

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015

The Town Crier introduced The Town Mayor and Chief Officer. He invited Rev'd Trevor Raaff to lead members in a time of prayer. The Mayor welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hart
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding
Councillor Wood

50.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PSCO Sherratt reported

- that enquiries were ongoing on the Brown Lees Post Office raid and the Burial Grounds/Churchyard vandalism.
- that the Chief Constable visited the Roaches School the previous day.
- his thanks to Councillors for support this year.

PCSO Sherratt gave personal thanks, saying that with Councillors' help, he had raised over £3,000 for Dogs Trust during the year.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations. Councillor Hart declared a DPI in any matters concerning residential site specifics. Councillor Sheldon declared an interest in anything to do with Biddulph in Bloom. Councillor Rogers declared an interest in Minute 56 - his travel expenses
- b Other Disclosable Interests: none were declared.

52. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Salt
Councillor Court
Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Rushton

53. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17 November 2015.

- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 17 November 2015.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 2 December 2015.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2015.
- e It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2015. Councillor Whilding had given apologies, Councillor Redfern had been present. 46iii replace 'road' with 'land'.

54. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor listed her engagements from the previous busy month. The Mayor had received a certificate on behalf of the Town Council from The Royal British Legion.

55. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

The Chief Officer reported on a lively discussion about the Christmas lights switch on. Advisors took part in a quiz about Biddulph, local government and a fun Christmas quiz. Everyone enjoyed it and the Advisors were participating fully.

56. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
Market float, inc stall construction	160.95
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
Gala Tent Ltd – 3x gutters for gazebos from Event Director budget	44.98
Biddulph in Bloom – 3 rd part of grant	5,000.00
Protech – 3 rd of installation/removal of lighting (as per contract)	5,172.28
Protech – replacement of timers/festoon extension, King St	384.00
Councillor W Rogers – fuel for generators	14.50
Councillor J Davies – refreshments for volunteers	50.00
Christmas Lights events stall construction	150.00
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
AJ Environmental – mole treatment	70.00
Viking- stationery	91.71
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit 8/1/16)	1712.57
Salaries	4239.14
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1,654.30
Councillor W Rogers – travel expenses	38.70
Petty cash	20.19

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas and invited everyone to stay for refreshments and a Charity Raffle.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm

Signed Date.....