

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 28th September 2009**

There were present

Cllr. Mr K. Begley - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes – Vice 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	Mr. B. Lord
	Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. P. Lord
	Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. A.C. Parry
	Mr. R.G. Franklin	Mr. P. Renold
	Mr. D. Heffernan	Mrs. D.M Shaw

830. Apologies for Absence: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton & Mr. P.H. Davenport.

831. Declarations of Interest – None

832. RSPB – Dovestone – Roy Taylor RSPB Area Manager gave a presentation to the Committee on proposals for the Dovestone site. A detailed consultation exercise is currently being undertaken including public meetings, face to face and web-site questionnaires. It was agreed that the Planning Policy Sub committee will draft a formal response on behalf of the Parish Council.

833. Red telephone kiosks – members considered a paper produced by Councillor Buckley on the possible adoption of some red telephone kiosks. It was agreed that further information would be sought and a report presented to the next meeting of this committee

834. Huddersfield Canal Society - a celebratory event will be held during 2011 to commemorate the opening of the tunnel in 1811.

835. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2 – The Planning application will be considered by Oldham Council on Wednesday. A formal complaint has been received from Mr Knotts concerning the proposals, the Chairman and Clerk will produce a response to the complaint.

836. Parish Plan – A meeting has been held with Oldham Council, some good suggestions were made that will be incorporated in the final document. Members thanked Councillor Buckley for his work producing the plan document.

- 837. Rights of Way** – Nothing to report.
- 838. South Pennine Forum** – The next meeting is in November.
- 839. Transport** – The Gritting routes have been discussed by Leadership at Oldham Council. Speed signs are being purchased by Oldham Council for installation across the Borough, the District Partnerships will identify suitable sites. It was agreed that a decision on possible purchase by the Parish Council would be deferred.
- 840. Fuel Poverty** – There is a training session at the Civic Hall on 13th October.
- 841. Pennine Prospects** – A Heritage Lottery funding bid has been made. The Leader project has 23% not spent. The annual conference is at the Civic Hall
- 842. Peak Park** – Nothing to report
- 843. District Partnership** – The next meeting is on 1st October.
- 844. Water Power** – the next meeting is in Mid October.
- 845. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Debt advice is available, details will be circulated by the Clerk.
- 846. Final Accounts 2008 – 2009** – The Clerk submitted a copy of the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance duly certified by the External Auditor. Members agreed to approve and accept the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance.
- 847. Accounts for Payment** - The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £36,458.33 and income being £8,464.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government