

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015**

The Town Crier introduced The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer. He then invited Rev'd Darren Fraser to lead members in a time of prayer. The Mayor welcomed everyone, especially the new Councillors, and opened the meeting.

Councillor Wood raised a Point of Order relating to speaking at full Council and committees, which was clarified by the Chief Officer.

### **PRESENT**

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley  
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Salt  
Councillor Court  
Councillor Davies  
Councillor Hall  
Councillor Harper  
Councillor Hart  
Councillor Hawley  
Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Lawson  
Councillor Lovatt  
Councillor McGuinness  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Rushton  
Councillor Swift  
Councillor Walley  
Councillor Whilding  
Councillor Wood

### **8.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a Mr A Holdsworth raised a query about the tread size of the new steps from Wharf Road car park to the High Street, under Health and Safety. This was noted and would be included on the agenda of a future meeting of the Civic Committee.
- b PCSO Sherratt thanked those members who had supported his charity auction the previous weekend. He had given himself a target to raise £1,000 this year. The Charity Auction had raised to date £1,100.

There were no questions raised re policing matters.

### **9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: none were declared
- b Other Disclosable Interests: Minute 14 Councillor Rogers; his travel expenses.

### **10. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:  
Councillor Jones  
Councillor Nicosia  
Councillor Sheldon MBE

## 11. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19 May 2015.
- b It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19 May 2015.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 19 May 2015.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2015.
- e It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2015.
- f It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2015.
- g It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2015.

## 12. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor had attended the Congleton Mayor Making, the Congleton Civic Service, where a brass band had led the procession, the Neighbourhood Watch AGM at Leek, Biddulph Moor First School fair - where the maypole dancing took place between the showers; PCSO Sherratt's Charity Auction for Dogs Trust.

The Mayor had taken part in the Race for Life finishing 10<sup>th</sup> - from last - in 1 hour and 20 minutes; she thanked those who had sponsored her and showed off her medal.

## 13. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

The Chief Officer reported on a good meeting, the last of this school year. The group would meet again in October; it was heartening that those present from The Roaches, Biddulph High and Woodhouse Academy had expressed eagerness to return.

One of the group had just returned from Fusignano and gave an off-the-cuff report. The Youth Advisors expressed desire to come to meet Italian students at the Mayor's reception on 7 July; the Chief Officer would contact the relevant schools.

Also in attendance at the meeting were the Mayor, Councillors Harper and Sheldon, PCSO Sherratt and a PCSO colleague from Leek; Ant Capostagno from the Youth and Community Zone Ltd and Ross Podyma from Sporting Communities, with his intern who was a qualified tennis coach.

Ant gave encouraging news that the Youth Club was now open for 2 nights, Monday and Friday and one of the adult activities - walking football - had become intergenerational. The PCSO from Leek wanted to set up a similar group in Leek and had asked the Youth Advisors how they had been selected by their schools.

## 14. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

### a) The following accounts were received for payment:

Heads (Congleton) Ltd - Artisan Market advert	69.12
V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
W Linaker - Stall Construction	75.00
Market float	82.25
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
SMDC – annual fee for Market premises licence	70.00

Npower – unmetered supply, Christmas Lights	143.79
Viking – stationery/stamps	382.09
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
NatWest – annual charge for credit cards <i>(to be collected by direct debit)</i>	64.00
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit 6/7/15)	1,715.35
Salaries	4,243.22
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1,656.06
Petty cash	11.78
Councillor W Rogers – travel expenses	30.15
D Allcock – Lengthsman work May-June	510.00
A Birchall, ADB Garden Care – tree surgery at churchyard	80.00
Kent County Council	582.65
<b>c) Grant allocations:</b>	
St Lawrence Pre School	500.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Biddulph Moor Rainbows	250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Brown Lees Brownies	250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Biddulph Moor Guides	350.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Biddulph Moor Scout Group (84 <sup>th</sup> Stoke on Trent)	1,000.00
Biddulph and District Youth Orchestra	1,000.00
Biddulph Moor Community Association	2,000.00
Biddulph Valley North Community Association	250.00
Biddulph Greenfingers Community Gardens	500.00
Biddulph Moor Community First Responders	1,000.00
Biddulph Local Policing Team	250.00
Biddulph and District Royal British Legion	150.00
Age UK North Staffordshire (Friendship Club) <i>E&amp;M Wells Fund</i>	(1,000.00)
Biddulph Ladies Afternoon Club	300.00
Biddulph Moor Evergreens <i>E&amp;M Wells Fund</i>	(200.00)
Knypersley Craft Club	250.00
Tunstall Special Needs Club	0.00
Hill Top Methodist Church – to burial grounds committee	0.00
St Johns Knypersley	1,000.00
Aglow Generations Project	200.00
Green Tree House	0.00
Knypersley Cricket Club	1,000.00
Biddulph and Moorlands Music Festival	1,250.00
Biddulph Twinning Association	750.00
Biddulph Youth and Community Zone Ltd	784.95
<b>Annual Grants:</b>	
Biddulph Sports Council	250.00
Biddulph in Bloom	21,000.00
Staffordshire North and Stoke on Trent Citizens Advice Bureaux	25,000.00

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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