

Minutes of the Environmental Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill  
**On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

There were present            Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Chairman  
   Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Vice Chairman  
Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. R Franklin, Mrs. P. Lord & Mrs. A. McInnes,  
  
   Graham Gibbons (Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale)  
   Doug Murray (Oldham Countryside Service)  
   Graham Parker (GGRA)

**89. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs, Mr A. Hodgkiss & Mr. K. Hulme.

**90. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising**

Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Trial walk with all the coordinators will take place at High Moor on Sunday.

Swan Meadows – United Utilities have not been back to clear the sewerage. There were problems with the condition of the footpath, it was possible that local volunteers, e.g. Delph Community Association could do the work on a voluntary basis in consultation with the Oldham Countryside Service.

**91. Himalayan Balsam** – The Lottery application had been successful and will be used to fund additional events and mapping, the money has to be spent by mid July 2009. Half the events have now taken place, the Delph event had to be postponed because of the weather. Events have been completed in Friezland and Diggle, plans are being made for Uppermill and Dobcross. Groundwork are working with schools as they did in 2007, their V team volunteers are also helping with Community events. The areas that have been re-visited in Diggle are significantly better than last year, it must be remembered that the seeds can lay dormant for 3 to 4 years.

**92. Recycling** – Jo Stanley from the Oldham MBC recycling team will be asked to attend the July Finance and General Purposes meeting to up-date members on recycling and also the possibility of a Civic Amenity Site similar to that at Shaw.

**93. Toilets** – Deffered until after the Parish Plan questionnaire has been completed in October. One of the current problems is anti-social behaviour at certain times of the day.

**94. Water Power** – The clerk to obtain up from the Peak Park consultant. The New Mills scheme should be finished in the near future, need to contact them to make arrangements for a visit. The Parish Council needs to link into the other groups that are also looking at Water Power

**95. Date of next meeting** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub Committee will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm