

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 18th April 2011**

There were present Cllr. Mrs. A. McInnes - Chairman
Cllr. Mr K. Begley – Vice Chairman

Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. D. Heffernan
Mr. P.W. Bagley	Mr. J. Hudson
Mrs. B.A. Beeley	Mr. K Hulme
Mr. R. Birse	Mr. B. Lord
Mr. M. Buckley	Mrs. P. Lord
Mr. B. Cullen	Mr. P. Renold
Mr. R.G. Franklin	Mrs. D.M Shaw

- 1132. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. P.H. Davenport & Mrs. A.C. Parry
- 1133. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 1134. Community Toilet Scheme** – Members were reminded that the payment to the eleven private premises on the scheme is based on the facilities that they provide and their available hours, not usage.
- 1135. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – The external building work is now complete, it fits in well with the old building and looks much better than the former brick structure. The work is on schedule and on budget.
- 1136. Festival of the Arts** – Members agreed to pay the second instalment of the grant of £2,000 to the Festival of the Arts, which is a major event in the North West of England.
- 1137. Himalayan Balsam** – Members agreed to defer a decision on funding any schemes until the new Council is elected. Some clearance work is being carried out by Delph Methodist Cubs and GGRA.
- 1138. Oldham Council LDF – Core Strategy – preferred options** – is nearing completion, will be discussed by Oldham Council in the next few days and then goes to the Inspector for consideration.
- 1139. Provision of Information to the Public** – Further up-dates have been made to the information on the web-site.
- 1140. Parish Plan** – All of the actions are being progressed.
- 1141. Rights of Way** – Nothing to report.
- 1142. Peak Park** – The new Management plan is now available for consultation, it was agreed that the Planning Policy sub-committee will draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Parish Member elections take place after the local elections.

- 1143. NWRAF** – Members considered the future of the North West Rural Affairs Forum, in the light of the ending of Defra funding. It was agreed that a letter of support for their continuation and funding would be sent.
- 1144. South Pennine Forum** – Nothing to report
- 1145. Transport** – Nothing to report
- 1146. Affordable Warmth** – The Government Heating grant scheme has reopened for new applications. Details of the scheme are available at <http://www.warmfront.co.uk> or by calling Warm Front on 0800 316 2814.
- 1147. Pennine Prospects** – All Leader money has been allocated.
- 1148. District Partnership** – Nothing to report.
- 1149. Water Power** – Discussions are ongoing to get the best deal.
- 1150. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – will continue into the new financial year.
- 1151. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £102,153.30 and income being £91,682.60. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.