



- 918. Rights of Way** – A meeting of the sub-committee will be held to discuss how to develop a Footpath Improvement plan in one area. Discussions are taking place about the Tourist map.
- 919. South Pennine Forum** – Nothing to report.
- 920. Transport** – Work has now started to repair the wall in Diggle. The pot-hole reporting system appears to be working well. The locations of the vehicle activated warning and speed signs have now been agreed across the Borough. The Parish Council will review their effectiveness before considering the possibility of purchasing additional signs for Saddleworth. The recent Manchester Hub report mentions the possibility of a Diggle Railway station.
- 921. Fuel Poverty** – Oldham Council is drawing up a borough-wide Fuel Poverty strategy, the Parish Council group will continue to operate but may eventually merge with the Oldham group.
- 922. Pennine Prospects** – If the Heritage lottery bid is successful, a large proportion of the funding will come into the Saddleworth area. The Leader programme is provided funding for some projects in Saddleworth.
- 923. Peak Park** – The next joint meeting with Oldham Council, the Parish Council and Peak Park will take place at 9.30 am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Civic Hall.
- 924. District Partnership** – nothing to report.
- 925. Water Power** – nothing to report.
- 926. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – A Carers Emergency Support scheme has been set up – 0161 627 0163.
- 927. Risk Management Assessment** – the Clerk presented a report on the updated Risk Management Assessment. Members accepted the report and noted that procedures are in place to meet any risks which may occur.
- 928. Review into the Effectiveness of systems of Internal Control** – The clerk advised members that the Accounts and Audit Regulations require the Council to review their systems of internal control and the effectiveness of Internal Audit. Members reviewed the Internal Audit Plan prepared by the current auditors, Yorkshire Internal Audit Services and agreed that it fully meets the needs of the Council and that the plan should be adopted.
- 929. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £21,037.11 and income being £6,540.75. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government