

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

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

Cllrs. Mr. P.W. Bagley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mr. B. Cullen	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. P.H. Davenport	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. R.G. Franklin	Mrs. D.M Shaw

- 812. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. B.A. Beeley. Mr K. Begley, Mrs. M.J. Bingley, Mr. R. Birse, Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. D. Heffernan, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mr. K Hulme, Mrs. A.C. Parry & Mr. P. Renold
- 813. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 814. Agenda items** – it was agreed that new items will in future be at the beginning of the agenda.
- 815. Parish Plan** – Responses have been received on the Draft Plan from Oldham M.B.C. and other partner organisations these are being considered by the Parish Plan working group.
- 816. Rights of Way** – The Rights of Way project will now be within the Environment Sub-committee.
- 817. South Pennine Forum** – The next meeting is in November, the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor Buckley have been invited to attend the meeting on an informal / exchange of information basis.
- 818. Transport** – Oldham Council are to purchase a number of Speed indicators (SPiD) for installation across the Borough, some will be at fixed sites, other may be moved between locations. The Traffic & Transport sub-committee can suggest sites in Saddleworth & Lees. The Parish Council could consider purchasing one, it is unclear whether the Parish Council would be able to control where the SPiD was sited. It was agreed that a decision on possible purchase would be deferred until September. A meeting is being held on Tuesday 28th July to discuss the Friezland 106 scheme.
Car Parking – King George V Playing Field Car Park has been re-surfaced, the work at the Swimming Pool car park is nearly complete, additional lining is required once the work on the All-weather pitch has been completed.

- 819. Fuel Poverty** – The Fuel Poverty sub-committee have agreed that it is not possible to produce an “Idiots guide” to Fuel Poverty. Referrals will be made to the Energy Saving Trust who can “signpost” other services as well as giving energy saving advice. There will be a stall at the Yorkshire Day event. A presentation on Fuel Poverty is planned for 8th September at the Civic Hall.
- 820. Pennine Prospects** – Deferred to the next meeting.
- 821. Peak Park** – Deferred to the next meeting. The RSPB are holding two Consultation events at the Civic Hall in September and will be making a presentation to the September meeting of this committee on Dovestone.
- 822. District Partnership** – The District Partnership held it’s first meeting, the Partnership will consists of the 9 Oldham Councillors, with the Police, PCT and Parish Council nominees. The Partnership is a meeting held in public rather than a public meeting, the public are able to submit questions in advance. Ward forums will be held in conjunction with the Police PACT meetings, these will be quarterly in each ward.
- 823. Environmental sub-committee – Draft frames of reference** – members approved the draft frames of reference for the Environmental sub-committee, these will be presented to the next District Partnership meeting.
- 823. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – members of the Civic Hall sub-committee are meeting with the Architect to revise the plans before they are submitted to Oldham Council. The final scheme will be submitted to the Council for approval. The replacement stage extensions have been ordered.
- 824. Water Power** – the meeting planned for July was postponed.
- 825. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Dan Melrose gave a presentation on Fuel Poverty Action Plan.
- 826. Oldham Council – Consultation on revised Gambling Policy statement** – it was agreed that the Planning Policy Sub-committee would consider a response.
- 827. Insurance** – The Clerk advised the meeting that the Council’s Insurance was due for renewal in June. The cover was in line with that agreed last year with the addition of the value of the new chains. The Chairman of the Council had reviewed the cover offered by Zurich Municipal and agreed to accept the new premium of £5,784.80. Members approved the decision to accept the quotation.

- 828. Budget monitoring** – The Clerk submitted a report showing the annual budget, expenditure and income to date and the budget remaining. The report was received and accepted.
- 829. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £24,554.91 and income being £12,274.97. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government