

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2017

The Chief Officer introduced the Deputy Mayor; The Deputy Mayor led Members in a time of prayer. The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting.

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hall
Councillor Hart
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jones
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Sheldon
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding

1.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

2. 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 Rogers accounts as an employee of FW Wain; Councillor Davies accounts, personal claim.
- b) Other Disclosable Interests. Councillor Hall is a member of Biddulph Rotary with Mr Deaville of Beech's, in relation to the accounts.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:

The Mayor Councillor Wood
Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Court
Councillor Salt
Councillor Swift

4. MINUTES

- a It was Resolved to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 11 April 2017
- b The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11 April 2017 were received.

- c The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21 March 2017 were approved and signed.
- d The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 May 2017 were approved and signed.

5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor was in Tajikistan.

6. ITEM REQUESTED BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE

A letter had been circulated with the agendas from the Biddulph Youth and Community Zone (BYCZ). There was a request that a Councillor join the Board.

Councillor Jackson proposed himself for a 12-month period. There were no other nominations, all were in favour.

7. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a) The following accounts were received for payment:

Expenditure in excess of £500

Roy Beech (Contractors) Ltd work at Springfield Road. Hydro seeding Work completed 2017-18	3000.00
Viking – Office supplies Stationery for the office and for the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation event 3 office chairs	1238.54
Wood Goldstraw Yorath – work at Springfield Road Professional services in connection with above Work completed 207/18	7632.00
D Allcock – Lengthsman work April to May 2017 Mowing and strimming	528.00
Meadowside Joinery – Footbridge Renovation For work done to renovate footbridge at Whitemoor	1628.50
C Wood - Mayor's Allowance	2535.00
O McGuinness - Deputy Mayor's Allowance	1020.00
J Robinson - Town Crier's Honorarium	610.00
Staffs Pension Fund	1466.68
Salaries	4446.74
HMR&C direct debit to be paid 1 May 2017	2110.07

Expenditure under £500

Tree Heritage – remove poplar tree in Burial Ground	240.00
Heads (Congleton) Ltd – NP Consultation advert	240.00

WA Hockey – materials for NP consultation event	173.64
J Davies – tractor diesel for artisan market	23.22
Market Imprest – stall construction	160.00
Npower – Christmas Lights unmetred supply	18.52
Npower – telephone kiosk April – August 2016	130.50
Npower – telephone kiosk September 2016 – March 2017	25.97
J Hancock – travel to training in Leek and Stafford and market boards	39.32
J Gaunt – travel to Buxton to deliver audit	18.00
Petty cash	37.42
Viking - white copier paper	118.44
Brian Carter un/lock gate at Woodhouse Burial Ground	40.00
Wharf Plumbing – repair tap at Park Lane Allotments	8.32
S Haydon – travel to Buxton to collect audit	18.00
Chartered Institute of Housing – membership	296.00
Heads (Congleton) Ltd – advert for annual town meeting	80.64
E Thompson – Internal audit for 2016/17	126.00
FW & D Wain – mains plug for artisan market	5.00

Councillor Jones noted that the light in the phone box at Crowborough Road was in need of repair

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed Date.....