

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

PRESENT:

- **Mayor**
Councillor C Smith
- **Deputy Mayor:**
Councillor J Jones
- Councillor Rev. Y Case
- Councillor A Hart (Chair)
- Councillor JIM Garvey
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A Lawton
- Councillor C Brady
- Councillor N Lawton
- Councillor A C W Parkes
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor N R Yates

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Work Experience placement
- Councillor W Rogers

The Mayor recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

15. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- Councillor K J Jackson
- Councillor D A Proudlove

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:

Nothing to declare.

b) Other Interests:

Nothing to declare.

17. MINUTES

- a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Minutes-Recreation-and-Amenities-14-April-2026-Draft-Inc-confid.pdf>

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

- b) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2026.

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Minutes-Recreation-and-Amenities-9-June-2026-Draft-Inc-confid.pdf>

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

- c) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on Monday 15 June 2026

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Transport-Working-Group-Notes-June-2026-DRAFT.pdf>

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

18. TO CONFIRM THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL IS A FINALIST IN THE CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2026

The Chief Officer reported that the Town Council has been confirmed as a finalist in the Cemetery of the Year Awards 2026, with the Council guaranteed to receive either a Silver or Gold award.

The Chief Officer advised that three photographs are required to be submitted as part of the final judging process.

The winner will be announced on 29th September 2026 at the ICCM event.

Councillor Case acknowledged and thanked the Council and Officers for their hard work in achieving this recognition.

The update was **received**.

19. TO APPROVE THE REVIEWED ALLOTMENT POLICY (ATTACHED)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Allotment-Policy-June-2026.pdf>

The Chief Officer has sent out the policy and asked whether there were any queries. Councillor Smith noted that the Town Council should be specific about prohibiting the use of glyphosates.

Councillor Yates noted that Japanese Knotweed must be handled by the Town Council not individual tenants.

Proposed by Councillor Garvey; seconded by Councillor Smith. All **agreed**.

20. TO APPROVE THE REVIEWED TREE STRATEGY (ATTACHED)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Tree-Strategy-2026.pdf>

The Chief Officer had sent out the Tree Strategy; there were no comments.

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

21. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates requested that the footpath between St. Johns Road to Duke Street be cut, as a gesture of good will.

Councillor Jones requested phone boxes be painted; the Chief Officer would attempt to identify someone who could do this.

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.

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

Nothing to discuss.

The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

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