

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 17th March 2008**

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

Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mr. P. Bagley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mr. K. Begley	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr M. Buckley	Mr P Renold
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. D. Shaw
Mr. R. Franklin	

- 611 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mrs. B Beeley, Mrs M. Bingley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme & Mrs. A. Parry
- 612. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 613. Parish Plan** – Tremendous public backing for the Public meeting, the next stage is to start to draw up the questionnaire that will be circulated to all household in September. The next meeting will be on 31st March, the Task and Finish group will meet prior to the day of the meeting. It was agreed that the Task and Finish group will lead the Parish Plan process with support from the Community.
- 614. Rights of Way.** The dog scarers have been ordered, the co-ordinators need to meet together and with their volunteers to start planning the work.
- 615. Peak Park** – No progress
- 616. South Pennine Forum** – a letter has been sent to all the Parish and Town Council that could form a South Pennine Forum.
- 617. Congestion Charging** – the proposed public meeting has been postponed until the Government issues more information. There are concerns about the current rail service, the facilities at Greenfield Station are being improved. Some services around Manchester will be re-configured when the West Coast mainline work is completed, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Northern Rail asking them to consider improving the current 2 hour Sunday service to an one hour service. The Clerk will also advise Northern Rail of the Council’s concern about the level of fare collection on some trains.

- 618. Voluntary weekend** – the proposed date is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October. Letters have been sent out to a range of organisations in Saddleworth.
- 619. LDF – Call for sites** – It was agreed that the LDF Task and Finish group will draft a response. Each councillor can feed details of appropriate sites to the Task and Finish group.
- 620. Supplementary Planning Document – Renewable energy** – members were informed that the document had been formal adopted. The information was received and noted.
- 621. Committee and Sub-committee for 2008 – 2009.** deferred to next meeting.
- 622. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £4,294.96 and income being £3,433.50. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government