

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Chief Officer introduced The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor; the Mayor then opened the meeting.

The Mayor offered congratulations on the Britain in Bloom Gold Award - a fantastic job again by Biddulph in Bloom. He read from the Judges' positive comments on the marking sheet.

Councillor Sheldon presented the award and certificate to the Mayor and reported that the senior judge had said 'if you want to see a Bloomin' good town, you should visit Biddulph'. Shrewsbury Town Council had hosted the awards event – the friendship and hosting was magical.

As a result of this success, Biddulph in Bloom had been invited to enter the National in Bloom competition again next year. Councillor Hall added his congratulations – he was speechless – then commenting that it was worrying that Biddulph had been invited to the higher levels again. The Council and the Community must really pull together.

### **PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Swift  
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Adams  
Councillor Baddeley  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Deane  
Councillor Hall  
Councillor Hart  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Sheldon MBE  
Councillor Tolley  
Councillor Walley  
Councillor Whilding

### **31.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No requests had been received.

### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: HS bin B
- b Other Disclosable Interests:

### **33. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:

Councillor Deaville  
Councillor Ellsum  
Councillor Gibson  
Councillor Harper

Councillor Hawley  
Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Lovatt  
Councillor Wood  
Mr J Robinson – Town Crier

### **34. MINUTES**

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19 August 2014.
- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 19 August 2014.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9 September 2014.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 9 September 2014.

### **35. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- a Mayor's Engagements – the Mayor read out details of his recent engagements
- b Any other communications: The Mayors Charity event 10 October at the Town Hall – Sixties Night. Please support.

### **36. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT**

It was noted that Youth Advisors meet again in October

### **37. MOORLAND ROAD ALLOTMENT SITE**

To sign the Counterpart Lease. The Chief Officer had queried the increase in annual rent and the response was that the current rent was fixed 7 years ago - and RPI from June 2007 to June 2014 shows a rise of just under 24%. The proposal was for a rise of around 16% (by the officer's calculation) - so is less than inflation [per RPI] and was considered reasonable over the period.

It was Moved that the Lease be signed.

### **38. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

#### **a The following accounts were approved for payment:**

Heads (Congleton) Ltd - Artisan Market advert x2	67.68
V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
W Linaker - Stall Construction	75.00
M Hall – Stall Construction	75.00
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
Local World Ltd – market advert, Leek Post & Times	82.81
Protech Electrical Ltd – repair to Biddulph Moor phone box lighting	89.04
Severn Trent Water – Town Burial Ground	78.34
CJ Skelhorne Jewellers – engraving/updating of Civic Regalia	331.78

Biddulph in Bloom – 2 <sup>nd</sup> part of grant payment	5,000.00
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit)	1,652.63
Salaries	4,095.19
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1,542.69
Petty Cash	6.40
D Allcock – Lengthsman work in August/September	375.00
Local World – market advert Leek Post & Times, digital edition	72.00
P Robson – washing War Memorial	120.00
AJ Environmental – annual mole control, burial ground	260.00

**b Audit of Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2014:**

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Certified Annual Return has been received from Grant Thornton LLP. There were no matters raised at Audit.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm

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