

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council  
held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill  
on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010

There were present Cllr Mrs. A. McInnes - Chairman  
Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Vice Chairman

Cllrs.	Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
	Mr. P Bagley	Mr. J. Hudson
	Mrs. B. Beeley	Mr. K. Hulme
	Mrs. M. Bingley	Mr. B. Lord
	Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
	Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. A. Parry
	Mr. B. Cullen	Mr. P. Renold
	Mr. R. Franklin	Mrs. D. Shaw

**798.** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr. P. Davenport & Mr. A Hodgkiss

**799. Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. Derek Heffernan and seconded by Councillor Mr. Phil Renold and resolved that Councillor Mr. Keith Begley be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Mr. Ken Hulme voted against.

Councillor Mr. Begley was invested with the Insignia of Office by the retiring Chairman, Councillor Mrs. McInnes following which a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Councillor Begley. Councillor Begley presided over the remainder of the proceedings and, in making his inaugural speech he thanked Members for his election and outlined his plans for the forthcoming year. Councillor Begley's main charities for the year will be Sense, Alzheimer's Society, Rethink, Diabetes UK and Alcohol Concern.

Medallions were presented to Councillor Mrs. McInnes and Mr. Ian McInnes to mark the service they had given as the Chairman and the Chairman's Consort of the Council during the past year.

**800. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Barbara Beeley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord that Councillor Mr. Bill Cullen be elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor Dr. David Atherton proposed and Councillor Mr. John Hudson seconded Councillor Mr. Ken Hulme as Vice Chairman, there were three votes for Councillor Hulme and fourteen votes against. Councillor Cullen was elected as Vice Chairman by sixteen votes to one. Councillor Cullen was presented with the Insignia of Office.

**801. Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. John Hudson and seconded by Councillor Mr. Brian Lord and resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Mrs. McInnes and her Consort Mr. Ian McInnes for their excellent services throughout the past year.

Councillor McInnes in her response expressed her personal thanks to Ian for all the help and support he had given during her year of office. She also thanked the Vice Chairman and Members of the Council, together with the Parish Council Staff and the Chairman's Charity Committee, for their support during her year of office. The

Charity had raised in excess of £22,000, the main beneficiaries being MacMillan Cancer Care and Myasthenia Gravis Association with smaller amounts being donated to another 28 good causes. She also commented on the projects that have started, including the new website, Tourist bus and Community toilets scheme .

## **802. Establishment of Standing Committees**

- i) Finance & General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee at present comprise all Members of the Council.
- ii) The Council representatives on the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee are normally the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. Other Members are nominated by outside bodies
- iii) The Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Standing Committees are as follows :

### **Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes - Chairman

Cllr. Mr. K. Begley - Vice Chairman

### **Planning Committee**

Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen - Chairman

Cllr. Mr. M. Buckley - Vice Chairman

The above Committees comprise all Members of the Council

### **Conservation Areas Advisory Committee**

Cllr. Mr. M. Buckley - Chairman

Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen - Vice Chairman

## **Dates and Times of Meetings**

### **Council and Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday in the month (except August) at 7.30 p.m.  
No further Council Meeting is proposed to be held in May 2010

### **Planning Committee**

Meetings will usually be held on the first Monday in every month at 7.30 p.m.  
(Subject to changes to take account of meetings of Oldham M.B.C. Planning Committee)

### **Conservation Areas Advisory Committee**

Meetings are to be held at 4.30pm on the afternoon of the Planning Committee

### **Sub Committees meet as required.**

Membership of sub committees is as follows:

#### **Cemetery Sub Committee**

Chairman	Cllr. Birse
Vice Chairman	Cllr. Buckley
Councillor:	Bagley

#### **Civic Hall Sub Committee**

Chairman	Cllr. McInnes
Vice Chairman	Cllr. Cullen
Councillors:	Beeley, Begley, Bingley, B. Lord, P. Lord, Renold & Shaw

### **Environmental Sub-Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Parry  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Begley  
Councillors: Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss, Hulme & McInnes  
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor  
District Partnership representatives

### **Special Projects & Grants Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. P. Lord  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Cullen  
Councillors: Bagley, Begley, Birse, Hodgkiss, Hulme, B. Lord, McInnes, & Shaw

### **Transport & Traffic Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Franklin  
Vice Chairman District Partnership nominee  
Councillors: Bagley, Buckley, Hodgkiss, McInnes, Parry & Shaw  
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor  
District Partnership representatives

### **Planning Policy Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Buckley  
Vice Chairman Cllr. Beeley  
Councillors: Bagley, Cullen & Hulme  
Oldham M.B.C. Ward Councillor  
District Partnership representatives

### **Fuel Poverty Sub Committee**

Chairman Cllr. Franklin  
Councillor: B. Lord  
Co-opted members

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex officio for all Sub-Committees

### **Saddleworth & Lees District Partnership**

Nominees - Cllrs. Begley, Cullen, Franklin, Hodgkiss, P. Lord, McInnes & Parry

Sub-Committee nominees

Health - Cllrs. Franklin & McInnes, Youth - Cllr. Begley

### **Representatives on other Outside Bodies**

Standards Committee – Cllr Cullen

Peak Park Parishes Forum – Cllrs Bagley, Begley & Buckley

Grotton and Springhead Association – Cllrs. Beeley, Cullen and B. Lord

Home Safety Committee – Cllrs Bingley, Cullen, Heffernan, P. Lord, McInnes,  
Non councillors Mr. J. Angove, Mrs. K. Angove,  
Mr. D. Caddick, Mrs E. Firth & Mrs. J. Jeeves

Saddleworth Educational Charities.  
Boarshurst Educational Foundation - Cllr Birse

Hawkyard & Whitehead Educational Foundation – Cllrs Bingley, Buckley,  
B. Lord, McInnes (Chairman) & Shaw.  
Non councillors Mr. D. Caddick, Mrs P. Cornish, Mrs H. Rowland,  
Ms. M. Taylor (Secretary) & Miss. E. Travis

Diggle Educational Trust -Revd Duncan Rhodes & Stan Cowburn

Trustees of the Rochdale United Charity and Ladies Charity, - Cllr B. Lord.

Millgate Arts Centre – Cllr. Begley

### **Planning Committee**

It was resolved that the Planning Committee is granted delegated powers so that its recommendations can be effective immediately, without waiting for confirmation by the Council.

### **803. Authorised Signatories**

Two signatories are required for each cheque, it was agreed that the following Members of the Council be authorised as signatories for the accounts held at Nat West bank for the municipal year 2010/2011:

Cllr. Mr. K. Begley

Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen

Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes

Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson

Cllr. Mr. R. Birse

The Clerk will also be one of the authorised signatories

### **804. Accounts for Payment**

The list of Accounts for Payment was approved. The total expenditure being £22,838.77 and income being £14,423.50. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.