

.Minutes of the Environmental Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill  
On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009

There were present            Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Chairman  
   Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman  
   Cllrs. Mr. R Franklin  
   Mr. B. Cullen  
   Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale)  
   Jackie Knight (GGRA)  
   Enid Firth (Area Committee)

- 102. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme, Mrs. A. McInnes and Graham Parker (GGRA)
- 103. Minutes of last meeting – No matters arising**
- 104. Area Committee** – The role of the Environment sub-committee has been expanded to cover issues in Lees as well as Saddleworth
- 105. Himalayan Balsam** – The maps are being made more user friendly. Graham Gibbons is looking at other sources of funding for the work in 2009. Community Foundation grants may be possible, there is also the possibility of Groundwork volunteers working on the project. It is possible that chemicals could be used to deal with Himalayan Balsam, these would need to be used by specialists. Graham will prepare a project plan for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, the report will then be considered at the March meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will be requested to allow the underspend on this years project to be transferred to next year.
- 106. Recycling** – The Clerk will contact GMWDA about the possibility of a Civic Amenity Site in Saddleworth.
- 107. Toilets** – The Parish Plan questionnaire showed support for the Parish Council to improve public toilets in Saddleworth. The Clerk will contact Saddleworth Business Association and Pub Watch to gauge support for the introduction of a Community Toilet scheme.
- 108. Water Power** – The Clerk will contact the New Mills scheme to arrange a suitable date for a visit to the site.
- 109. Date of the next meeting** – The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.