

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 27th April 2009**

There were present Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes – Chairman

Cllrs. Mr. P.W. Bagley	Mr. A. Hodgkiss
Mrs. B.A. Beeley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mrs. M.J. Bingley	Mr. K Hulme
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. A.C. Parry
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. D.M Shaw

- 778. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mr K. Begley, Mr. P.H. Davenport, Mr. R.G. Franklin, Mr. D. Heffernan & Mr. B. Lord
- 779. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 780. Local Development Framework** – A detailed response is being prepared, further meetings of the group will be held to finalise the response.
- 781. Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document – Residual Waste Disposal.** – members considered a response drafted by the Planning Policy Sub-committee rejecting the possible extension of the Highmoor Quarry site. Members unanimously agreed that the response should be sent to the Planning team at Greater Manchester Geological Unit..
- 782. Parish Plan - Update.**
The Draft Plan has now been completed, a presentation will be given at the Annual Parish meeting on 30th April, copies will be given to all Parish Councillors and a number of consultees. The Plan will be published in the Summer.
- 783. Rights of Way – Update**
Steady progress has been made. There are concerns about temporary diversions of footpaths for developments that have been delayed due to the current economic climate. The Clerk with contact the Oldham M.B.C. Rights of Way Officer about the Delph Donkey path.
- 784. South Pennine Forum – Update**
An invitation has been received from the South Pennine Branch to attend the next meeting in order to “exchange information” on an informal basis. It was agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Buckley should attend the meeting on Wednesday 10th June at the Ripponden Community Centre. Councillor Hulme abstained
- 785. Transport** – Deferred to next meeting.
- 786. Fuel Poverty** – Deferred to next meeting.
- 787. Pennine Prospects – Update**
Currently looking at local food production and buying local. Draft proposal for Integrated Visitor Management for South Pennine, including improved transport links.

The Leader project has £500k to be spent during this year. An initial round of bids have been considered, none of the Saddleworth bids were successful. The criteria are being revised before the next round of bids.

788. Area Committee – Update

All the funds have now been allocated. Hanging baskets and planters will be provided in various villages. The LDF response from the Parish Council will include the whole of the Area Committee area.

789. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2

The stage extension is in need urgent attention. The modernisation plans are currently being revised to ensure that they provide the facilities that are needed. It was agreed that the Civic Hall sub-committee will make the necessary arrangements to replace the current stage extensions.

790. Water Power

Phil Woolas MP has confirmed that representatives of the Parish Council will be invited to join the group investigating Water Power, it was agreed that Councillors Begley & Buckley would attend. A report produced by Councillors Begley & Buckley concerning the Torrs Hydro scheme was received and noted

791. Internal Audit report – the report was received and noted

792. Accounts for Payment - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £6,196.98 and income being £90,999.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government