

Minutes of the Environmental Sub-Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill  
**On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

There were present

Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Vice Chairman  
Cllrs: Mr. B. Cullen  
Mr. R Franklin  
Mrs. A. McInnes  
Graham Parker (GGRA)

- 141. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley, Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme, & Mrs. V. Sedgwick (Oldham MBC), Enid Firth (Area Committee) & Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale).
- 142. Minutes of last meeting – No matters arising**
- 143. Himalayan Balsam** – The Community events have been completed, ten people attended the events near the Brownhill Centre, with a few more at the Greenfield event. A fair amount of Balsam was cleared at both sites. The mapping work is being completed, a full report on the project will be provided at the next meeting.
- 144. Toilets** – A letter has been sent to cafes and pubs in Saddleworth and Lees, there have been fourteen positive replies and only one negative one. The Clerk will write to all the establishment that have responded, thanking them and informing them that the Parish Council is looking to move the project forward. The Clerk will contact Lisa Macdonald and other organisations about possible funding for the scheme. No information has been received from Oldham Council about the estimated running costs of opening the public toilets in Delph.
- 145. Water Power** – Nothing to report, the meeting of the group planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July was postponed.
- 146. Road signs** – Thanks to GGRA for the work they have done to identify road signs that need to be cleaned.
- 147. Frames of reference** – It was agreed that formal terms of reference should be drawn up for the sub-committee
- 148. Playground refurbishment** – Oldham Council has been successful in a bid for Playbuilder' funding. The funding will allow the Parks and Countryside Service to develop 22 play sites over the next two years. The timescales in the first year are very tight resulting in limited consultation.
- 149. Small park on Smithy Lane, Uppermill** – The Scouts group is planning to carryout work at the park, they are currently awaiting approval from Oldham Council Legal department.
- 150. Litter** – The sub-committee needs to consider how to deal with litter. GGRA have a group that is working with locals to address the problem. The Clerk will clarify with the Street Scene team who is responsible for litter clearing at Churchill Playing Fields.
- 151. Date of the next meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.