

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 14th May 2007**

There were present Cllr. Mrs. Alma McInnes - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. B. Jackson – Vice Chairman

Cllrs.	Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
	Mrs. B. Beeley	Mr. J. Hudson
	Mr. K. Bagley	Mr. K. Hulme
	Mrs. M. Bingley	Mr. B. Lord
	Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
	Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. A. Parry
	Mr. B. Cullen	Mr. P. Renold
	Mr. P. Davenport	Mrs. D. Shaw
	Mr. R. Franklin	

Apologies: Cllrs. Bagley and Hodgkiss

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor David Atherton and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord and unanimously resolved that Councillor Mr. John Hudson be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Hudson was invested with the Insignia of Office by the retiring Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Alma McInnes following which a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Councillor Hudson. Councillor Hudson presided over the remainder of the proceedings and, in making his inaugural speech he thanked Members for his election and outlined his plans for the forthcoming year. Councillor Hudson's main charities for the year were The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and other local organisations

Presentation of Badges and Medallions

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

Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs D. Shaw and seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. McInnes that Cllr. Mr. P. Davenport be elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Dr. D. Atherton proposed that Cllr. K. Hulme be elected as Vice Chairman, Cllr. Hulme seconded this nomination. the proposal was defeated, it was unanimously resolved that Councillor Mr. P. Davenport be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Davenport was presented with an 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. D. Heffernan and unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Mrs. A. McInnes and her consort Mr. Ian McInnes for their excellent services throughout the past year.

Councillor McInnes in her response expressed her personal thanks to her husband Ian 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, in particular Cllr. D. Heffernan and his Wife Di, for their support during his year of office. She stated that her charity had raised £21,881.72 and that cheques had been presented to McMillan nurses (£7,000), Chernobyl Childrens Lifeline (£7,000), Saddleworth Olympics (£2,000). The balance was distributed to other local charities and 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. A. McInnes - Chairman
Cllr. Mr. P. Davenport - Vice Chairman

Planning Committee

Cllr. Mr. R. Birse - 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. R. 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 2007

Planning Committee

Meetings are held on the second Monday in every month at 7.30 p.m. (Subject to changes to take account of meetings of O.M.B.C. Development Services Committee)

Conservation Areas Advisory Committee

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

Sub Committees meet as required.

Representatives on other Outside Bodies

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

Home Safety Committee – Cllrs Bingley, Heffernan, McInnes,
Non councillors Mr. J. Angove, Mrs. K. Angove, Mr. C. Baumann
Mr. D. Caddick, Mrs. J. Jeeves & Mr. I McInnes

Saddleworth Educational Charities. - Not due for re-appointment this year unless any resignations.

Present Members- for information only

Boarshurst Educational Foundation - Councillor R. Birse

Hawkyard & Whitehead Educational Foundation – Councillors Bingley, Buckley, B. Lord, McInnes.
Non councillors Mr. C. Baumann, Mr. D. Caddick, P. Cornish, L. Rooke, K. Stone

Diggle Educational Trust Mr. Ian McInnes

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

Ordinary Business

The composition of the sub committees is determined at the Annual General Meeting, as meetings may be required before the next meeting of the parent committee. Membership of sub committees is as follows:

Civic Hall Sub Committee	Chairman	Cllr. A.McInnes
	Vice Chairman	Cllr. K. Begley
	Councillors:	Beeley, Bingley Cullen, P. Lord, Renold & Shaw

Special Projects & Grants Sub Committee	Chairman	Cllr. Pat. Lord
	Vice Chairman	Cllr. R. Franklin
	Councillors:	Birse, Cullen, Hodgkiss, Hulme, McInnes, Shaw,

Cemetery Sub Committee	Chairman	Cllr. R. Birse
	Councillors:	Bagley & Buckley

Environmental Sub-Committee	Chairman	Cllr.K. Hulme
	Vice Chairman	Cllr. A. Parry
	Councillors:	Begley, Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss McInnes

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

Peak National Park Authority Councillors Begley & Buckley

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, which in any case comprises all the Members of the Council, is granted delegated powers so that its recommendations can be effective immediately, without waiting for confirmation by the Council.

Therefore propose granting of delegated powers to the Planning Committee

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 2007/2008;

Cllr. Mr. John Hudson

Cllr. Mrs. Alma McInnes

Cllr. Mr. P. Davenport

Cllr. Mr. R. Birse

Cllr. Mr. B. Lord

The Clerk will also be one of the authorised signatories

From the Chair – Accounts for Payment

These were noted and received.