

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024, 7.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

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| • Deputy Mayor | • Councillor K J Jackson |
| Councillor N R Yates | • Councillor C Kisicki |
| • Councillor C Brady | • Councillor A C Lawton |
| • Councillor N Eardley | • Councillor A C W Parkes (Chair) |
| • Councillor J I M Garvey | • Councillor J Redfern |

Councillors Kisicki and Lawton were in attendance but did not sign the register.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance & Governance Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Councillor W Rogers

Councillor Parkes recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

48. APOLOGIES

- **The Mayor:**
Councillor A K Harper
- Councillor A H Hart
- Councillor J T Jones
- Councillor D A Proudlove
- Councillor C M Smith
- Councillor S Rushton

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

50. MINUTES

To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 14 November 2023. All **agreed** and **signed**.

51. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WOODHOUSE BURIAL GROUND

The Chief Officer reported that a meeting had been taken with a Planning Officer, however, there has been no feedback at the moment as to whether the project would need planning permission.

The Chief Officer queried whether Councillors wished her to seek potential costs from an architect, who would be able to advise about designs.

It was proposed to investigate the costs of an architect by Councillor Redfern; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All **agreed**.

Councillor Rogers left the meeting at 8.15pm.

52. TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO THE TRENT VALLEY WAY DEVELOPMENT

The Chief Officer presented photos, a map of the Trent Head Well and a potential footpath route that follows the Trent river. It would be necessary to walk the route to see what needed to be done.

There was consideration about whether the project could be completed in time for the Biddulph Moor Well Dressing event.

53. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates requested that the two trees adjacent to 2a Diamond Close on Meadows Way require their low branches to be cut. There are also some issues with Highways trees on Rudyard Road. There was discussion about the role of the County Council.

It was reported that the footpath from Mow Lane is disappearing.

The Layby at Whitemoor has a large branch which has been brought down.

The sign for Knypersley at the top of Newpool Road is obscured by a hedge.

The sign for Towerhill Road has been damaged by a tree, could it be relocated.

Councillor Jackson left at 8.44pm.

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.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

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