

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 2015

The Town Crier introduced The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer. He then invited Rev'd Martin Cannam to lead members in a time of prayer. Rev'd Cannam noted that this was his last meeting before he and the family moved to Heswall. Prayers were said to include those affected by the recent fire at Bosley. The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Councillor Jackson offered thanks to Rev'd Cannam for his work in the community over the last 15 years. He wished Rev'd Cannam and his family well in future. Councillor Davies echoed those words. He had known Rev'd Cannam both as his Vicar and a good friend, who had been an asset to the church and the community here in Biddulph. Councillor Baddeley added that all of us echo those sentiments.

PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Salt
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hart
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding
Councillor Wood

15.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Sherratt was unable to attend due to work commitments; there were no issues to report. Any concerns could be passed to him directly.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: Councillor Hart: in any business to do with the LDF site allocations.
- b Other Disclosable Interests: Minute 21 Councillor Rogers; his travel expenses. Councillor Sheldon in any business concerning Biddulph in Bloom.

17. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:
Councillor Court
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Nicosia

18. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16 June 2015.
- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 16 June 2015. Re Minute 15; Councillor Hart noted that the working group would meet following the summer holiday period. Re 18b; Councillor Redfern asked for an update. This meeting would not take place until after the summer holiday period. Re Minute 18j; Councillor Wood raised a point of clarification, the Fire & Rescue Service review site options had been rescinded the previous week.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2015. Re Minute 22; Councillor Jackson encouraged fellow Councillors to visit the web site for the minerals consultation, as the Staffordshire Moorlands area could be potential for a future fracking site.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2015.

19. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor had been very, very busy carrying out 15 engagements in the previous month, many of which had been Festival events.

20. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

No meeting due to the school holidays; the Advisors would meet again in October.

21. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

The following accounts were received for payment:

Heads (Congleton) Ltd - Artisan Market advert	69.12
V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
W Linaker (cash payment) - Stall Construction	75.00
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
Market float	75.00
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
SMDC – lease of land at Congleton Road (allotment) – quarterly charge	90.00
SMDC – Lease of Room 8 quarterly charge	175.00
bpArchitecture – Albert Street public realm concept design	360.00
bpArchitecture – further two hours consultation	60.00
SLCC membership renewal	310.00
SPCA – Local Councillor Training course	20.00
Councillor Rogers – travel to training course	23.40
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit 5/8/15)	1,883.59
Salaries	4,514.53
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1,768.16
Petty cash	55.12
25 printed Town Council lanyards and card holders (Paid by credit card)	82.20
D Allcock – Lengthsman work June - July	690.00
SMDC – charge for non-contested election at Biddulph Moor	50.00

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed Date.....