

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**
Councillor A Lawton
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor Rev. Y Case
- Councillor A Hart (Chair)
- Councillor J Jones
- Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor N Lawton
- Councillor A C W Parkes
- Councillor D A Proudlove
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor N R Yates

Councillor's Case and Yates attended the meeting, but did not sign the attendance sheet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance and Governance Officer
- Councillor W Rogers

Councillor Hart explained the meeting was not being recorded, due to technical issues with the recording equipment.

71. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor C Smith

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None
- b) Other Interests: None

73. MINUTES

To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026

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Proposed by Councillor Yates; seconded by Councillor Jones. All **agreed**.

74. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL ALLOTMENT HOLDER MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2026

The Chief Officer reported on the key points from the meeting:

- An accessible plot on the Park Lane site would require approximately £10,000 to make fully accessible. An alternative plot is available at the Moorlands Road site, where allotment holders have indicated they are in favour of having an accessible plot.
- Allotment holders expressed their satisfaction with the work undertaken by the council.
- There are ongoing issues at the Park Lane site with residents at the top of Springfield Road, who believe the area is for their personal parking. Complaints have arisen when allotment holders have had deliveries there.
- A key concern is the introduction of charges for brown bins.

Councillor Yates highlighted that to access a Disabled Facilities Grant, it may be necessary to know which individuals are interested in the allotment plot to enable appropriate assessment.

The Chief Officer confirmed that she would bring issues back to the committee for the further consideration.

75. TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH PARK LANE ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

The Chief Officer reported that she had met with the new management team of the Park Lane allotments. By way of background, she advised that she is the current contact at the Allotments Association, meaning the allotment holders don't currently benefit from funds raised through seed orders, etc.

Following the meeting, a committee was elected; they will now set up their own bank account and manage their affairs independently. This was very positive. All plotheolders were given the opportunity to vote and there was an election for the key roles.

Councillor Lawton raised a query regarding Church Road allotments. The Chief Officer confirmed that the site is on the District Council's asset list.

Councillor Rogers asked about Well Street allotments. The Chief Officer confirmed that they had been transferred to Biddulph in Bloom from Your Housing.

76. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Jones requested that the three phone boxes at Biddulph Moor, Biddulph Park and Rock End be cleaned and painted.

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.

77. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEW GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT WOODHOUSE BURIAL GROUND

The Chief Officer provided a report on progress.

Councillor N Lawton left the meeting at 8.22pm.

There was a general discussion about the need to identify future burial land in the town.

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

None.

The meeting ended at 8.31pm

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