

Minutes of the Environmental Sub-Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill  
**On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**

There were present            Cllr. Mrs. A. Parry – Chairman  
   Cllr. Mr. K. Begley – Vice Chairman  
   Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen  
   Mr. R. Franklin  
   Mrs. A. McInnes  
   Enid Firth (Area Committee)  
   Graham Parker (GGRA)

- 209. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs. Mr. K. Hulme & Ian Meynell (Oldham Council Street Scene).
- 210. Minutes of last meeting** – No matters arising
- 211. Recycling** – we will continue to monitor any rubbish bags left near to the recycling bins on the Victoria Mill Car Park.
- 212. Himalayan Balsam** – Research is being carried out by CABI (formerly known as the Commonwealth and Agricultural Bureau) to identify possible natural enemies of the plant. One of the aims of the Parish Council project was to increase community involvement in the project. GGRA managed to clear an area at Friezland Arena and keep it clear. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Community Associations to ask for their assistance in continuing the programme, reminding them that any project needs to run for 2 to 3 years to be effective.
- 213. Community Toilets** – The Old Bell in Delph has now joined the scheme, a replacement direction sign is needed for the Diggle Hotel. It is hoped to expand the scheme in Uppermill and other parts of the area.
- 214. Water Power** – An application has been made to fund more research.
- 215. CABA – Remove the Clutter** – it was agreed that the draft Terms of Reference would be submitted to the District Partnership. The issues will be dealt with by both the Traffic and Transport sub-committee and this sub-committee.
- 216. Public seats** – There is a need to carry out an audit of seats across the area, and who is responsible for them.
- 217. Litters** – It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Darren, the “Dandyman” q1 based in Uppermill, who also covers Greenfield and Diggle, for his work. There has recently been a problem with waste paper in Lydgate following the waste collection, any problems should be reported to the Refuse Services team.
- 218. Advertising boards** – It was agreed that Advertising boards should be dealt with by the “Remove the Clutter” group.