

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 25th July 2011**

There were present: Cllr. Mr. B. Lord Chairman
Cllr. Mr. R. Knotts – Vice Chairman

Cllrs. Mr. N. Allsopp	Mr. J. Hudson
Dr. D. Atherton	Mr. K. Hulme
Mr. B. Cullen	Mrs. P. Lord
Mrs. E. Firth	Mr. A. Roughley
Mr. R. Franklin	Ms. L. Schofield
Mr. G. Harkness	Mr. G. Sheldon
Mr. D. Heffernan	

- 1172. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mrs. M. Bingley, Ms. L. Brown, Mr. M. Buckley, Mrs. N. Kirkham & Mr. R. McCann
- 1173. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 1174. Lancashire Association of Local Councils** – members considered a report from the Clerk on membership of the Association, members agreed that the Parish Council should join the Lancashire Association of Local Councils
- 1175. Review of Standing Orders** – It was agreed that a working group would be formed to review the Standing Orders, the members of the group will be Cllrs. Cullen, Hulme, Allsopp, Atherton, Buckley, Firth, Knotts, B. Lord, P. Lord & Roughley.
- 1176. Community Toilet Scheme** – Scheme now being rolled out across the Borough
- 1177. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – Need to consider publicity to promote the Hall.
- 1178. Oldham Council LDF – Core Strategy – preferred options** – No further developments.
- 1179. Provision of Information to the Public** – Looking at the best way of keeping people informed of what is happened and how to get involved. Investigating options to involve a professional journalist to write the newsletter to make it more readable.
- 1180. Parish Plan** – need to incorporate Localism when looking at up-dating the Parish Plan.
- 1181. Rights of Way** – nothing to report.
- 1182. Peak Park** – nothing to report.
- 1183. South Pennine Forum** – strategic work on rural area problems.

- 1184. Transport** – The proposed amended Frames of reference for the group were considered, it was agreed that the reference to Diggle station, be changed to a “new station in Saddleworth”, with this amendment the revised frames of reference were approved.
The car parking public meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th July, members were advised of an e-mail from Carol Brown – Oldham Council – AED Environment stating that the Cabinet member would not be able to attend, members agreed that the Clerk would invite the Deputy Cabinet member to the meeting.
The Local Link service operates in the majority of Saddleworth, the main exception is Denshaw, residents can only use the service between Denshaw and Moorside in the evenings to link to the service buses. A petition is to be presented to Transport for Greater Manchester, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the petition.
SHRUG – have held a couple of meetings – need to identify problems to be consolidated and put to the Rail authorities.
Hooting trains – there has been a positive response about cutting down bushes and re-aligning the junction to remove the need for hooting.
- 1185. Pennine Prospects** – nothing to report.
- 1186. District Partnership** – nothing to report.
- 1187. Water Power** – the working group is meeting, the project should start to move forward.
- 1188. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Nothing to report.
- 1189. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £147,257.14 and income being £3,525.25. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1190. Exclusion of Press and Public** – members resolved that the Press and Public should be excluded for the next item.
- 1191. Civic Hall Car park re-surfacing** – members considered a report from the Clerk about the car park. Councillor Knotts will carry out a risk assessment of the car park, to identify what work is required to allow the partial re-opening of the car park.
- 1192. Civic Hall staffing** – the Civic Hall sub-committee will carry out a review of the staffing and job descriptions.