

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024, 7.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**
Councillor A K Harper
- **Deputy Mayor**
Councillor N R Yates
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor J I M Garvey
- Councillor A Holdsworth
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor D A Proudlove
- Councillor J T Jones
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A C Lawton
- Councillor A Hart (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Councillor W Rogers

Councillor Hart recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

72. APOLOGIES

- Councillor S Rushton (Absent)
- Councillor A C W Parkes

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None.
- b) Other Interests: None.

74. MINUTES

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2024

Approved.

- b) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024

Received.

75. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON 93 BUS RIDE COMPLETED BY THE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Councillor Lawton reported that the bus outing was very interesting; there were 3 points to mention.

- Firstly, that members were surprised about the extend of the route, that it covers many areas of Biddulph.
- Secondly, that in some areas there are not many bus stops, however, D&G operate a hail and ride scheme; the public may not be aware of this, so this could be publicised more.
- Lastly, it was a perfect opportunity to proudly show off Biddulph's two new formal bus stops.

Councillor Jones gave thanks to the Chief Officer for organising the trip, and Councillor Harper extended his thanks to Councillor Lawton.

76. TO RECEIVE THE RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT ABOUT AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVISION (ATTACHED)

The Chief Officer reminded Councillors that in a previous meeting it was discussed that a gentleman had suffered significant injuries outside the Town Hall. It was thanks to local PCSOs who saved the mans life by transporting him to hospital; a complaint was sent to the West Midlands Ambulance Service, and the Chief Officer had circulated this response for information.

The response was **received**.

77. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOLLOWING AN INTERNAL AUDIT OF TOWN COUNCIL BURIAL PROVISION (ATTACHED)

The Chief Officer had circulated the report written by the Compliance and Governance Officer, which summarised the audit of the burial ground processes and policy review. The aim was to ensure that procedures were adhered.

Councillor Jackson questioned whether the reserved graves have been reviewed.

The report was received.

78. TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE BURIAL POLICY (ATTACHED)

The amendments made to the policy was proposed by Councillor Harper; seconded by Councillor Yates. All **agreed**.

79. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Chief Officer stated that the architect had commenced work and had commissioned a Topographical Survey, as had previously been discussed. This did not appear to be available following the previous development activity on the site.

80. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates gave thanks to the Lengthsman for sorting out the Station Road post.

Councillor Jones gave thanks for cutting the grass on the Village Green at short notice. He requested that this could be completed in future for the well dressing and easter activities; these dates should be put into the calendar.

There was a discussion regarding needing a Handy Man service.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

81. TO CONSIDER LAND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates had aspirations to improve four areas of land.

The meeting ended at 8.19pm

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