

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

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

Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mr. P. Bagley	Mr. A. Hodgkiss
Mrs. B Beeley	Mr. K. Hulme
Mr. K. Begley	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr M. Buckley	Mr. P. Renold
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. D. Shaw
Mr. R. Franklin	

There were no questions from members of the public

The meeting opened with prayers led by Revd. Paul Stringer

543. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mrs M. Bingley, Mr. P. Davenport, Mrs. A. McInnes & Mrs. A. Parry

542. Declarations of Interest – None

543. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 536 – Parish Cemetery - Information not yet received concerning Planning permission for adjoining field

544. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

Matters arising – Minute 564 – Congestion Charging – Surprise expressed that the local MP and Councillor Sutcliffe were not going to be invited to the proposed public meeting. Councillor Knowles had been suggested as a long standing member of the P.T.E., who lives locally, knows the district and is an international expert on transport.

Matters arising – Minute 571 – Devolution of services – Concern that working group does not have any opposition members. The intention of the working groups is for a group of Councillors to work together to produce a document for discussion at a meeting of all Councillors where everyone will have an opportunity to express their views.

545. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Environment Sub-Committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 54 Himalayan Balsam – Groundwork will be producing a full report for consideration at the January Finance & General Purposes Committee. A sub group are going to meet with Groundwork to discuss how to move forward building on the success of the activities in 2007.

Matters arising – Minute 53 Recycling – It was agreed that Jo Stanley from Oldham M.B.C. will be invited to the January Finance & General Purposes Committee to give Councillors an opportunity to identify how the Parish Council can work with Oldham M.B.C. to improve recycling in Saddleworth.

- 546 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Projects and Grants Sub-Committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 193 – Notice boards – Councillor Heffernan has further information about a possible site in Scouthead.

- 547 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Attendance / apologies – need to review attendance at the meeting

548. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising - None

- 549 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 542 Saddleworth White Rose Society – proposal. Original expectation was that the Group would have spoken to other Councils and the public before the Special Council meeting. The group will now write to neighbouring Parish and Town Councils to ascertain their views on the forum and the White Rose Society proposal. The group will also look at the best way of consulting the public, one option is a questionnaire in the annual News & Views magazine. Up-date reports will be given at future Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings.

550. Parking in Uppermill - It was agreed that Standing Orders should be suspended to allow the members of the public present an opportunity to express their views on the issue.

It was agreed that a continuation of the status quo is not an option. The 18 hour restriction should be withdrawn with the introduction of restricted times on the 5 Car parks in Uppermill. Improved signage for the Swimming Baths Car Park should be put up on the main street in Uppermill as soon as possible. The Swimming Pool modifications should be carried out before any restrictions are imposed on any other car park. Parking restrictions in the Square should be imposed to cater for the Market on a Wednesday as soon as possible. Residents Permits are not considered viable. Oldham M.B.C. should consider the introduction of a Parking Disc system used in other parts of the country. Consideration should also be given to removing parking restriction on one side of some roads.

It was agreed that Councillor Royce Franklin will attend the forthcoming meeting between Councillor John McCann and Tony Noblet.

It was also agreed that the Clerk will invite Councillor Dave Hibbert to a future meeting to discuss Parking issues in Saddleworth. It was further agreed that representations will be made to Oldham M.B.C. to request that the Parish Council is consulted and given time to express a view on any traffic management issues in Saddleworth.

551. Procedures. Publicity and Politics – Concern that some information is appearing in the local press before it has been discussed by the Council and on occasions the level of reporting could be better. All Councillors should represent the electorate and do the best for Saddleworth. Reports produced by sub groups will be shared with all Councillors.
552. Presentation of Awards – Saddleworth North Schools – the Chairman informed the meeting that he had presented the awards earlier in the day. He is going to show a DVD of the presentations from the Children at the Civic Ball to enable the guests to see the future of Saddleworth