

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**
Councillor N R Yates
- **Deputy Mayor**
Councillor A Lawton
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor A K Harper
- Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor J Jones
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A C W Parkes (Chair)
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor J Salt

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman - Compliance and Governance Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer

Councillor Parkes recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

Councillor Parkes gave his best wishes to Councillor Hart and wished a speedy recovery.

74. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- Councillor A Hart
- Councillor D A Proudlove

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a)** Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations

None.

- b)** Other Interests

None.

76. MINUTES

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2025

Approved and Signed.

- b) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on 19 March 2025

Proposed by Councillor Lawton; seconded by Councillor Kisicki. All **agreed**.

77. TO CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE BRAMM CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2025

The Cemetery of the Year Awards are designed not only to improve standards within Burial Grounds but also to encourage compliance with relevant legislation and to support best practice.

More information is available here:

<https://www.cemeteryoftheyear.org.uk/>

The Chief Officer stated that there is not a cost to enter the awards, and the team felt it would be a good thing to do, if only to create a to-do list.

It was proposed by Councillor Redfern to proceed with an application; seconded by Councillor Jackson. All **agreed**.

78. TO CONFIRM THAT THE FIRST WORKING GROUP FOR THE NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 11 APRIL, 10AM

The Chief Officer stated that the meeting will take place on Friday 11 April at 10am.

79. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates reported that the bridge at Marsh Green Road requires cutting back, the hedge row is overgrown and obscuring the view. The Chief Officer would ask the Lengthsman to see if this was a big job.

Councillor Kisicki reported that the debris need to be removed from the layby at Whitmore.

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.

80. TO CONSIDER LAND OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillors Redfern and Harper left the meeting at 7.50pm.

Councillor Jackson questioned the job specification for the Lengthsman. This would be reviewed at a future meeting, alongside spend for 2024-25.

The meeting ended at 7.52pm

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