

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2016

The Town Crier introduced The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer. He invited Rev'd Darren Fraser to lead members in a time of prayer. The Mayor opened the meeting and introduced and welcomed Mrs Sarah Haydon – who would take on the position of Chief Officer from 3 May 2016.

PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Baddeley
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Salt
Councillor Court
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hart
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding
Councillor Wood

57.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PSCO Sherratt had sent apologies, Councillor Harper requested permission for PCSO Sherratt's father – Mr John Sherratt - to clean some of the mining memorabilia kept in store, so that it could be properly displayed. PCSO Sherratt had sent his thanks to the Mayor for attending Roaches school and meeting the Chief Constable. The Mayor responded that she was looking forward to meeting her again in April when the Chief Constable would be attending the meeting of the Town Council.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations.
Councillor Hart declared interest in any matters concerning residential site specifics.
Councillor Sheldon declared interest in anything to do with Biddulph in Bloom.
- b Other Disclosable Interests: none were declared.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from

Councillor Hawley
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rushton

60. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 December 2015.

- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 15 December 2015. It was noted that the numbering had missed 80c
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 12 January 2016.
- d It was **Resolved** to Receive the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 12 January 2016 and to confirm the **Precept request of £256,503.00**. Councillor Jones had not attended, but had sent apologies. Reference Minute 19, the revised grant application form had been tabled, any comments to the Chief Officer before 1 February 2016, when the form would be made available.

61. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor noted that she had enjoyed a quiet time following a busy December.

62. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

The Chief Officer reported on the meeting where a wide variety of topics had been discussed including water courses and flooding in the area. PCSO Sherratt was in the early stages of a project with the Dogs Trust and the Roaches School, more information later

PCSO Sherratt noted that 2 new PCSO had begun to work in Biddulph, making a total of 6 full time and one part time

Councillor Sheldon had spoken about the lack of situations for part time and/or work experience in the town for young people. Councillor Sheldon would like the Council to push for all small businesses to give work experience, but noted that most were small traders or family businesses, except for the three big chain stores.

It had been suggested that the larger traders eg the Manager of Sainsbury's could be invited to attend a meeting of the Youth Advisors and talk about their business

Discussion had also taken place about the future of the Bemersley Waste Recycling Centre and the Neighbourhood Plan and some very good points of view had been made, eg why build on the Green Belt when other land was available.

Councillor Sheldon noted that it was an enjoyable hour spent with the young people, who were positive and open to ideas, she admired their willingness to participate in civic life.

Councillor Wood suggested that the Town Council could participate in the work experience scheme. The Chief Officer noted that it had done so in the past.

63. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

V Brown - Events Director	743.33
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit 5/2/16)	1,936.16
Salaries	4,599.31
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1,803.20
Petty cash	29.35
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – Chairmanship training x 2	35.00

SMDC – 2015-6 service charge	24,122.61
SMDC – lease of land Congleton Road – allotments	90.00
SMDC – lease of Room 8 quarterly charge	175.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance – annual charge	1,339.00
GoDaddy – annual web hosting charge (<i>paid by credit card</i>)	100.66
Supplementary petty cash	15.30

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm

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