

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008**

There were present Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes - Chairman

Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mrs. B Beeley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mrs M. Bingley	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. A. Parry
Mr. P Davenport	Mr. P. Renold
Mr. R. Franklin	

- 672. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs, Mr. P. Bagley, Mr K. Begley, Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K. Hulme & Mrs. D. Shaw
- 673. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 674. Parish Plan** – The Royal Mail will be delivering the questionnaires during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October for return by the end of October. Arrangements have been made for them to be left at Post Offices, Libraries, the Visitor Information Centre and Civic Hall. A spreadsheet has been created to collate all the data. The proposed meeting with the Leader of Oldham Council, Councillor Sykes has not yet been arranged.
- 675. Rights of Way.** – A meeting of the coordinators will take place in the next couple of weeks. It was agreed that 2 handheld GPS systems, at a total cost of £120, would be purchased subject to discussion between the Committee Chairman and Councillor Mr Buckley.
- 676. Peak Park – Your vision; Your Peak District** – workshops are being held throughout October at various locations within the Peak District, It was hoped that as many people as possible would attend and give their view. The nearest meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Holme. The information was received and noted.
- 677. South Pennine Forum** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA). It was not possible for the Parish Council to become members of the Association. The next meeting of the South Pennine Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, in November, will be discussing the South Pennine Authority issue and looking at ways that it can work with the Parish Council on this issue. The White Rose Society will be kept informed of progress.

- 678. Congestion Charging / Transport** – Good debate, unfortunately attendance was not great. The Transport Sub Committee will formulate a response to the consultation.
- 679. Voluntary Weekend** – Thanks for all the work undertaken by the sub-group. Publicity will mention free admission.
- 680. Pennine Prospects** – The Leader bid has been accepted. £1.8M to be spent in the South Pennines, action group set up on how to spend money. Councillor Buckley is the representative on that group. Councillor Cullen's application to be the SPC representative was unsuccessful. Councillor Buckley to be asked to raise our concerns that we are not represented when smaller councils are. Councillor Beeley will also take the comments to the Pennine Prospects Board
- 681. Footpath 178 & 179** – It was agreed that the path had been used as a Bridleway for in excess of twenty years. Any Councillor with specific knowledge to pass it to the Clerk to be forwarded to Oldham MBC.
- 682. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – It was agreed that a sub-committee of Councillors Mrs. P. Lord, Mrs. A. McInnes, Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. B. Lord & Mr. J. Hudson be formed to coordinate the Phase 2 works.
- 683. Area Committee** – Deferred to next meeting
- 684. Chain Of Office** – It was agreed that the Council should replace the existing Chain of Office, the current chain would be displayed in the Council Chamber. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Councillors Mrs. P. Lord, Mrs. A. McInnes, Mr. B. Lord & Mr. J. Hudson would progress the matter.
- 685. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £29,790.39 and income being £10,197.75. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government