

MINUTES OF THE CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor – Councillor Adams
Councillor Davies: Chair
Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Deane
Councillor Ellsum
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hart
Councillor Jones
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers: Vice Chair
Councillor Whilding
Ms V Brown

24.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
The Mayor – Councillor Swift
Councillor Deaville
Councillor Gibson
Councillor Hall
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Tolley
Councillor Wood
Town Crier

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: none were declared.
- b Other Interests: none were declared

26. MINUTES

- a It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Committee held on 9 September 2014.
- b It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 9 September 2014.

It was noted that the calendar for 2015 was now with the printers and that the theme of Biddulph in Bloom also credited other groups' work, namely Biddulph Moor and the BVP wildflower garden.

27. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Chair gave a report of a meeting that he had attended with the British Legion confirming this year's event, which was on 9th November. The parade would leave the town hall frontage at 10.25am and proceed via King Street and John Street to the War Memorial. The wreath laying would commence at 10.45 am and the silence at 11am. The wreath laying would continue after the silence if necessary. The parade would then re-form and move via north High Street and Station Road to Biddulph Methodist Church for the service and refreshments.

The wreaths would be laid around the fencing at first, then onto the grass area (to be placed within the fencing afterwards). The British Legion will ensure that the police are aware of the new route.

Councillor Jones suggested that all wreaths could be laid after the silence, but the Deputy Mayor felt that people may then start to drift away and wouldn't go the church. The Chair said that we were led by the RBL and their decision. Cllr Baddeley suggested that the military personnel could call out the order of wreaths, to take pressure off the Town Crier.

Reverend Pam Butler would take the service at the war memorial and also in church.

28. TOWN COUNCIL LETTERHEAD

It was agreed that the Town Council letterhead and other stationery should include the town's Britain in Bloom success.

29. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Chair reported that a local business had removed the lighting bracket due to rust marks on their frontage. Councillor Rogers suggested having a galvanised or stainless steel bracket made. Councillor Hart proposed that costings be obtained and that the Chair should make a delegated decision on this. This was seconded and all were in favour.

30. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair reported that a young graffiti artist had written to the Council and he read the letter out to the committee. The artist wanted permission to cover areas of unsuitable graffiti with artwork to enhance rather than spoil the local area. Councillor Davies felt that this could be a good project for young people.

Councillor Jones cautioned that this could encourage others to 'have a go' and that there wasn't much graffiti in Biddulph at present. Councillor Redfern suggested asking the artist to come in to talk to members about this and Councillor Davies agreed that we could see examples of his work and which areas he would like to work on.

All were in favour.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm

Signed Date