

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**
 - Councillor N R Yates
 - Councillor C Brady
 - Councillor A K Harper
 - Councillor A Hart (Chair)
 - Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor J Jones
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor D A Proudlove
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor A C W Parkes

Councillors Jackson and Kisicki were in attendance but 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 and Governance Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Councillor W Rogers

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

48. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- Councillor Lawton
- Councillor J Salt
- Councillor S Rushton (Absent)

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations

None.

- b) Other Interests

None.

50. MINUTES

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2024

Approved and signed.

- b) To **receive** the notes from the meeting of the Transport Working Group held on Wednesday 4 December 2024

Proposed by Councillor Jackson; seconded by Councillor Jones. All **agreed**.

Councillor Jackson questioned whether the parking issues played a part in the accident of St. Johns Road during the icy weather.

51. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FOLLOWING CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ALLOTMENT POLICY CHANGES AND TO APPROVE FINAL DOCUMENTS

The Chief Officer reminded Councillors that during last year there were a number of discussions regarding the allotment policies, which have now been through a consultation process.

The Chief Officer had circulated the consultation comments.

The Chief Officer noted that the website and 'how to' documents have been changed. She stated that a 'tenants handbook' is currently being developed.

Councillor Jackson questioned how many people are on the waiting list; there was discussion about completing a consultation on potential usage of a new Biddulph East site.

The consultation and Allotment Policy changes were proposed by Councillor Yates; seconded by Councillor Proudlove. All **agreed**.

52. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON FOOTPATH WORK AT THE BURIAL GROUNDS AND PROPOSALS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION

The Chief Officer stated that the Town Burial Ground requires footpath work, some of which is high priority.

The Chief Officer presented three areas of high priority, and several paths that require moss treatment.

The Chief Officer suggested that three quotes be found to fix the high priority list and to instruct the groundsman to clear the moss on paths.

Proposed by Councillor Jones; seconded by Councillor Jackson. All **agreed**.

53. TO AGREE THE DATE FOR THE ALLOTMENTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Chief Officer noted that Tuesday 4th February 2025 was a preferred date for the Annual Meeting of Allotments. Councillor Rogers would Chair this meeting.

All **agreed**.

54. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Jones requested a top-up of grit in all grit bins.

Councillor Rogers questioned whether the Lengthsman can complete pothole repairs. It was discussed that this is not possible. Councillor Yates urged Councillors to report any potholes to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

Councillor Hart noted issues around lack of gritting at the Visitors Centre. The Chief Officer confirmed that there is a grit bin located at the Visitors Centre which is available for all members of the community to use. Other areas of the park at the responsibility of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

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.

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

Nothing to discuss.

The meeting ended at 7.32pm

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