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## **BRIDGNORTH LOW TOWN ACTION GROUP**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held at The Bylet Bowling Club, Severn Street, Bridgnorth 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 7.30pm**

#### **In Attendance:**

E. Marshall (Chairman), R. Hulse, B. Jones (Treasurer), Mrs. J. Onions, Mrs S. Brims, M.Grocock (Secretary).

#### **Apologies:**

A. Wilson, R. Ford, R. Gill, Mr. R. Fox, S. Robbins, V.Voysey.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Meeting
2. Apologies for absence are as listed above.
3. The minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

None.

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

The balance at the bank amounts to £1155.84.

£13.00 not yet paid to the Chairman for the annual registration of Bridgnorth Low Town Action Ltd. It was agreed that some form of donation be made to the Bowling Club for the use of their Committee Room.

#### **6. Items of Interest**

It is understood that the Rugby Club is proposing a development on Bandon Lane. It was pointed out that there is a covenant on this land stating that it was an "open space for public use". In Severn Park the Town Council are looking at the provision of permanent public toilets and a small building to sell ice-cream, drinks and snacks.

#### **7. Reports and Discussions**

##### **a). Environment**

The east side river bank area immediately downstream of Low Town Bridge, opposite the Bailiffs' Cottages, is looking very untidy. Work on the new housing development off Severn Street is scheduled to be completed within the next two or three months, when it is anticipated that the contractors will remove all the temporary fencing, and clean and tidy up the roadway. The vegetation on the river bank in that area is in desperate need of maintenance work to be done. This whole area is in a central location of the town.

It has come to our attention that the Town Council's workforce is undertaking work outside of the town for which it has not been receiving any funding, whereas there are areas in the town that are being ignored. One such area is the path from Doctor's Lane to Severn Park, part of which has been significantly reduced in width because of rampant growth of vegetation. This path is the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

A few days ago, a local resident took the initiative to clear weeds, mainly nettles, growing under a length of railing downstream from the entrance to the Bylet Bowling Club. Well done.

Consideration could be given to setting up a volunteer group to work in liaison with the Town Council.

b). Transport

Work is due to commence on the Bypass in the near future.

Has anyone realised that the level crossing south of Church Stretton is shut and that the traffic is being encouraged to come through Bridgnorth - at a time when the Bypass could be shut. Do the various Authorities not talk to each other? Also, has the pollution effect been included in the risk assessments that presumably should be undertaken?

A problem is the volume of heavy lorries (44 tonnes) coming over the Low Town Bridge. How often do Shropshire Council Bridge Engineers check the bridge, and should a weight limit be brought into operation? On the south side of the bridge steel girders are visible and look very much in need of some sort of maintenance. Spaces underneath the bridge are used by pigeons for roosting and nesting, and there is a build up of guano. Do bats roost there as well?

The 101 and Shrewsbury bus services are being run on an emergency contract whilst a tender is being issued to find new operators for these services to come into operation later in the year.

c). Recreation

The play area in Severn Park is looking a bit tired.

**8. Date of next Meeting**

21st September 2017

