

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JULY 2017

The Town Crier introduced the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer; the Mayor invited Rev'd Steve Dyson to lead a time of prayer. The Mayor opened the meeting.

PRESENT

The Mayor
Councillor Wood
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Court
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hall
Councillor Hart
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jones
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Sheldon
Councillor Salt
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding

20.17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests had been made.

21. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:

Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Harper
Councillor Lawson

Councillor Flunder

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations. Councillor Sheldon in any matters concerning Biddulph in Bloom. Councillor Hart in the Local Plan residential site specifics in Biddulph. Councillor Harper- Biddulph Lifeline
- b) Other Disclosable Interests. None were declared

23. MINUTES

- a) It was resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 20 June 2017.

- b) It was resolved to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20 June 2017.
- c) It was resolved to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 July 2017.
- d) It was resolved to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 11 July 2017.

24. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor had attended the following events:

- a) Biddulph Twinning Association's fundraising event. Biddulph Chronicle had reported that monies raised were used for travel costs for those visiting Italy. However, it is used to provide accommodation and outings for guests visiting from Fusignano. The Chronicle will print a correction
- b) The 100th birthday celebration of Girl Guiding, the event had been well represented by Guides from Biddulph.
- c) A Civic Reception at Knypersley Cricket Club for the Mayor of Fusignano, where he had been presented with a painting of Fusignano town square, this would be displayed in the Council Chamber. The Mayor noted that he would be visiting Fusignano in October, paying out of his own pocket.
- d) Leek Mayor's Civic Service
- e) A meeting with the Biddulph Air cadets
- f) Many Festival events

The Mayor reported that he was 'enjoying every minute'.

The Biddulph reporter Erin Lyons was attending her last meeting before moving to Oxford. The Mayor noted that she had been very thorough, politically unbiased and done an excellent job; Ms Lyons was presented with a Biddulph bag of goodies.

Richard McAllister would be the new reporter for Biddulph.

25. YOUTH ADVISORS MEETING REPORT

The meeting had been cancelled as most of the advisors had been unable to attend. Certificates and a gift will be presented to them as thanks for their involvement.

26. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Councillor Hall read the following resolution:

That the Town Council **resolves** from 18 July 2017, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council (i.e. May 2019), that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

Councillor Hall proposed that as this Council complies with the criteria it should resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence from 18 July 2017 to 14 May 2019, this was seconded by Councillor Jackson. A vote was taken; all were in favour.

27. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

Clarification of Town Council Minutes 16 May 2017 Minute 7.17
payment to HMR&C was for £1495.95 to be paid on 1 June 2017
payment to credit card for masterplug for £37.00 was not on Council credit card -
see below

a) The following accounts were received for payment:

Expenditure below £500

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| Market Imprest – stall construction | 180.00 |
| S Haydon – masterplug for market | 37.99 |

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| Brian Carter un/lock gates at Woodhouse Burial Ground | 40.00 |
| AJ Environmental - one off mole control in town burial ground | 70.00 |

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| J Gaunt – travel to SPCA allotment training in Stafford | 22.76 |
| Viking Direct – stationery | 318.11 |
| Robin Wagg – Signwriting to two boards and repair to two boards | 260.00 |

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| SMDC – lease of land at Congleton Road for allotment site | 90.00 |
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Expenditure in excess of £500

None

Credit card payments

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| Clips for market stalls | 74.75 |
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b) Supplementary accounts

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| Petty cash | 30.23 |
| Martin and Co renewal fee for garage for market | 40.00 |

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| D Allcock – Lengthsman work mowing and strimming | 410.00 |
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| Robert Standell – dig out at Tower Hill Road well and remove spoil | 300.00 |
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| Jodie Hancock – travel for market advertising June and July | 14.40 |
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| SPCA – Allotments Management Training | 20.00 |
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Expenditure in excess of £500

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| Staffs Pension Fund | 1728.27 |
| Salaries | 4565.51 |
| HMR&C direct debit to be paid 1 July 2017 | 1611.82 |

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| Martin and Co – garage rental for April 2017 - April 2018 | 2340.00 |
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Councillor Salt reported that the Chief Officer had clarified that market imprest was accountable and traceable and her mind had been put at rest.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm

Signed Date