

.Minutes of the Environmental Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 18th February 2008

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Hulme – Chairman
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman
Cllrs. Mr. K Begley., Mr. R Franklin, Mr. B. Cullen & Mrs. A. McInnes,

 Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale)
 Doug Murray – Oldham Countryside Service
 Graham Parker (GGRA)

66. Apologies for Absence – None

67. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising

Heritage Festival. – The Clerk has contacted Pennine Prospects – awaiting response

Rights of Way Improvement Plan – The two induction events have been held, and we now have in excess of 20 volunteers. The co-ordinators are going to organise a trial run with their volunteers to ensure a consistent approach..

Huddersfield Canal – A response has been received from the Huddersfield Canal Society inviting representatives of the Parish Council to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 26th February, it was agreed that Councillors Begley, Franklin and Hulme will attend. Problems were highlighted with the condition of the path between Brownhills and Uppermill

Scrubs over-growing pavements – some information has been received from Oldham MBC, further information will be chased up.

Swan Meadows – this area is the responsibility of the Oldham Countryside Service. Doug Murray informed the meeting that he is aware of the problem and looking for solutions.

68. Himalayan Balsam – Graham Gibbons circulated copies of the report on the project and a costed programme for 2008. Provisional dates need to be pencilled in ASAP, we are looking for added value. Groundwork have input the mapping data into their IT systems. It is important that we carry on with the work. We need to look to other funding sources to expand the work. It was agreed that Councillors Hulme and Parry will meet with the Clerk, Doug Murray and Graham Gibbon on Tuesday 26th February to explore funding opportunities.

69. **Recycling** – It was agreed that due to the volume of business on the February Finance & General Purposes Agenda that the Oldham MBC Recycling officer be invited to attend the March meeting.
70. **Toilets** – the report on the provision of public toilets had not yet been published,, one possibility may be the provision of some form of temporary toilets.
71. **Water Power** – It was agreed that the Council will try and obtain a copy of a report commissioned by Oldham MBC about the feasibility of water power. The proposed visit to the Community Hydro scheme in New Mills Town Council will be after the scheme has been completed in June / July. Council.
72. **Date of next meeting** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub Committee will be on Monday 14th April at 7.30 pm