

.Minutes of the Environmental Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 2nd June 2008

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Chairman
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman
Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen, Mrs. P. Lord & Mrs. A. McInnes,

Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale)
Edith Howarth (GGRA)

81. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Mr. R Franklin, Mr A. Hodgkiss & Mr. K. Hulme.
Doug Murray & Graham Parker

82. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising
Heritage Festival – information circulated at last Finance & General Purposes meeting – reminder to be sent to all Councillors.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan – One team has carried out the first trial walk.

Huddersfield Canal – good publication has been produced about the Canal.
Representatives of the Parish Council have been invited to attend future meetings..

Swan Meadows – there were problems with sewerage in the playground and on the public footpath. The National Playing Fields Association has a rolling programme of playgrounds and the Environmental Assets Manager is now monitoring the situation to improve the playground.

83. Himalayan Balsam – Lottery application submitted, looking at other sources of funding for 2009 – 2010. Some events already planned – Diggle 25th June, Delph 26th June, need to agree a date for Grotton. The dates may change dependant on growing season. Schools have also been contacted and agreed to be involved. Publicity is being prepared by Groundwork, an article has appeared in Saddleworth Monthly and will appear in Parish Flyer. Leaflets and posters will be produced for each event. Groundwork have a good volunteering scheme who will provide assistance at events. Need to collect information on the effect of the clearing.

84. Recycling – The Clerk will contact Jo Stanley at Oldham MBC about recycling facilities in Saddleworth including the possibility of a Civic Amenity Site similar to that at Shaw. A Freecycle website exists where people can dispose of unwanted items.

85. Toilets – The Parish Plan questionnaire will include a question on toilet provision in Saddleworth, await response from survey before approaching businesses about possible Community Toilet Scheme.

86. **Water Power** – Awaiting information from Peak Park consultant.
87. **Community Spaces funding** – Funding is available to improve green spaces, further information at www.communityspaces.org.uk , Groundwork are providing support to applicants.
88. **Date of next meeting** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub Committee will be on Monday 30th June at 7.30 pm