

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council
held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
on Monday 16th May 2011

There were present Cllr. Mr. K. Begley - Chairman
Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen – Vice Chairman

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| Cllrs. Mr. N. Allsopp | Mr. K. Hulme |
| Dr. D. Atherton | Mrs. N. Kirkham |
| Mrs. M. Bingley | Mr. R. Knotts |
| Ms. L. Brown | Mr. B. Lord |
| Mr. M. Buckley | Mrs. P. Lord |
| Mrs. E. Firth | Mr. R. McCann |
| Mr. R. Franklin | Mr. A. Roughley |
| Mr. G. Harkness | Ms. L. Schofield |
| Mr. D. Heffernan | Mr. G. Sheldon |
| Mr. J. Hudson | |

A presentation was made to Bob Birse to recognise his service to the Parish Council since 1974.

906. Apologies for Absence: None

907. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Pat Lord and seconded by Councillor Mr. John Hudson and resolved that Councillor Mr. Bill Cullen be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mr. Cullen was invested with the Insignia of Office by the retiring Chairman, Councillor Mr. Begley following which a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was read and signed by Councillor Cullen. Councillor Cullen presided over the remainder of the proceedings and, in making his inaugural speech he thanked Members for his election and outlined his plans to involve all Parish Councillors in all developments in the forthcoming year. Councillor Cullen's main charities for the year will be M.S., Parkinson's Disease & Osteoarthritis.

Medallions were presented to Keith and Jenny Begley to mark the service they had given as the Chairman and the Chairman's Consort of the Council during the past year.

908. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council

It was proposed by Councillor Dr. David Atherton, seconded by Councillor Mr. Rob Knotts and resolved that Councillor Mr. Ken Hulme be elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor Hulme was presented with the Insignia of Office.

909. Vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. Derek Heffernan and seconded by Councillor Mr. John Hudson and resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Keith and Jenny Begley for their excellent services throughout the past year.

Keith Begley in his response expressed his personal thanks to Jenny for all the help and support she had given during her year of office. She also thanked the Vice Chairman and Members of the Council, together with the Parish Council Staff and

the Chairman's Charity Committee, for their support during her year of office. The Charity had raised in excess of £18,000, the main beneficiaries were Sense (the charity for the deaf and blind), Alzheimer's Society, Rethink (a charity for schizophrenics), the Oldham branch of Diabetes UK and Alcohol Concern. Smaller donations were made to another 14 local charities.

910. Establishment of Standing Committees

- i) Finance & General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee at present comprise all Members of the Council.
- ii) The Council representatives on the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee are normally the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee. Other Members are nominated by outside bodies

It was resolved that Councillor Mr. M. Buckley would be Chairman of the Planning Committee. All the other appointments were deferred.

Dates and Times of Meetings

Council and Finance & General Purposes Committee

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday in the month (except August) at 7.30 p.m. No further Council Meeting is proposed to be held in May 2011

Planning Committee

Meetings will usually be held on the first Monday in every month at 7.30 p.m.

Conservation Areas Advisory Committee

Meetings are to be held at 3.00pm on the afternoon of the Planning Committee

Planning Committee

It was resolved that the Planning Committee is granted delegated powers so that its recommendations can be effective immediately, without waiting for confirmation by the Council.

911. Authorised Signatories

Two signatories are required for each cheque, it was agreed that the following Members of the Council be authorised as signatories for the accounts held at Nat West bank for the municipal year 2011/2012:

Chairman – Cllr. Mr. B. Cullen

Vice Chairman - Cllr. Mr. K. Hulme

Finance & General Purposes Committee Chairman

Finance & General Purposes Committee Vice Chairman

Cllr. Mr. J. Hudson

The Clerk will also be one of the authorised signatories

912. Accounts for Payment

The list of Accounts for Payment was approved. The total expenditure being £111,927.20 and income being £2795.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.