

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2016**

The Town Crier introduced the Town Mayor and Chief Officer. The Town Crier invited Rev'd Lindsay Clowes to lead members in a time of prayer. Rev'd Clowes asked members to join her in a minute's silence in memory of Mrs Joanne Cox MP who had been murdered the previous week. A letter of condolence would be sent to the family of Mrs Cox.

### **PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Salt  
Councillor Baddeley  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Hall  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Hart  
Councillor Hawley  
Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Lovatt  
Councillor McGuinness  
Councillor Nicosia  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Rushton  
Councillor Sheldon  
Councillor Swift  
Councillor Walley  
Councillor Whilding

### **9.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

PCSO Sherratt informed the meeting that there would be a knife and offensive weapons amnesty from 27 June to 22 July 2016. Bins would be located in Biddulph Leek and Cheadle where weapons could be deposited anonymously.

### **10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations. Minute 17, Councillor Rogers, his expenses. Councillor Hart declared an interest in any matters concerning the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan to do with site specifics. Councillor Sheldon in any matters concerning Biddulph in Bloom. Councillors Walley, Lovatt and Jackson in the Sports Council, Councillors Lovatt and Davies in the CAB and Councillor McGuinness in St Lawrence's Church.
- b) Other Disclosable Interests: none were declared. Minute 16, Councillors Hall and Harper as members of Biddulph Rotary.

### **11. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:  
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Wood

Councillor Court  
Councillor Lawson

## **12. MINUTES**

- a It was Resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 17 May 2016
- b It was Resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 17 May 2016. It was noted that Councillor Nicosia had queried the charge for the lighting. Councillor Davies explained that the discrepancy was the VAT, which could be reclaimed.
- c The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 May 2016 were received.
- d The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2016 were received.
- e The Minutes of the Human Resources Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2016 would be discussed at the end of the meeting as a confidential item.
- f The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2016 were received. It was agreed to add that a member of the public had videoed the meeting and that no formal request had been made as a courtesy to the Council.
- g The Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2016 were received.
- h The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2016 were received. Councillor Whilding had been in attendance.

## **13. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- a The Mayor reported that Councillor Baddeley had raised £3201.12 in her mayoral year. Councillor Baddeley thanked fellow members for their support and contributions; monies raised would be divided equally between Biddulph in Bloom and Cancer Research UK.
- b The Mayor had attended an event at Port Vale Football Club - '**Up the Valiants**' with Councillor Wood as part of North Staffs Carers Alzheimer's Awareness Week. The Mayor mentioned twiddle muffs which helped those with Alzheimer's, the knitting pattern could be found on the North Staffs Carers web page. The Mayor also reminded members that she was investigating the Alzheimer's Awareness Course and would pass on information at a future meeting.
- c The Mayor had attended the Biddulph Moor Well Dressing; it had been absolutely fabulous and was celebrating 25 years of Biddulph in Bloom. The Mayor encouraged everyone to go and see the awesome display.
- d The Mayor reminded everyone that Rock on the Rocks would be held the following Saturday.
- e The Mayor's Cadet would be revealed at the July meeting.
- f The Mayor had attended a viewing of the student art at Staffordshire University and reported that there were a few up and coming designers from Biddulph, the event was free and members were encouraged to attend the event the following year.

## **14. MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

Sports Council – Councillors Hawley, Swift, Jackson and Whilding

Biddulph in Bloom – Councillors Baddeley, Rogers and Redfern  
Moorlands Assembly – Councillor Rogers  
Staffordshire Parish Councils’ Association – Councillor Rogers  
Licensing – Councillor Whilding  
Transport – Councillor Lawson  
Biddulph Valley Park – Councillors Lovatt, Whilding and Jackson  
Moorlands Partnership Board – Councillors Davies and Jones  
Tree Warden – Councillor Sheldon  
Twinning Association – the Mayor – Councillor Salt

## **15. YOUTH ADVISOR MEETING REPORT**

The Chief Officer reported on a brief meeting, there had only been one advisor in attendance due to transition day across Biddulph schools. The forthcoming visit by students from Fusignano was discussed. The Roaches would be holding a bingo event at 4.00 pm Monday 27 June 2016. All would be made welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.28 pm and would reconvene following the meeting of the General Purposes Committee to discuss items of a confidential nature.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.45 pm. Councillor Lawson was now in attendance.

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

## **16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

## **17. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE**

### **The following accounts were received for payment:**

V Brown - Events Director	787.92
W Rogers - Market Day Organiser	50.00
Market float – cash for stall construction	160.00
Heads (Congleton) Ltd – market advertisements	141.12
Star Print and Design – vinyl dates for banners	158.40
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
Protech Electrical Limited – inspect, test, repair Christmas lights	1358.90
Kent County Council – photocopier quarterly rental	582.65
Biddulph Festival – annual allowance	5000.00
Credit Card bank charge	64.00
S Haydon – Civic expense	25.00
Petty cash	33.27

Councillor Rogers –travel artisan market	16.00
travel SPCA Stafford	56.00
D Allcock - Lengthsman work – 480.00	
- burial ground inc. empty skip – 180.00	660.00
Staffs Pension Fund	2167.18
Salaries	3626.37
HMR&C direct debit to be paid 7 July 2016	1549.86
Kent County Council – revised copier charges Jan-June	117.59
2nd Biddulph Methodist Rainbows	250.00
1st Biddulph Moor Rainbows	200.00
Biddulph Trefoil Guild	150.00
Biddulph and District Youth Orchestra	750.00
2151 (Biddulph) Squadron Air Training Corps	1,000.00
Biddulph Youth and Community Zone	1,000.00
Biddulph Moor Community Association	1,000.00
Brown Lees and District Community Association	400.00
Biddulph Greenfingers Community Gardens	1000.00
Washington Close and Roaches School Project	450.00
Biddulph Moor Community First Responders	1000.00
Biddulph Lifeline	500.00
Biddulph Moor Village Hall Management Committee	500.00
Biddulph Twinning Association	500.00
Biddulph Community Marching Band	750.00
Biddulph Ladies Afternoon Club	200.00
Greenway Moor WI	150.00
Biddulph Bowling and Recreation Club	800.00
Knypersley Craft Club	200.00
Biddulph Moor Evergreen Club	200.00
St Johns Church – Bateman Centre	300.00
Biddulph Carers Group Biddulph Methodist Church Victoria Centre	250.00
Biddulph Sports Council	250.00
Biddulph in Bloom 4 payments of 5750	23,000.00
Staffordshire North and Stoke on Trent CAB	28,000.00

Councillor Haley queried the bank charge; this was a standing charge for the credit card and would be reviewed later in the year by the Chief Officer

Councillor Jones queried the Market Day Organiser. Councillor Rogers had taken on that task in the absence of Mrs Brown. This was not part of Mrs Brown's Event Director contract. It involved meeting and greeting the market stall holders, collecting in the rent and generally being around during the day. Councillor Rogers noted that he also put out and took in the advertising boards for the market event, and would gladly pass this job to another volunteer.

Councillor Nicosia noted that she would meet Ms Raftery at the Knypersley crossing at any time of day (General Purposes Committee discussion item 12).

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

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm