

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council
held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 11th May 2009

There were present Cllr. Mrs. P. Lord - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes – Vice Chairman

Cllrs. Mr. P Bagley	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mrs. B. Beeley	Mr. A Hodgkiss
Mr. K. Begley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mrs. M. Bingley	Mr. K. Hulme
Mr. R. Birse	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. M. Buckley	

700. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. P. Davenport, Mr. R. Franklin, Mrs. A. Parry and Mrs. D. Shaw

701. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mr John Hudson and seconded by Councillor Mr. Brian Lord and resolved that Councillor Mrs. Alma McInnes be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Mr. Ken Hulme voted against.

Councillor Mrs McInnes was invested with the Insignia of Office by the retiring Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Lord following which a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Councillor Mrs. McInnes. Councillor Mrs. McInnes presided over the remainder of the proceedings and, in making her inaugural speech she thanked Members for her election and outlined her plans for the forthcoming year. Councillor McInnes's main charities for the year will be MacMillan Nurses and Myasthenia Gravis (also known as "The Rag Doll Illness").

Medallions were presented to Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord and Councillor Mr. Brian Lord to mark the service they had given as the Chairman and the Chairman's Consort of the Council during the past year.

702. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Barbara Beeley and seconded by Councillor Mr. Philip Bagley and resolved that Cllr. Mr. Keith Begley be elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor Mr. Ken Hulme voted against. Councillor Begley was presented with the Insignia of Office.

703. Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. Derek Heffernan and seconded by Cllr. Mr. John Hudson and resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord and her Consort Councillor Mr. Brian Lord for their excellent services throughout the past year.

Councillor Mrs Lord in her response expressed her personal thanks to Brian for all the help and support he had given during her year of office. She also thanked the Vice Chairman and Members of the Council, together with the Parish Council Staff and the Chairman's Charity Committee, for their support

during her year of office. The Charity had raised £14,500, the main beneficiaries being Royal Oldham Hospital League of Friends and MacMillan Cancer Care with smaller amounts being donated to other local charities.

704. Establishment of Standing Committees

- .i) Finance & General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee at present comprise all Members of the Council.
- ii) The Council representatives on the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee are normally the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. Other Members are nominated by outside bodies
- iii) The Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Standing Committees are as follows :

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Mr. K. Begley - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes – Vice Chairman

Planning Committee

Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen - Chairman
Cllr. Mr. M. Buckley - Vice Chairman

The above Committees comprise all Members of the Council

Conservation Areas Advisory Committee

Cllr. Mr. M. Buckley - Chairman
Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen - Vice Chairman

Dates and Times of Meetings

Council and Finance & General Purposes Committee

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday in the month (except August) at 7.30 p.m. No further Council Meeting is proposed to be held in May 2009

Planning Committee

Meetings will usually be held on the first Monday in every month at 7.30 p.m. (Subject to changes to take account of meetings of Oldham M.B.C. Planning Committee)

Conservation Areas Advisory Committee

Meetings are to be held at 4.30pm on the afternoon of the Planning Committee

Sub Committees meet as required.

Membership of sub committees is as follows:

Cemetery Sub Committee

Chairman	Cllr. Birse
Vice Chairman	Cllr. Buckley
Councillor:	Bagley

Civic Hall Sub Committee

Chairman Cllr. McInnes
Vice Chairman Cllr. Cullen
Councillors: Beeley, Begley, Bingley,
B. Lord, P. Lord, Renold &
Shaw

Environmental Sub-Committee

Chairman Cllr. Parry
Vice Chairman Cllr. Begley
Councillors: Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss,
Hulme & McInnes
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor
Area Committee representatives

Special Projects & Grants Sub Committee

Chairman Cllr. P. Lord
Vice Chairman Cllr. Franklin
Councillors: Bagley, Begley, Birse, Cullen,
Hodgkiss, Hulme, B. Lord,
McInnes, & Shaw

Transport & Traffic Sub Committee

Chairman Cllr. Franklin
Vice Chairman Area Committee nominee
Councillors: Bagley, Hodgkiss, McInnes,
Parry & Shaw
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor
Area Committee representatives

Planning Policy Sub Committee

Chairman Cllr. Buckley
Vice Chairman Cllr. Beeley
Councillors: Bagley, Cullen & Hulme
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor
Area Committee representatives

Fuel Poverty Sub Committee

Chairman Cllr. Franklin
Councillor: B. Lord
Co-opted members

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex officio for all Sub-Committees

Saddleworth & Lees Area Committee

Nominees - Cllrs. Begley, Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss, P. Lord, McInnes & Parry

Sub-Committee nominees

Health - Cllrs. Franklin & McInnes, Youth - Cllr. Begley

Representatives on other Outside Bodies

Standards Committee – Cllr Cullen

Peak National Park Authority – Cllrs Bagley, Begley & Buckley

Grotton and Springhead Association – Cllrs. Beeley, Cullen and B. Lord

Home Safety Committee – Cllrs Bingley, Cullen, Heffernan, P. Lord, McInnes,
Non councillors Mr. J. Angove, Mrs. K. Angove,
Mr. D. Caddick, Mrs E. Firth & Mrs. J. Jeeves

Saddleworth Educational Charities.

Boarshurst Educational Foundation - Cllr Birse

Hawkyard & Whitehead Educational Foundation – Cllrs Bingley, Buckley,
B. Lord, McInnes & Shaw.

Non councillors Mr. C. Baumann, Mr. D. Caddick, Mrs P. Cornish,
Mrs H. Rowland, Ms. M. Taylor (Secretary) & Miss. E. Travis

Diggle Educational Trust -Revd Duncan Rhodes & Stan Cowburn

Trustees of the Rochdale United Charity and Ladies Charity, - Cllr B. Lord.

Planning Committee

It was resolved that the Planning Committee is granted delegated powers so that its recommendations can be effective immediately, without waiting for confirmation by the Council.

705. Authorised Signatories

Two signatories are required for each cheque, it was agreed that the following Members of the Council be authorised as signatories for the accounts held at Nat West bank for the municipal year 2009/2010:

Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes

Cllr. Mr. K. Begley

Cllr. Mr. B. Lord

Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson

Cllr. Mr. R. Birse

The Clerk will also be one of the authorised signatories

706. Accounts for Payment

The list of Accounts for Payment was approved. The total expenditure being £17,923.35 and income being £6,786.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.