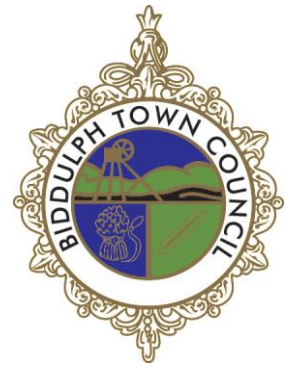


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MEETING: Recreation and Amenities Committee
DATE: Tuesday 14 September 2021
TIME: following Town Council
LOCATION: Council Chamber, Town Hall

AGENDA

16. APOLOGIES

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18. MINUTES

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 23 July 2021
- b) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on 13 July 2021
- c) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on 7 September 2021

19. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR GARVEY:

To **consider** the creation of a Town Centre Parking Working Group.

20. BURIAL GROUNDS

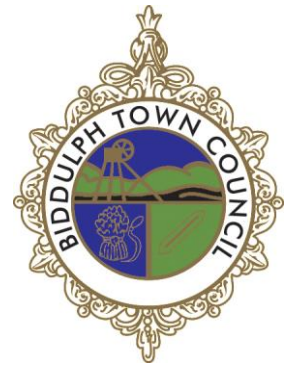
- a) To **note** the findings from an agronomist in relation to Section L, which are:
 - From the gazebo upwards, no matter what turf or grass seed we use, it is not going to grow, particularly outside of summer. There is essentially too little light in that corner to support even the most shade resilient grass.
 - There are several factors contributing to poor ground condition;



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Close to the oak tree, only the top few mm of soil are absorbing water.

Below this, the soil is dry, this is likely due to the tree roots absorbing water at lower levels and surface tension preventing water percolating freely.

As you move further away from the oak tree, the soil becomes increasingly water logged and boggy, there is no 'hydrophobic' soil in this area. Both the lack of light and dripping from the crown are contributing to the lack of grass and slippery conditions. In addition, the soil gets compacted from use and the weeds growing in the grass are representative of these problems.

Astrotruf does not do well in these conditions as this will soon attract moss.

b) There are only two options in relation to improving the ground in Section L:

- Use a ground covering such as bark
- Use geomesh and gravel

To **approve** that the Town Council now writes to grave managers to advise that:

- i. Additional items should be removed from graves (e.g. pots and ornaments).
- ii. Willow whips will be planted along the boundary in the Autumn.
- iii. The yew tree will be reduced when other tree work is completed in the Autumn.
- iv. Either bark or geomesh may be installed; the Town Council would appreciate their input, which will then enable guidance to be produced in relation to kerbing.

c) To **note** that the Rotary Club of Biddulph are unable to continue to maintain the Bateman Walk. Consideration will need to be given to this in relation to future maintenance requirements for the site.

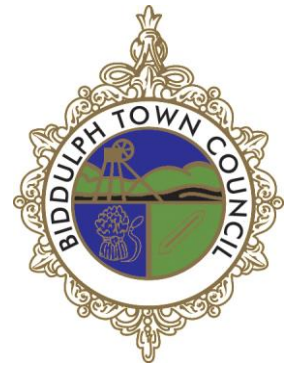
d) To **approve** the attached tree survey and to **note** that tenders will now be sought to complete the recommended work.



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21. To **receive** a verbal update in relation to the County Council Working Group supported by the Town Council, now called the 'Knypersley Highways Working Group'.
22. To **confirm** the key locations where dog fouling is an issue so that a targeted media campaign can be commenced with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (list to follow by email).

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

23. BURIAL GROUNDS

To **confirm** a provider for the installation of an additional plinth in the Garden of Remembrance (quotations to be tabled)

SM Haydon, 8 September 2021



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