## Biddulph Town Council



**MEETING:** Recreation and Amenities Committee

**DATE:** Tuesday 8 September 2020 **TIME:** following Town Council

**LOCATION:** The meeting will be held on Zoom; invitation to be sent separately.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

#### 2. APOLOGIES

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations
- ii) Other Interests

#### 4. MINUTES

To **approve and sign** the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 March 2020

#### 5. LENGTHSMAN

- a) Standing agenda item- New jobs for the Lengthsman
- b) To note that the Lengthsman contract is being reviewed and will be re-tendered in the Autumn.

### 6. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICER ABOUT PROGRESS WITH THE ACTION PLAN SINCE THE LAST MEETING (EXTRACT BELOW).

### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CLARIFICATION.

14	Biddulph Grange Country Park Visitor Centre	Seek quotations for significant scheme of work to ensure Centre is safe and accessible; aim to open in Autumn 2020.
15	Improvement of Highways	<ul> <li>a) Implement Highways' consultant recommendations,</li> <li>b) Work with SCC to improve parking on North High Street; consider bollards in alley off John Street.</li> <li>c) To consider speed and use of town centre highways roads, in partnership with Amey and Staffordshire County Council.</li> <li>d) Install new/ refurbished signage at entrance of Biddulph</li> </ul>





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16	Development of Allotments	<ul> <li>a) Continue to look for development opportunities, particularly Shepherd/ Slater Street.</li> <li>b) Work with existing sites to ensure sites managed appropriately.</li> <li>c) Review of existing paperwork and introduction of overarching Allotment Policy.</li> </ul>
17	Maintain and monitor footpaths	<ul> <li>a) Work with Ramblers to identify issues and resolve these via Staffordshire County Council.</li> <li>b) Identify small improvements that are possible with BTC funding.</li> <li>c) Lengthsman to keep some town footpaths clear of debris and overgrown vegetation.</li> </ul>
18	Effective management of Burial Grounds	<ul> <li>a) To keep in obeyance introduction of Exclusive Rights of Burial</li> <li>b) Improvements to drainage in Section C</li> <li>c) Resurface footpaths in Section M and C</li> <li>d) Tree planting- October 2020</li> <li>e) Introduce Memorial Testing</li> <li>f) Refurbishment of Garden of Remembrance</li> <li>g) Clarify ideas around new Garden of Remembrance development</li> </ul>
19	Protection/ improvement of Open Space	<ul> <li>a) Explore options to undertake additional mapping with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust</li> <li>b) Ensure riparian duties at Butterfly Gardens are undertaken</li> <li>c) Continue to maintain BTC owned/ managed areas.</li> <li>d) Complete Pocket Park and identify new areas for improvement.</li> <li>e) Develop Tree Planting Strategy</li> </ul>
20	Improvement of transport options	<ul> <li>a) Management and monitoring of 93 bus service.</li> <li>b) Active Working Group tackling range of public transport issues, including innovative approaches to working with schools at peak times.</li> </ul>

SM Haydon, 2 September 2020



