

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

The Town Crier introduced the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer. The Mayor invited Rev'd Derek Balsdon to lead members in a time of prayer. The Mayor opened the meeting.

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 Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding
Councillor Wood

Biddulph Town Crier
Mrs S Haydon

78.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr John Robinson reported that the would be marking Her Majesty's Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday with a special proclamation outside Buckingham Palace on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 11.00 am. He would be accompanied by fellow members of the Loyal Company of Town Criers.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations.
Councillor Sheldon declared interest in anything to do with Biddulph in Bloom. Councillor Hart declared an interest in any matters concerning site specifics to do with the Local Plan. Councillor Hawley declared an interest in Minute 78 – his travel expenses. Councillor Rogers declared an interest in Minute 78 – he was an employee of FW ad D Wain.
- b Other Disclosable Interests: none were declared.

80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from

Councillor Lovatt

81. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 March 2016.
- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 15 March 2016.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 April 2016.
- d It was **Resolved** to Receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 12 April 2016.
- e It was **Resolved** to Receive the Minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2016. Councillor Hall moved amendment to motion to two members on the board Councillors Davies and Jackson, seconded by Councillor Hart. Councillor Redfern abstained from the vote.

82. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was **Resolved** to sign and seal the Deed of Easement to Biddulph Grange Sewerage Co Ltd for the Bateman Walk. Proposed by Councillor Hart and seconded by Councillor Salt.

83. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reminded everyone about her Civic Charity Ball to be held on Friday 29 April 2016.

84. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

The Chief Officer reported on an exciting afternoon. The Chief Constable of Staffordshire Jane Sawyers had met the young people. The students had been very interested to speak to her. Topics covered were the Police Cadets – for 11-18 years old, the local group met at Sandyford Fire Station; the difference between Police Specials and PCSOs; Police recruitment process; the Chief Constable's experiences; local issues eg large groups of young people congregating round the town; the Space scheme which would run again this summer; cyber-crime and bullying.

85. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a) The following accounts were received for payment:

HB Clews – path at Biddulph Valley Park (<i>prepaid -work completed in March</i>)	1,700.00
HB Clews – path at Biddulph Valley Park (<i>work completed in April</i>)	1,200.00
V Brown - Events Director	787.92
Market float – cash for stall construction	160.00
SMDC – premises licence variation fee to enable music at events (<i>previous cheque No 5611 cancelled</i>)	89.00
Heads (Congleton) Ltd – market advertisements	141.12
SMDC – waste charges, burial ground	3,511.92
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
SMDC – lease of room 8, quarterly charge	175.00
SMDC – lease of Moorland Rd allotment site	90.00
Kent County Council – copier charges	582.65
Staffordshire Parish Council's Association – annual subscription	1177.00

Biddulph East Community Association – emergency grant <i>(subject to conditions set out by the Finance Committee)</i>	10,000.00
Mrs S Haydon	700.00
D Allcock – Lengthsman work, March/April (inc spoil disposal at WBG £150)	465.00
Councillor Hawley travel to planning event	64.20
FW and D Wain – market cable ties	10.00
Staffs Pension Fund	1822.65
Salaries	4449.07
HMR&C direct debit to be paid 6 May 2016	2069.07
Specialist Aggregates – chippings for burial ground	141.96
Staffordshire Knot – catering	250.00

b) End of year accounts and Annual Return

- i)** The Bank Reconciliation, Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet was Received.
- ii)** Section 1 of the Annual Return – the Annual Governance Statement was completed Moved by Councillor Hall ad seconded by Councillor Jones.
- iii)** Section 2 of the Annual Return was signed Moved by Councillor Hall and Seconded by Councillor Jones.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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