

.Minutes of the Environmental Sub-Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 20th April 2009

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Chairman
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen
 Mr. R Franklin
 Mr. K. Hulme
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mrs. P. Lord
 Graham Parker (GGRA)

Councillor Buckley also attended the meeting.

- 117. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs., Mr A. Hodgkiss, , Mrs. V. Sedgwick (Oldham MBC), Enid Firth (Area Committee) & Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale).
- 118. Minutes of last meeting – No matters arising**
- 119. 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. Press release has appeared in the April edition of Saddleworth Monthly, copy will be sent to the Oldham Chronicle and Advertiser. We need to consider the possible use of weed-killer on young plants where there is no other vegetation.
- 120. Recycling** – Awaiting response from GMWDA about the possibility of a Civic Amenity Site in Saddleworth. Oldham Council are holding a “road show” in early May in the Civic Hall as part of the extension of managed weekly collections in Uppermill..
- 121. Toilets** – The Clerk will contact Saddleworth Business Association and Pub Watch to identify what support exists for the introduction of a Community Toilet scheme. Need to look at other options including automatic toilets, staffed toilets and possible funding sources.
- 122. Water Power** – A report on the visit to Torrs Hydro was discussed by members, the report provided details of the visit and an analysis of the potential for a similar scheme in Saddleworth. Phil Woolas MP is leading a group looking at options for Water power, it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Mr Woolas’s office and to Oldham Council to request information on the work that they are doing. The members thanked Councillors Begley & Buckley for the excellent report.
- 123. Diggle Field** – During the Easter period a group had been camping on Diggle field, it was agreed that the Clerk will contact Oldham Countryside service to identify what action can be taken to stop a recurrence.
- 124. Date of the next meeting** – The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 18th May.