MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING, BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026, 7PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.

PRESENT:

- **Deputy Mayor:**

Councillor J Jones

- Councillor Rev. Y Case
- Councillor A Hart (Chair)
- Councillor JIM Garvey
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A Lawton
- Councillor D A Proudlove
- Councillor N R Yates

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

32. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from:
Councillor Brady
Councillor Jackson
Councillor N.Lawton
Councillor Parkes
Councillor Redfern

There were no substitute members.

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33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None

b) Other Interests: None

34. MINUTES

a) To **approve and sign** the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2026

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

b) To **receive** the Notes from the Transport Working Group meeting held on Monday 7 September 2026

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

35. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON A LEAK AT THE BURIAL GROUND AND TO CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS

The Chief Officer explained that there was a leak between the stop tap at the vicarage and one of the burial ground taps; the tap has currently been switched off at the stop tap, which is on the vicarage side of the boundary.

It was discussed whether a tap is required in that area or whether some sort of water collection vessel might be suitable.

Proposed by Councillor Yates that a site visit would be necessary; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All **agreed**.

36. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TREES

The Chief Officer reported that a grant application has been successful for tree/ shrub planting in the Halls Road recreation ground. This is a Tree Council grant- further information is anticipated in advance of the next Finance Strategy and Management Committee meeting.

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37. TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS OF BIDDULPH BURIAL GROUNDS, AND TO SEEK VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEARANCE PROJECTS

The Chief Officer reported that there is a meeting being held on 3 November at 4.30pm; this would be the first meeting. A group of people have come forward to be involved.

Volunteers were requested to support an autumn clearance project. Councillors Garvey and Jones would be happy to volunteer.

38. TO CONFIRM THE OUTCOME OF THE CEMETERY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Chief Officer reported that a silver award has been granted again this year. All agreed this was a tremendous achievement, and congratulated the team on their work. Confirmed.

39. JOBS FOR LENGTHSMAN (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Councillor Yates wondered whether some sort of solar lighting might be possible on the path between Sandsdown Close and Halls Road.

Councillor Jones questioned whether a painter can be found for phone boxes.

There was discussion about Congleton Road jobs.

The Chief Officer would need to put the Lengthsman contract out to tender, ready for the new season; she asked for feedback.

Councillor Hart thanked Councillors for giving their time; they don't always get the recognition, but it is appreciated.

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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.

40. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RELATION TO A GRAVE ISSUE AT THE TOWN BURIAL GROUND

The Chief Officer reported Zurich have agreed to take this issue forward.

41. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR YATES: TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SENSORY- ACCESSIBLE SPACE AT THAMES DRIVE

Councillor Garvey proposed that the Chief Officer make enquires with the District Council to understand the full scale and scope of the project; seconded by Councillor Proudlove.

It was **agreed**.

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

There was nothing to discuss.

The meeting ended at 7.53pm.

Signed…… Date……..

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