

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council  
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill  
On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

There were present Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson - Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. P. Davenport – Vice Chairman

Cllrs.	Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
	Mr. P Bagley	Mr. A Hodgkiss
	Mrs. B. Beeley	Mr. K. Hulme
	Mr. K. Begley	Mr. B. Lord
	Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
	Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. A. McInnes
	Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. A. Parry
	Mr. R. Franklin	

Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs. M. Bingley and Mrs. D. Shaw

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Alma McInnes and seconded by Councillor Mr. Royce Franklin and resolved that Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Lord was invested with the Insignia of Office by the retiring Chairman, Councillor Mr. John Hudson following which a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord. Councillor Mrs. Lord presided over the remainder of the proceedings and, in making her inaugural speech she thanked Members for his election and outlined her plans for the forthcoming year. Councillor Lord's main charities for the year will be MacMillan Nurses and Royal Oldham Hospital League of Friends.

Presentation of Badges and Medallions

Medallions were presented to Councillor Mr. John Hudson and Mrs. Kathleen Hudson to mark the service they had given as the Chairman and the Chairman's Lady of the Council during the past year.

Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Birse and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Parry and resolved that Cllr. Mrs. Alma McInnes be elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor McInnes was presented with the Insignia of Office.

Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Dr. D. Atherton and seconded by Cllr. Mr. A. Hodgkiss and resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Mr. J. Hudson and his Lady Mrs. Kathleen Hudson for their excellent services throughout the past year.

Councillor Hudson in his response expressed his personal thanks to Kathleen for all the help and support she had given during his year of office. He also thanked the Vice Chairman and Members of the Council, together with the Parish Council Staff and the Chairman's Charity Committee, in particular the secretary Mrs Pam Byrne for their support during his year of office. The Charity had raised £20,037, the main beneficiaries being St Mary's Church, ARC, Action Duchenne and the Village Olympics with smaller amounts being donated to a further 20 organisations.

## 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. Mrs. McInnes - Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. Begley - Vice Chairman

### Planning Committee

Cllr. Mr. Birse - Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. Buckley - Vice Chairman

The above Committees comprise all Members of the Council

### Conservation Areas Advisory Committee

Cllr. Mr. Buckley - Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. Birse - 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 2008

### **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:

#### **Civic Hall Sub Committee**

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

#### **Cemetery Sub Committee**

Chairman	Cllr. R. Birse
Councillors:	Bagley & Buckley

### **Special Projects & Grants Sub Committee**

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

### **Environmental Sub-Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Begley  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Parry  
Councillors: Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss,  
Hulme & McInnes

### **Planning Policy Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Buckley  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Beeley  
Councillors: Bagley, Cullen & Hulme

### **Transport & Traffic Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Franklin  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Hodgkiss  
Councillors: Bagley, Parry & Shaw

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

### **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 - Councillor Birse

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

Non councillors Mr. C. Baumann, Mr. D. Caddick, P. Cornish, L. Rooke, Secretary

Diggle Educational Trust Mr. Ian McInnes

Trustees of the Rochdale United Charity and Ladies Charity, - Councillor 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.

**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 municipal year 2008/2009;

Cllr. Mrs. P. Lord

Cllr. Mrs. Alma McInnes

Cllr. Mr. John Hudson

Cllr. Mr. R. Birse

The Clerk will also be one of the authorised signatories

**Accounts for Payment**

The list of Accounts for Payment was approved. The total expenditure being £21,622.25 and income being £86,056.12. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.