

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

There were present            Cllr. Mrs. P. Lord - Chairman  
   Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes – Vice Chairman

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

There were no questions from members of the public

The meeting opened with prayers led by Reader Jack Dockerty

663. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr. P. Davenport, Mr. A. Hodgkiss & Mrs. A. Parry
664. Declarations of Interest – None
665. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.  
Matters arising – None
666. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 be confirmed and adopted. Matters arising - None
667. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None
668. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.  
Matters arising

**Planning Application PA/055194 – Tesco Stores variation to condition 7.**

The Committee took the advice of the ward councillors and Planning Officer. The Oldham MBC Planning Committee rejected the application having considered the responses from the Tesco representatives at the meeting.

669. Concerns were raised over the comments in the local press about the Parish Council and in particular that information from an embargoed document had been disclosed. It was stated that the Council can only take over services in partnership with Oldham MBC. The Parish Council needs to decide what services they would like to manage, this will take into account the views expressed in the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

670. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Members voted for the exclusion of the Press and Public from the meeting for the next item.

671. **Annual estimates 2009 - 2010**

Members considered a report from the Clerk on the proposed budget for 2009 – 2010. The budget included provision for the annual pay award, £4,500 contribution to the running costs of the Visitor Information Service in addition to staff time to the value of £3,200. The Band D precept will increase by 2.26% to £17.90.

Members approved the estimates and the precept for the year of £176,310 and noted that the reserve balances at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 will be £70,000. The staff salaries for 2009 – 2010 were also approved..