ascertain this. Councillor Garvey proposed we look back over a longer period of time to identify any trends and produce a projection. Seconded by Councillor Harper. All **agreed**.

*It was agreed for item 26 to be discussed after item 22. Proposed by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Jackson and agreed.*

## **26. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR HOLDSWORTH – DISCUSSION ABOUT HALLS ROAD RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Holdsworth discussed the possibility of opening the toilets to the public at Halls Road; even if just at the weekends. He confirmed he had spoken to people at the Leisure Centre, who manage the toilets and changing facilities; they have the equipment to also provide a café.

*Councillor Holdsworth left the meeting at 20.30pm.*

Councillor Harper thought it would be lovely to support a café at Halls Road but there would be a cost.

Councillor Jones thought it was a good idea, but it should be directed to the District Council.

Councillor Smith thought the cost implications had been underestimated.

Councillor Jackson thought it was a laudable idea, but it is District Council land and a District Council building. Councillor Yates wondered what Parkwood receive now and what the additional costs would be.

Councillor Jones thought the café idea was a non-starter and the toilets should be open on a match day. Councillor Salt confirmed the toilets were open on match days.

Councillor Yates proposed ascertaining costs to make the changes and go back to District Council to consider reconfiguring the disabled toilets and running a licensed pitch for a café. Seconded by Councillor Smith. 8 agreed, 2 against.

### **23. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR HART – TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE USE OF THE BUS HUB**

Councillor Jones thought the hub shouldn't be locked up and unused.

Councillor Hart had received feedback from residents; they are unhappy that the bus hub is shut in the winter. Councillor Hart suggested a camera is fitted on the outside with a screen on the inside.

Councillor Smith proposed detached youth workers could work from the bus hub, as previously discussed. Councillor Proudlove agreed with Councillor Smith.

Councillor Yates proposed the bus hub is opened in the day as a waiting area for the buses (with a camera) at the same opening and closing times as the toilets and used for detached youth workers in the evenings and at weekends. This could also offer a small refreshment hub – providing a takeaway facility.

Councillor Jackson thought the bus hub should be used and the transport system needs an update. Councillor Lawton agreed and said some shelters did have electronic real-time information already – this could be pursued further.

*Councillor Kisicki left the meeting at 21.02pm.*

*Councillor Harper left the meeting at 21.03pm.*

It was agreed to consider the proposal raised by Councillor Yates, and to receive further feedback.

#### **24. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE KNYPERSLEY HIGHWAYS GROUP MEETING**

The Chief Officer provided some background regarding this Group, noting that Councillor Flunder's Divisional Highways Programme funding had previously paid for Town Council time. The Group had met again recently, and there had been some limited progress with actions. Councillor Yates confirmed that the posts around Conway Road green would be re-installed.

#### **25. TO NOTE THAT A GRANT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL TOWARDS LENGTHSMAN ACTIVITIES**

The Chief Officer confirmed a £400.00 grant had been received for this year and a backdated £400.00 allocation for last year.

#### **27. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)**

Councillor Yates requested the hedge at Sandsdown Close footpath be cut.

**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.*

**28. TO CONSIDER LAND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN  
(STANDING AGENDA ITEM)**

A number of options and updates were received.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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