

Minutes of the Special Environmental Sub-Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Thursday 27th August 2009

There were present Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Chairman
 Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs: Mr. B. Cullen
 Mr. R Franklin
 Mr. K. Hulme
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mr. M. Buckley
 Graham Parker (GGRA)

152. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley, Mr A. Hodgkiss & Mrs. V. Sedgwick (Oldham MBC), Enid Firth (Area Committee).

153. Red Telephone boxes- B.T. wrote to Oldham Council Planning department eighteen months ago identifying five red kiosks in Saddleworth with low usage. The Area Committee agreed to sponsor two of the kiosks, Ladcastle Road / Dobcross New Road, Dobcross & Frairmere Road / Denshaw Road, Delph. The cost of sponsorship is £300 per kiosk per annum, B.T. continue to operate the kiosk as a “cashless phone”

B.T. have now offered the other three kiosks and a further one for adoption by the Parish Council for £1 each. If the kiosk was adopted B.T. would remove the telephony, and ownership of the kiosk structure would be transferred to the Parish Council. The kiosks are:

Broad Lane, Delph (this is listed building)
Delph Lodge, Huddersfield Road, Delph
Ladhill Lane, Chew Valley Road, Greenfield
Junction of Station Road, Sam Road, Diggle

B.T. placed notices in these boxes in July informing local residents of a 42 day consultation period. A separate formal consultation process is also being undertaken with the Parish and Borough Council, this consultation ends on 21st November 2009.

A Red Telephone kiosk at the junction of Doctor Lane / Huddersfield Road, Scouthead was destroyed in a road traffic accident, the damaged structure was removed and the footway temporarily re-instated. B.T. have indicated that they would provide a new style kiosk rather than the traditional K6 kiosk.

Councillor Buckley and Lisa McDonald have arranged a meeting with B.T. to discuss this and issues concerning the sponsored kiosks.

Members discussed a range of options for the four kiosks available for adoption including the involvement of community groups. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain additional information about possible uses and a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The views of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee will also be sought.