

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**

Councillor A Lawton

- **Deputy Mayor:**

Councillor C Smith

- Councillor A Hart (Chair)
- Councillor J Jones
- Councillor C Kisicki

- Councillor N Lawton

- Councillor D A Proudlove

- Councillor J Redfern

- Councillor N R Yates

Councillor's Kisicki and A. Lawton 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
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Work Experience placement
- Councillor W Rogers
- Councillor J Salt

79. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- Councillor A C W Parkes (absent)
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor Rev. Y Case
- Councillor K J Jackson

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations

None.

- b) Other Interests

None.

81. MINUTES

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

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

82. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SALT:

a) TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC CALMING AND SIGNAGE IN THE VICINITY OF JOHN STREET, WELL STREET AND AROUND KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL

Councillor Salt reported that concerns have previously been raised with County Councillors regarding the lack of traffic calming measures and signage in areas around John Street, Well Street and Gunn Street.

The Chief Officer explained that, following ongoing discussions with PCSO Parry, an email had been sent to County Councillors. She recited the response received, which advised that the current yellow lines outside the school are not enforceable and serve only as a visual deterrent. It was noted that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) could be pursued; however, this would utilise the entire DHP budget for 2026/27. Alternative suggestions included the school taking a more active role in managing the issue.

Councillor Yates suggested compiling a list of locations across Biddulph that would benefit from traffic calming measures. He also highlighted the 20mph fund as a potential source of funding, which could support both signage and traffic calming interventions.

There was also a discussion regarding the potential to apply to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund to purchase 'parking buddy' figures.

b) TO AGREE THE CONTENT OF A REQUEST TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Yates that the matter be referred to the Transport Working Group to draft a letter, with a report to be brought back to this Committee. Agreed

83. TO CONSIDER THE 'WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE' DOCUMENT (ATTACHED)

The Chief Officer discussed the document, explaining that it provides a framework for the Council to document and evidence the work undertaken.

Councillor Smith proposed an additional point relating to the percentage of suppliers that are local, with a clear definition of "local" to be established.

84. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

There was a discussion as to whether the grass verges on the by-pass and Wrexham Close are owned by a resident or the County Council. It was agreed that the Chief Officer conduct a Land Registry search.

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.

85. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON AN ISSUE WITH A RESERVED GRAVE AT THE TOWN BURIAL GROUND

The Chief Officer gave details regarding the reserved grave plot which was dug in the wrong place.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer contact the family and offer to waive the fees for any future burial, offering the plot further along the row.

All agreed.

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

The Briarswood bridge and Bellway land was discussed. It was agreed to refer this to the planning enforcement team at the District Council. All **agreed**.

The meeting ended at 8.08pm

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

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