

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019**

### **PRESENT**

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

### **52.18 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Swift  
Councillor Walley

### **53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: Councillor Sheldon in anything pertaining to Biddulph in Bloom.
- ii) Other Interests: Councillor Court and Councillor Hall are members of Biddulph Rotary. Councillor Jones is the Chair of the Biddulph Grange Country Park Friends.

### **54. MINUTES**

- a) It was moved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 15 January 2019.
- b) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Burial Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019.

### **55. BIDDULPH GRANGE COUNTRY PARK: TO CONSIDER A TABLED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DOCUMENT AND PREDICTED OVERVIEW OF COSTS**

Councillor Jones updated members that there were a few people who had approached members of the Friends group, who were interested in running something from the Visitor Centre. The Chief Officer had developed the tabled Expression of Interest form, to enable further discussions to take place in a transparent way.

Councillor Sheldon had visited Tegg's Nose Tea Room, and The Wizard Inn at Alderley Edge, both were good establishments.

Councillor Hart moved that the document should be used.

Councillor Nicosia queried how income could be generated, if sub-letting was not permitted. Councillor Jones noted that hirers could be charged for renting spaces; this could be negotiated. It was expected that costs would be in the region of £2000 per year.

Councillor Rushton seconded the proposal; all in favour.

**56. TO APPROVE A TREE SURVEY FOR THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND TO CONSIDER RIPARIAN DUTIES ON THIS SITE**

Councillor Sheldon welcomed a tree survey on this site; the trees there had been inherited. Councillor Hart agreed and proposed that this survey should be completed; there are implications for the Town Council's future management.

Councillor Sheldon seconded the proposal; all were in favour.

The Chief Officer noted that regular inspections would be completed throughout 2019, and any work needed would be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

Councillor Hall wondered what the impact of the balancing lake was on this site; the Chief Officer would investigate.

Councillor Sheldon confirmed that Biddulph in Bloom also kept an eye on this site.

Councillor Harper queried whether this site was insured; the Chief Officer confirmed that it was.

**57. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE 2018/19 ACTION PLAN**

This was received.

Councillor Jackson noted that on action 28 there was a need to review the Town Deal meetings.

The Chief Officer confirmed that this document would be used to prepare the 2019/20 action plan.

**58. TO CONSIDER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIDDULPH ROTARY**

Councillor Court noted that the Rotary Club in Biddulph would be getting involved in this annual event, in partnership with a range of other organisations. Councillor Court is Chair of the Youth Services team within the Biddulph Rotary Club; they would be a host for the event, which would be held on 30 March 2019, 10.30-12.30. Some

equipment was needed; the Chief Officer had made contact with the District Council to source this. The District would also assist with removing what was collected.

Councillor Court noted that Woodhouse Academy would be involved; other schools had shown an interest. Councillor Court had several locations in mind and hoped to get Town Councillors involved.

Councillor Jones stated that he would help.

Councillor Lovatt confirmed that gloves, pickers, etc. would be provided by the District Council.

Councillor Sheldon noted that Biddulph in Bloom had been doing this regularly and could loan some equipment.

**59. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT (TO BE TABLED)**

The Chief Officer stated that all business had been dealt with on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm

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