

.Minutes of the Environmental Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 21st May 2007

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Hulme – Chairman
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. K Begley, Mr. B Cullen, Mr P. Davenport,
 Mrs. A. McInnes,
 Tony Marlor, Clerk of the Council,
 Graham Parker (Greenfield & Grasscroft Residents Association)
 Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale)

- 42. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. R Franklin & Mr. A Hodgkiss
 Doug Murray – Oldham Countryside Service
 Richard Godley & Adele Metcalfe – Peak Park
 Alicia Marland – Grotton Residents Association
- 43. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising**
Minute 35 – Heritage Festival. – still awaiting information from Imogen Fuller at Oldham MBC
- 44. Recycling –** Facilities for the recycling of Paper, cans and glass are now available outside the Kitchen at the Civic Hall. Joanne Stanley – Oldham MBC Waste Minimisation Officer can be contacted on 0161 770 3000 to discuss recycling issues including possible new sites.
- 45. Himalayan Balsam –** Graham Gibbons updated the meeting on the current progress with the plans. Articles have appeared in the Saddleworth Monthly and West Saddleworth & Lees Guide. A programme of events has been drawn up including School and community events. School events are during the day-time, community events are in the evenings or at weekends. Hoping to include the Delph Donkey in one of the events. Richard Godley (Peak Park) has met with Groundwork to identify what support they can provide. Official launch and photocall will be on Saturday 9th June in Uppermill. Greenfield community event will be on Friday 15th June, Graham Parker will circulate information in Greenfield area. Work this year is part of a rolling programme.
- 46. Possible funding sources –** The Rural Development programme for England is a possible source for funding, £400k has been allocated to the region via Greater Manchester Enterprise. Need to consider whether the Parish Council should be part of the Greater Manchester Rural Issues Forum and plug into other networks and organisations, including the LAPTC. Agreed that the issue should be discussed at the next Finance & General Purposes meeting.