

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024, 7.30PM  
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

**PRESENT:**

- **Deputy Mayor**
- Councillor N R Yates
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor J I M Garvey
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor J T Jones
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A C Lawton

*Councillors Harper and Hart 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
- Councillor W Rogers

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

**55. APOLOGIES**

- Councillor N Eardley
- Councillor A C W Parkes
- Councillor C M Smith
- Councillor D A Proudlove (Absent)
- Councillor S Rushton (Absent)

**56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**57. MINUTES**

To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 9 January 2024. **Agreed and signed.**

**58. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM THE ARCHITECT IN RELATION TO THE NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT WOODHOUSE BURIAL GROUND**

The Chief Officer tabled a quote received from the architect, detailing the relevant stages to be undertaken to complete the project.

Councillor Jackson questioned whether the quote received is the total cost. It was discussed that the amount felt quite high.

Councillor Garvey questioned whether the costs are included within the budget.

Councillor Harper noted that the quote does not include planning application fees.

Councillor Jackson proposed that the Chief Officer get appropriate benchmarking data and more information regarding the breakdown of the quote; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All **agreed**.

**59. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE TRENT VALLEY WAY FOOTPATH**

The Chief Officer reported that she had been invited by the Biddulph Ramblers and Trent Valley Way team to walk the potential Biddulph route.

The Chief Officer showed the route on the screen, and reported that it was a pleasant walk. The next steps were that the group had agreed to discuss how to move forward with the project, and work out costs and funding streams.

Councillor Garvey requested that funding be sought for the restoration of the Trent Valley Well at the same time.

**60. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MOORLANDS WALKING FESTIVAL**

The Chief Officer stated that the walking festival takes place from the 26<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May across the Staffordshire Moorlands.

The Chief Officer felt this was a project that the Town Council should promote, and get involved with, if possible.

Members would like to understand more about the work of the Biddulph Ramblers. An invitation would be sent for a future meeting.

**61. TO NOTE THAT THE VOLUNTEER WHO OPENED AND CLOSED WOODHOUSE BURIAL GROUND WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF MARCH; A NEW VOLUNTEER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.**

The Chief Officer reported that the gentleman in question has retired, and a new volunteer has been identified.

Councillor Jones proposed to purchase a thank you gift; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All **agreed**.

**62. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)**

Councillor Yates asked that the hedge on Sandsdown Close be trimmed. He would also like to see the post on Station Road tidied up.

Councillor Redfern asked whether the hedge on Orme Road could be cut; this is an annual task.

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

None to discuss.

*The meeting closed at 9.25pm.*

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