

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2015**

The Town Crier introduced The Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer. He then invited Rev'd Derek Balsdon to lead members in a time of prayer. The Mayor welcomed everyone and 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 Rogers  
Councillor Rushton  
Councillor Sheldon MBE  
Councillor Swift  
Councillor Whilding  
Councillor Wood

### **22.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- i) PCSO Sherratt was unable to attend due to work commitments. Any concerns could be passed to him directly.
- ii) The Mayor offered congratulations to Town Crier on his recent success in winning the Darlington National Town Crier Open Championship, beating other current champions! Mr Robinson was persuaded to read out his winning cry. Councillor Jackson quipped that PCSO could also stand for Principle Criers Special Orator.

### **23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: Councillor Hart: in any business to do with the LDF site specific allocations.
- b Other Disclosable Interests: Councillor Sheldon in any business concerning Biddulph in Bloom.

### **24. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:  
Councillor Lovatt  
Councillor Redfern  
Councillor Walley

### **25. MINUTES**

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21 July 2015.

- b It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 21 July 2015.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 22 July 2015.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2015.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2015.

## **26. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor had carried out many engagements in the previous month.

## **27. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT**

No meeting due to the school holidays; the Advisors would meet again in October.

## **28. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE**

**The following accounts were received for payment:**

**a) The following account was paid in advance of the meeting:**

bpArchitecture – additional work, public realm concept design	12.00
<i>Note: this is the VAT element of the invoice approved last month</i>	

**b) The following accounts were received for payment:**

Heads (Congleton) Ltd - Artisan Market advert	69.12
V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
W Linaker (cash payment) - stall construction	75.00
Market float	80.60
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
SMDC – Premises Licence variation fee	89.00
Hill Top Methodist Church – contribution towards graveyard upkeep	150.00
B Carter – Woodhouse burial ground gates	40.00
Parish Online – annual renewal fee	336.00
Npower – Christmas lighting – quarterly charge	31.47
Kent County Council – copier charges Apr-July	119.24
Zurich – seminar fee, risk management	144.00
Protech – electrical repair to Rock End telephone kiosk	121.64
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit 4/9/15)	1675.93
Salaries	4179.63
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1629.78
Petty cash	53.00
D Allcock – Lengthsman work July – August - 330.00	
Empty skip at burial ground – 150.00	480.00
Viking – office supplies	49.02
Severn Trent Water Limited – Woodhouse Burial Ground	19.31

*The following amount had been confirmed by the Architect immediately prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Sheldon and seconded by Councillor Jackson that payment should be made this month in order that the application could be made without further delay. All were in favour and the Motion was Carried*

SMDC - planning fee for Springfield Road Allotment site

845.00

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

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