

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 28th January 2008**

There were present Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson - Chairman
Cllr. Mr. P Davenport – Vice Chairman

Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mr. P. Bagley	Mr. K. Hulme
Mrs. B Beeley	Mr. B. Lord
Mr K. Begley	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. R. Birse	Mrs. A. McInnes
Mr M. Buckley	Mrs. A. Parry
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. Jean Barton

564. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs., Mrs M. Bingley & Mr. A. Hodgkiss

565. Declarations of Interest – None

566. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Councillor Mrs Mavis Bingley wishing her a speedy recovery and return to the Council.

567. IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 10th December 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 559 Car Parking in Uppermill. Tony Noblet has confirmed that money has been identified to carry out improvements at the Saddleworth Pool Car park. It is intended that people staying all day will use this car park to free up spaces on the other car parks in Uppermill. Yellow lines will be painted on Shaw Hall Bank Road in the next few weeks.

Minute 560 – Springhead Community Centre – was taken over by the Community supported by local councillors. A business plan and constitution are being drawn up. Estimates are being obtained for the work required on the building. The future beyond March is being discussed with Oldham MBC.

568. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 10th December 2007 be confirmed and adopted.

Matters arising - Minute 588 – Dog Control Orders – it was agreed that Ward Councillors would identify any problems within their areas.

- 569 IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Projects Sub Committee held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising - None
570. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee held on Monday 7th January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None
571. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 7th January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None
572. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Environment Sub Committee held on Monday 21st January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters arising – Minute 62 – Water Power – An offer has been received from the Community Hydro scheme to make a presentation to Councillors about the project. Oldham MBC have previously investigated the use of Water power, the Clerk will request a copy of the report from Oldham MBC. Members considered whether a feasibility study should be carried out before a visit was made, it was agreed that a visit could take place prior to a feasibility study.

Minute 60 – Himalayan Balsom – Graham Gibbons from Groundwork Oldham and Rochdale will be attending the February Finance & General Purposes Committee to present a report on the work done in 2007 and a proposal programme for 2008.

573. Local Development Framework – Councillor Buckley made a presentation summarising the responses submitted by the Parish Council. The document is the largest and most detailed response that Oldham MBC have received, the response is likely to form as large part of the Parish Plan that the Council is developing. Special thanks to all the people who have worked on drawing up the plan.

Councillor Hulme proposed two amendments to the document – the proposal were rejected.

It was agreed to add a sentence be added “Consideration should be given to the extension of the Peak District National Park into parts Saddleworth.

574. Budget – Members considered a report from the Clerk on the proposed budget for 2008-2009. Additional income from increased usage of the Civic Hall along with reduced staffing costs had enable the Band D precept to remain at the 2007-2008 level of £17.50.

Members approved the estimates and precept for the year of £169,600 and noted that the reserve balances at 1st April 2008 will be £76,000. The staff salaries for 2008-2009 were also approved.