

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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

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

- 1193. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. D. Heffernan, Mrs. N. Kirkham, Mr. R. McCann & Ms. L. Schofield
- 1194. Declarations of Interest** – Councillor Sheldon – Community Toilet scheme
- 1195. Affordable Warmth** – Angela Carr (Oldham Council) gave a presentation on the free loft and cavity wall insulation scheme that is now available to everyone in the Borough.
- 1196. Castleshaw Parking** – Imogen Fuller (Oldham Council Regeneration Department) informed the meeting of the proposed changes to the car park at Castleshaw. The work is part of a larger project partially funded by Pennine Prospects. The work will be carried out by United Utilities, who own the site and will be responsible for the maintenance of the car park. It was suggested that litter bins should be provided at the site.
- 1197. Community Gritting** – Councillor Knotts gave a presentation on the opportunities to develop a Community Gritting scheme in Saddleworth. It was agreed that Councillors Knotts and Franklin would meet with representatives from Oldham Council to discuss how to progress the scheme. It was suggested that funding may be available from the District Partnership Investment fund.
- 1198. Review of Standing Orders** – A meeting of the working group will be arranged.
- 1199. Community Toilet Scheme** – A review of the scheme is due to be carried out.
- 1200. Civic Hall** – Estimates are being obtained for the repair of the Civic Hall clock.
- 1201. Oldham Council LDF** – The LDF has been signed off by the Inspector
- 1202. Provision of Information to the Public** – the group has been unable to find anyone willing to sell the advertising space to fund improvements to the newsletter, it was agreed that it will be produced in a similar format to previous editions.
- 1203. Parish Plan** – need to develop Village Plans to supplement the LDF.
- 1204. Rights of Way** – a meeting of the sub-committee will be arranged.

**1205. Peak Park** – nothing to report.

**1206. South Pennine Forum** – nothing to report.

**1207. Transport** – members agreed that when the District Partnership reviews parking in Uppermill they should consider the following:

- The Victoria Mill (Museum) car park is re-lined with the proportionate numbers for disabled drivers and that the recycling bins should be re-located outside of the Conservation Area.
- The lines on the Smithy Lane car park should be re-painted with the proportionate number of disabled drivers' spaces
- Consideration should be given to altering the time restriction to 4 hours instead of 3 hours on Victoria Mill and 3 hours instead of 2 on the other designed short stay car parks with the exception of Smithy Lane that should remain at 2 hours.
- The Square restrictions, Wednesday (5 a.m. to 6 pm.) and 3 hours during the remainder of the week, should be imposed to allow market traders the space to put up their stalls readily in a morning.
- The possible residents parking permit in Lee Street should be included in the review. It was noted that Oldham Council has withdrawn the charge for permits, this was previously used to fund signage etc.

Representatives of SHRUG are to meet with ministers to discuss the issues associated with the line.

**1208. Pennine Prospects** – nothing to report.

**1209. District Partnership** – next meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**1210. Water Power** – nothing to report.

**1211. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Nothing to report.

**1212. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £34,816.09 and income being £7,927.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**1213. Urgent Business introduced by the Chairman** – The Boundary Commission is holding a public hearing in Manchester on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that the Parish Council would attend the hearing and that a working group comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillors Allsopp, Buckley & Roughley would prepare a response, to be presented to a Special meeting of the Council at the conclusion of the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, which would form the basis of the submission.

**1214. Exclusion of Press and Public** – members resolved that the Press and Public should be excluded for the next item.

**1215. Civic Hall Car park re-surfacing** – the Planning department have not confirmed whether Planning permission is required for the car park re-surfacing.