

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 12th December 2011**

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

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

The meeting opened with prayers led by Councillor Bill Cullen.

987. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mrs. N. Kirkham & Mr. R. McCann

988. Declarations of Interest – None

989. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 28th November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None

990. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 28th November 2011 be confirmed and adopted. Matters arising – None.

991. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee held on Monday 5th December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None.

992. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 5th December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record. Matters arising – None.

993. Audit for the year ending 31st March 2011 – 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.

994. Staffing Committee – The clerk advised members that the working group undertaking a Review of the Standing Orders has recommended the creation of an Interim Staffing Committee. Members approved the creation of the Committee, the terms of reference will be presented to a Special Council meeting on 9th January. If the terms of reference are agreed, nominations for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and three members will be sought by 16th January. The appointments will be made at the Council meeting on 23rd January by secret ballot. It was also agreed that the proposal would not establish a precedent for selecting other committee positions.