

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 23rd July 2007**

There were present Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson - Chairman

Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mrs. B Beeley	Mr. A. Hodgkiss
Mr. K. Begley	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. A. McInnes
Mr. R. Franklin	Mrs. D. Shaw

There were no questions from members of the public

The meeting opened with prayers led by Councillor Mr. R. Birse

504. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley, Mrs M. Bingley, Mr M. Buckley, Mr. P. Davenport, Mr. K. Hulme, Mrs. A. Parry & Mr. P. Renold
505. Declarations of Interest – None
506. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 25th June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising - None
507. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 25th June 2007 be confirmed and adopted. Matters arising – None
508. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee held on Monday 9th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None
509. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 9th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising - none
510. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Civic Hall Sub-committee held on Tuesday 10th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record .
Matters arising. – Minute 101 – Hire Charges – The new charges were approved for implementation from 1st August
511. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None

512. Rights of Way Improvement Plan – It was agreed that a working group of Councillors be formed to produce a response to the Right of Way Improvement Plan and identify how the Parish Council could be involved in the future. The working group will be chaired by Councillor Mr M Buckley and consist of Councillors Mr K. Begley, Mr. R. Franklin, Mr. K. Hulme, Mr. B. Lord and Mr. P. Reynolds. The group will co-opt representatives from the Ramblers Association, West Pennine Bridleways, Civic Trust and Greenfield and Grasscroft Residents Association. It was agreed that the Working group will produce the response to the Consultation on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan on behalf of the Parish Council., details of the response will be reported to the Planning Committee on Monday 10th September.
513. Localisation of Services / Opportunities for Additional Funding – It was agreed that a working group of Councillors would be formed to investigate the opportunities, The working group will be chaired by Councillor Mr M Buckley and consist of Councillors Mr K. Begley, Mr. P. Davenport, Mr. R. Franklin, Mr. K. Hulme, Mr. B. Lord and Mr. P. Reynolds
514. Oldham MBC Community Councils – Following a discussion on the role of the Community Council, it was agreed that the Council would nominate up five Councillors. Councillors Mrs. P. Lord, Mrs. A. McInnes and Mr. J. Hudson volunteered to be nominees. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact all Councillors who were not present at the meeting to determine whether they wished to be considered for nomination. It was further agreed that if the total number wishing to be nominated was five or less then all those Councillors would be nominated. If the number exceeded five the Clerk would call a meeting of the Council to enable them to agree the nominations. Councillor Heffernan abstained
515. Area Action Teams – The meeting was informed that the Area Action Team had agreed that one member of the Parish Council could join the Area Action Team. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and that three members should be allowed to attend. Councillors B. Lord and Heffernan abstained
516. Conservation Areas Advisory Committee – The members considered a request from David Sanders to be nominated as a member of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee, It was agreed that Mr Sanders will be a member of the Committee.