

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 26th October 2009**

There were present

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

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

- 848. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss & Mr. P. Renold
- 849. Declarations of Interest – None**
- 850. Red telephone kiosks –** members considered a report from the Clerk on the possible adoption of some red telephone kiosks. It was agreed that further information was required concerning cleaning, removal in the event of serious damage and any rental liability for the sites. The formal consultation period ends on 21st November, the Clerk will contact BT to ask if this date can be extended.
- 851. Parish Plan –** The final version has been produced and given to the printers, it should be available in three weeks. Members thanked Councillor Buckley and the Parish Plan working group for all their efforts. A meeting has been arranged with Inspector Milovanovic to discuss the opening hours of the Police Station. Discussions are being held with Roy Taylor (RSPB) and GMITA concerning a Tourist Bus, this will also be raised at the meeting with the Peak Park.
- 852. Rights of Way –** the project is progressing, a meeting of the group, including Terence Cavanagh, will be held before Christmas. Need to look at the Delph end of the Delph Donkey when it is surveyed..
- 853. South Pennine Forum –** The next meeting is in November.
- 854. Transport –** Speed signs are being purchased by Oldham Council for installation across the Borough, there are two schemes one funded from the Highways budget and the other one from a new budget. The District Partnerships will identify suitable sites for the latter.

- 855. Fuel Poverty** – The next meeting of the group is in November.
- 856. Pennine Prospects** – The annual conference was held in this building, it went very well and the delegates were very impressed with Uppermill. The Heritage Lottery funding bid is going to stage 2. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Imogen Fuller to thank her for all the work that she is doing supporting Saddleworth. The criteria for Leader project grants has been revised.
- 857. Peak Park** – A meeting with representatives from Oldham Council and the Peak Park will be held at the Civic Hall in November.
- 858. District Partnership** – The next meeting is 3rd December, the PACT meeting in Greenfield is 17th November. There will be a written report on health at the Partnership meeting. The tubs around the area will be planted with winter flowering bulbs. The Christmas lights will be spread further this year. The Community Toilet scheme will be discussed at the Environment Sub-Committee and the Tourist Bus at the Traffic and Transport Sub-Committee.
- 859. Water Power** – the project is now seen as viable and feasible. The financial aspects need to be looked at, including any grant funding, discussion are taking place with United Utilities. The next meeting of the group is on 4th December.
- 860. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Nothing to report.
- 861. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £16,462.32 and income being £94,772.07. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government
- 862. Exclusion of Press and Public** – The members voted for the exclusion of the Press and Public from the meeting for the next item. Councillor Hulme voted against.
- 863. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – The owners of some of the properties on Lee Street had delivered a letter requesting the Council to ask the Architect to look at re-locating the ramp. It was agreed that the Clerk will advise them that their views will be taken into account. It was also agreed to place an advertisement in the Oldham Chronicle and Oldham Advertising inviting Expressions of Interest to tender for the Phase 2 work.