

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

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

Cllrs.	Mr. P.W. Bagley	Mr. D. Heffernan
	Mrs. M. Bingley	Mr. K Hulme
	Mr. R. Birse	Mr. B. Lord
	Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. P. Lord
	Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. A.C. Parry
	Mr. P.H. Davenport	Mr. P. Renold
	Mr. R.G. Franklin	Mrs. D.M Shaw

- 891. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. B.A. Beeley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss & Mr. J. Hudson.
- 892. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 893. Oldham Council Budget 2010 – 2011** - Mark Taylor gave a brief presentation on the Oldham Council budget proposals and answered questions from members.
- 894. Tourist bus** – a meeting is being held at Dovestone with the preferred provider and GMITA to ensure that the bus can operate safely. Discussions are taking place with Saddleworth Rangers for the provision of a supervised Park and Ride facility during the bus operating times.
- 895. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – the Platform lift in the Lower halls has now been installed. The Architect is currently drawing up the tender documents. The information was noted and accepted.
- 896. Provision of Information to the Public** – The next meeting of Task and Finish group will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February with the I.T. provider to discuss the web-site design.
- 897. Parish Plan** – Approximately 1,000 copies have been distributed to date. A number of actions are already being progressed. Other actions will be incorporated in the response to the LDF draft which will be issued by Oldham Council shortly.
- 898. Rights of Way** – Discussions have taken place about the Tourist map. Documentation from the Rights of Ways surveys is going to be passed to Terence Cavanagh for action. A database is being developed with the help of a degree student.
- 899. South Pennine Forum** – Need to try and progress cross-pennine transport links. Pennine Prospects are also trying to take action to deal with the cross-boundary fare issue.

- 900. Transport** – The trees around the Baths Car park have now been trimmed, the Traffic Order for The Square is being prepared, the other car parking issues are due to be considered. Need to look at the possibility of bus links from Saddleworth to the Metrolink stations in Shaw and Newhey.
- 901. Fuel Poverty** – Oldham Council has now appointed a full-time officer to deal with Fuel Poverty, the NHS has also got a similar post. A borough-wide Fuel Poverty strategy is now being developed. A Thermal Imaging van is touring parts of the Borough including parts of Saddleworth collecting information about heat loss. The occupiers will then be contacted and offered advice and assistance to reduce heat loss.
- 902. Pennine Prospects** – Nothing to report
- 903. Peak Park** – Nothing to report.
- 904. District Partnership** – The next meeting is at the Civic Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> February.
- 905. Water Power** – The project is progressing well, permission has been obtained from UU to generate Electricity at the site. A press release will be issued shortly. It is a financial viable proposition and an Industrial and Providence Society is to be formed.
- 906. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Nothing to report.
- 907. NWRAF conference** – the conference is being held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March in Kendal, further information is available from the Clerk.
- 908. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £41,477.26 and income being £4,518.13. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government