

**BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018**

**Present**

Councillor Baddeley  
Councillor Court  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Hawley  
Councillor Lawson  
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor McGuinness  
Councillor Nicosia  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Salt  
Councillor Whilding

**66.17 Apologies**

The Mayor- Councillor Wood  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Swift

**61. Declarations of Interest**

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: None.
- b) Other Interests: HNT/2018/0003, Councillor Salt knows the applicant.

**62. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018 were signed as an accurate record.

**63. BIDDULPH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting held on 15 February 2018 were received.

**64. FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE**

- a) The Minutes of the Footpaths Sub-Committee meeting held on 12 February 2018 were received.
- b) It was **approved** that £500 from the Footpaths Sub-Committee budget is used for the installation of kissing gates on Footpath 25 in Gillow Heath; this will supplement the £500 received from the Staffordshire County Council Community Paths Initiative for this project.

The Chief Officer updated the Committee that the funding from Staffordshire County Council needed to be spent before the end of the financial year or it would be lost; this would supplement the Footpaths Sub-Committee budget. This Sub-Committee would not meet again until April, which was the reason why the Planning Committee were being asked to consider this request. She had received written permission from one of the

landowners to repair two of the three kissing gates, so she proposed that this work should be done now; the third gate could be completed at a later date.

Councillor Court updated members that this was a particularly dangerous road for pedestrians and it was hoped that the improved footpath would provide an alternative to walking on the road.

Councillor Davies moved that approval should be given; seconded by Councillor Court. All were in favour.

c) To **consider** involvement with the Sustrans/ National Cycle Network Biddulph Valley Way leaflet.

The Chief Officer had previously discussed the emerging leaflet at the Footpaths Sub-Committee; the Sustrans/ National Cycle Network group were asking for a decision about whether the Council could support this project. This decision was needed before the next Sub-Committee meeting would take place. The Chief Officer explained that members were being asked for their views on the content of the draft leaflet, and also whether they would contribute towards the cost of it. The draft leaflet had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

Councillor Salt wanted to change the wording in relation to Biddulph; it is an 'agreeable place', but she felt this could be better. This leaflet should be added to the Biddulph website and should work hand-in-hand with the Biddulph trail development. Councillor Salt thought we should make a contribution towards the costs.

Councillor Rogers asked the Chief Officer for an update on the work that Mike Whitmore was doing. The Chief Officer responded that she had given Mr Whitmore copies of the urban walks, as requested by Councillor Rogers the previous week. She assumed that Mr Whitmore would let us know about these walks when he had completed them.

Councillor Nicosia took her hat off to this group; it would be a shame if we did not support them.

Councillor Salt proposed that Biddulph Town Council contributes £300 to this leaflet development.

Councillor Hawley wondered whether there should be a map of the town centre and a photograph, and information about the market.

Councillor Whilding seconded Councillor Salt's proposal.

Councillor Nicosia asked how widely this would be distributed. The Chief Officer would check with the group.

Councillor Davies noted that the Council has lots of pictures of the town, which should be added.

Councillor Salt felt that the Council should get a PDF copy of the leaflet, and permission to re-print. This should go onto the website.

Councillor Rogers noted that this should come from the Tourism Sub-Committee budget. The Chief Officer stated that she was not sure when the Town Council would receive an invoice.

Councillor McGuinness wished to know how close the group were to achieving the total cost of the project, and what their timescales were. The Chief Officer would check.

Councillor Hawley felt that the Chief Officer should have sight of the final draft, before it went to print.

All were in favour of making a contribution of £300 to this project.

## **65. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Hawley summarised each application prior to discussion about it.

DET/2018/0001	Molehouse Barn hay/machinery shed Crowborough Rd	Replacement and relocation of existing
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There was a discussion about whether the current barn would be demolished.

All agreed that there were **NO ADVERSE COMMENTS** in relation to this application, but the current shed should be removed.

SMD/2018/0066	Moorside	Demolition of rear single storey and construction of rear 2 105 Woodhouse Lane storey extensions. Including roof terrace, internal and external alterations
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There was consideration of the maps and photos that had been sent through the post, as the website information did not appear to be complete.

It was agreed that the neighbours did not appear to be overlooked.

### **NO ADVERSE COMMENTS.**

SMD/2018/0133	1a High Street	Change of use from Bar & Restaurant to Retail Unit with single flat over
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There was no information available to aid discussion. This would be postponed until the SMDC website was updated.

HNT/2018/0003      34 Fold Lane      Single storey rear extension extending 2 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, 4 metres maximum height and 3 metres to height of the eaves.

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS.**

Councillor Salt abstained from the decision as she knew the applicant.

SMD/2018/0138      Hillside, Hurst Road      Partial render finish to existing building.

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS.**

Staffordshire County Council consultation to Horton Parish Council and Biddulph Parish Council in connection with submission of details ref. SM.14/11/161 M D1- Land at Three Nooks Farm, Horton, Leek; Submission of details in compliance with conditions 6, 8, 12 and 21 of planning permission SM.14/11/161 M relating to staff and visitor parking (Condition 6), ecology (Condition 8), footpath warning signs (Condition 12) and noise monitoring scheme (Condition 21)

This had been sent to Councillors as a supplementary item and paper copies were provided; a response was required by 3 April 2018.

Councillor Hawley did not see any problem with the actions that were proposed.

Councillor Rogers noted that, in comparison to the 'mither' over the development as a whole, the parking considerations were trivial.

Councillor Lawson noted that they were doing what they said they would do.

Councillor Whilding stated that as long as they were replicating what was in the plan, there should be no problem.

Councillor Nicosia had not had chance to consider this fully, but noted that they should be held to account if they were not doing what they had agreed to.

**NO ADVERSE COMMENTS.**

**7. DECISIONS AND NOTICES RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

No decisions or notices had been received since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.02 pm

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