

.Minutes of the Environmental Sub-Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 16th March 2009

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Chairman
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. R Franklin
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mrs. P. Lord

110. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen, Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme, Mrs. V. Sedgwick (Oldham MBC), Enid Firth (Area Committee), Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale), Graham Parker (GGRA)

111. Minutes of last meeting – No matters arising

112. Himalayan Balsam – The proposed format for the 2009 campaign will be to invite the public, local community groups and elected members to nominate sites across Saddleworth, making it clear that the sites will be assessed against agreed criteria. The sub-committee will then carry out the assessment. There will be 6 to 8 events, one per week between late May and mid July with a heavy focus on publicity and volunteers. It was agreed that the publicity should start in Mid April, with articles in the local media and letters being sent to all the Community Associations. The information will be used to update the mapping data. Groundwork is still looking at funding options and use of their volunteers. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will be requested to allow the underspend on the 2008 project to be carried forward.

113. Recycling – The Clerk will contact GMWDA to request them to investigate the feasibility of a Civic Amenity Site on Dobcross New Road, next to the former Neptune Measurements site.

114. Toilets – Saddleworth Business Association and Pub Watch have been contacted to gauge support for the introduction of a Community Toilet scheme. It was agreed that the Area Committee should be requested to consider attaching a condition to any funding that they award for the provision of toilets, to allow them to be made available for use by the general public

115. Water Power – Open days are being held on Saturday 28th March and Sunday 26th April from 1 pm to 4 pm. It was agreed that those interested should attend the March open day.

116. Date of the next meeting – The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 20th April.