

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 27th June 2011**

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

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

- 1152. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. R. McCann & Mr. G. Sheldon
- 1153. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 1154. Community Toilet Scheme** – There are thirteen premises on the scheme.
- 1155. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – The building work is now complete, the fixings of the anti-slip surface of the ramp have been repaired, and will be monitored.
- 1156. Oldham Council LDF – Core Strategy – preferred options** – Nothing to report.
- 1157. Provision of Information to the Public** – Will be meeting to discuss News & Views magazine and e-mail addresses.
- 1158. Parish Plan** – A new working group comprising, Cllrs Buckley, Cullen, Franklin, Harkness, B. Lord, P. Lord & Roughley will review the actions.
- 1159. Rights of Way** – A meeting of the group will be held in the near future.
- 1160. Peak Park** – The 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.
- 1161. South Pennine Forum** – Nothing to report
- 1162. Transport** – A list of roads identified as in need of repair was circulated, details of the costs of each item will be distributed. The work needs to be prioritised to be funded from the £25,000 allocation for each ward. Suggested priorities need to be feed into the Transport and Traffic sub-committee. A revised Saddleworth Hopper service will run in July & August, funded by the District Partnership. Gas Mains Renewal work in Uppermill is due to start in late July. The work will start at the viaduct and finish at Chapel Road, it will be done in short stretches. Discussions are taking place with

representatives from United Utilities to minimise the disruption. Public Consultation has started on the proposed Second City Crossing in Manchester.

- 1163. Pennine Prospects** – The Leader group has not met.
- 1164. District Partnership** – The District Town Hall locations have not yet been finalised. Funding was approved for the Saddleworth Olympics on a one-off basis.
- 1165. Water Power** – Nothing to report.
- 1166. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – Nothing to report.
- 1167. Civic Hall Insurance** – Members considered a report on the renewal of the Council's Insurance policy, they approved the decision of the Chairman of the Council to accept the renewal proposal. It was agreed that alternative quotations will be obtained prior to the next renewal.
- 1168. Membership of Lancashire Association of Local Councils** – deferred to next meeting
- 1169. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £29,203.78 and income being £20,306.70. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1170. Exclusion of Press and Public** – members resolved that the Press and Public should be excluded for the next item.
- 1171. Civic Hall Car park re-surfacing** – the Clerk advised members that the Engineer will be inspecting the car park in the next few days.