

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2019

The Town Crier introduced the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Officer; and invited Pastor Amy Wyatt to lead a time of prayer. The Mayor opened the meeting.

PRESENT

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

56.18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting to adjourn for up to 20 minutes (Standing Order 1d-f) to allow for public participation. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Mayor. Members of the public wishing to raise issues which are not on the Agenda should notify the Chief Officer five working days before the meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Council meeting itself.

No requests had been made.

57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:

Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Swift

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: Councillor Hawley, travel expenses.
- b) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests: Councillor Sheldon in anything pertaining to Biddulph in Bloom. Minute 65 Councillors Davies and Lovatt

59. MINUTES

- a) It was moved to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting the Town Council held on 20 November 2018.
- b) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20 November 2018.
- c) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Town Deal meeting held on 22 October 2018.

Councillor Wood gave an update about the Local Plan. The Inspector had agreed that the Biddulph Valley Way should not be split in two. Councillor Jones responded that houses would have to be built somewhere. Councillor Lovatt noted that some sites had not been put forward for effective consultation. Reference point c4 Councillor Jackson asked if this should link with the High Street Fund.

Councillor McGuinness proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillor Flunder to address the meeting. This was agreed. Councillor Flunder thought it would be worth getting together to exert pressure in relation to funding. Councillor McGuinness would push for a Town Deal meeting to be convened as soon as possible. Standing Orders were reinstated.

- d) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 December 2018.
- e) It was moved to approve and sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 18 December 2018. Reference Minute 35 this should read Biddulph Valley Park.
- f) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 January 2019
- g) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 7 January 2019.
- h) It was moved to approve and sign the Minutes fo the Human Resources Committee meeting held on 8 January 2019.
- i) It was moved to approve and sign the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 8 January 2019.

60. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor wished Ms Hancock a happy birthday.

61. SCHOOL LEARNER'S FORUM UPDATE– CHIEF OFFICER

The Chief officer reported that on 21 November 2018, the Forum had been held in the Council Chamber with representative from schools across Biddulph. To mark the anniversary of the Tre Charted being signed, students created leaves inscribed with fabulous ideas about conserving and planting trees; these were attached to the depiction of a tree that was on display outside the Council Chamber. Students had a guided tour of the Town Hall and were invited to consider the Local Green Spaces that were important to them.

62. TO NOTE THE CURRENT LOCAL GREEN SPACE CONSULTATION INVOLVING TOWN COUNCIL OWNED AND MANAGED SITES

Councillor Wood reported that there were four lorry containers on the Biddulph valley Way near to the site where dumping had taken place the previous year, to the rear of the car wash site at the southern end of the town.

The Chief Officer noted that 9 green space areas had been identified in the Local Plan in Biddulph; the current Local Green Space consultation included 78 sites. One event had already been held and was very well attended. The second would take place that Saturday, 19 January 2019 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm in the Town Hall, at the end of the five-week consultation. Councillor Hawley noted that consultation was also taking place in relation to the town centre development.

The Chief Officer drew attention to the Town Council owned and managed sites that were included within the consultation. There were no adverse comments.

63. TO RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT SHOULD BE AWARDED FOR A 5-YEAR PERIOD TO PROTECH, FOLLOWING A COMPETITIVE TENDER PROCESS

Councillor Hall proposed that the recommendation was accepted, this was seconded by Councillor Jones and agreed.

64. TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CIVIC COMMITTEE THAT BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL ENTERS INTO A LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE STATION ROAD SITE

Councillor Jones proposed that the agreement was entered into; this was seconded by Councillor Jackson and agreed.

65. TO RECEIVE THE CITIZENS ADVICE STAFFORDSHIRE NORTH AND STOKE-ON-TRENT ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2018

Councillor Jackson noted that this report highlighted the importance of having the CAB in Biddulph. Money given by this Council was absolutely vital, Staffordshire CAB had received £2.6 million which had enabled it to bring in £26 million benefits. The Town Council should be proud of the support it gave.

Councillor Jones concurred with Councillor Jackson, adding that the CAB provided vital advice for those who did not know where to turn.

66. ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

a) The payments below were received between the meeting cycle

Expenditure above £500

RH Traffic Management Ltd	1870.81
Purchase of road closure signage For use at events throughout the town	

Expenditure below £500

Ash Waste	255.91
4 bins at town burial ground	
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	56.80
Grass Maintenance at Springfield Road December 2018	
Petty cash	57.22

Cllr Hawley		28.00
Travel and parking SPCA meeting Stafford		
R H Traffic Management Ltd		481.32
Hire of road signage for Artisan Market		
GeoXphere Ltd (Parish Online)		352.80
Annual Licence for mapping service		
Biddulph Male Voice Choir		200.00
Performance Fees for Biddulph Remembers event		
Filmbank media		60.00
Permission to show White Christmas At Dementia Cinema event 12 December 2018		
Heads (Congleton) Ltd		498.00
Christmas advert	75.00	
Dementia Cinema advert	100.00	
Network event advert	120.00	
Neighbourhood Plan advert	120.00	
Blonde Folly		165.00
Cake at network event	45.00	
Neighbourhood plan event	75.00	
Dementia cinema event	45.00	
Cllr Davies		14.90
Food for volunteers at switch event		
Moorlands Radio		200.00
Roadshow at Biddulph Moor switch on event		
Protech Electrical Ltd		384.24
Replace Timer Askey and Sutcliffe	125.00	
Untwist catenary wire	120.00	
Biddulph Moor Community stone	75.20	
Replace photo cell and dry out light		
Re-issue chq 6448 Knypersley Bowling Club		500.00
Re-issue chq 6446 Biddulph ATC		1000.00
<u>Credit card payments</u>		
Electromarket		124.99
Snow machine and snow		
X Displays		186.00
Two table top Display Boards		
Aluminium frame portrait panel		
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council		21.00
Temporary event licence fee		
For lights switch on event		
Facebook boost		30.55
Town Tour event		
October Artisan market		
Sound of Music dementia cinema		

Male Voice choir	
War Horse cinema	
Paypal	21.00
Gift for the family of John Rhodes VC	
Amazon Marketplace	6.49
Bags for War Horse cinema 'War (Jelly) Babies'	
Giff Gaff	7.50
Wifi monthly charge	
Survey Monkey	408.00
Annual fee	
Shutterstock	19.00
Monthly clipart charge	
Amazon Marketplace	33.98
Zip two tone fluorescent security hoodies	

b) Accounts received for payment in January 019 were approved

Expenditure below £500

SMDC	90.00
Lease of land for allotment site	
Quarterly charge	
Simon Clayton	265.34
Reimburse for Moorland Road allotmen site	
Perforated Drainage pipe	159.34
River washed 20mm gravel	106.00
Ash Waste Services	398.10
Empty 4 bins at Town Burial Ground	
Monthly charge	
Brian Carter	40.00
Un/lock gates at Woodhouse Burial Ground	
R H Traffic Management Ltd	481.32
Place and remove signage at December Artisan Market	
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	56.80
Ground Maintenance at Springfield Road January 2019	

Credit Card payments

Facebook	21.54
Boosts for NP consultation, network event, beacon event	
Vistaprint	74.08
Thank you postcards for 11 day Remembrance events	
Giff Gaff	7.50
Monthly data charge	
Shutterstock	19.00
Monthly picture fee	
Land Registry	129.00
Land ownership searches for	
Neighbourhood Development Order, Local Green Space	
Amazon UK	22.96
2 x data sticks, remembrance event photos, and finance laptop	
Amazon UK	4.09

Data cable for connecting laptop to projector

c) Supplementary accounts

Expenditure above £500

Salaries	5039.52
HMRC to be paid 1 December 2018	1835.06
Staffs Pension Fund	1995.36

Biddulph Youth and Community Zone	3000.00
Funding for detached youth worker Agreed at Finance Committee 20 August 2018 Minute 24	

Expenditure below £500

R Standell	423.00
Lengthsman work November – December 2018	

Arthur Potts	265.72
Reimburse for equipment at 11 – day event Town Hall foyer exhibition	

Tidysite Skip Services Ltd	22.10
Bin at Woodhouse Burial Ground	

Heads (Congleton) Ltd	146.88
Advert for Neighbourhood Pan Local Green space consultation 19 January 2019	

Petty cash	14.00
December 2018-Jan 2019	

S Haydon	9.78
Travel to Leek dementia training and parking 5 December 2018	

J Gaunt	13.50
Travel for banking and interments November 2018 – January 2019	

J Gaunt	39.90
Postage stamps 28.42 7 x Councillor Minutes postage 11.48	

d) Finance Committee Recommendation (8 January 2019)

Councillor Hall moved that the Accounts to December 2019 should be approved and that Biddulph Town Council should approve the Precept request of £348,265.00 (three hundred and forty-eight thousand, two hundred and sixty-five pounds only) for 2019/2020. This was seconded by Councillor Salt and agreed. The request was signed by Councillors McGuinness and Davies.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed Date