

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at  
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

There were present Cllr. Mr K. Begley - Chairman

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

**968. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. P.H. Davenport, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. McInnes & Mr. P. Renold

**969. Declarations of Interest** – None

**970. Tourist Bus** – the service is up and running with a reasonable number of passengers, the service has been advertised extensively with publicity on the radio.

**971. Community Toilet Scheme** – The Granby in Uppermill has now joined the scheme.

**972. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2** – the scheme is more expensive than was originally envisaged, revisions are currently been made to the design to reduce the cost. It is intended that the building will be more user friendly, sample panels of the stone are being built. Councillor Hulme raised concerns about the processes that have been followed.

**973. Oldham Council LDF – Core Strategy – preferred options** – several meetings have been held to prepare a response to the document.

**974. Provision of Information to the Public** – The web-site is now live, the new letterhead incorporating the new logo is being produced. The group is now working on the News & Views magazine that is delivered to every household.

**975. Parish Plan** – the working group is currently review the progress on the actions.

**976. Rights of Way** – nothing to report.

**977. Peak Park** – The Peak Park Parishes Forum is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Councillor Beeley is Oldham Council's Peak Park representative.

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

**979. Transport** – Councillor Franklin is attending meetings of the Friends of Mossley Station who are discussing issues on the Greenfield to Manchester line, there are similar groups in Marsden and Slaithwaite. One of the issues is the need for

regular weekdays trains from Stalybridge to Manchester Airport. The franchise for the service has been extended to 2014. The majority of the villages are now represented on the Transport and Traffic sub-committee, which is now meeting monthly, details of all issues are being passed onto all Councillors.

- 980. Fuel Poverty** – it was agreed that the sub-committee should be re-named Affordable Warmth sub-committee.
- 980. Pennine Prospects** – Councillor Buckley is now the Oldham Council representative.
- 981. District Partnership** – a first draft of the District Plan has been produced, a workshop will be held to develop it. A Task and Finish group is drawing up a Lees Plan based on the results of the questionnaire that was distributed earlier in the year.
- 982. Water Power** – An Industrial Provident Society is being set up. The scheme appears to be viable with grant funding and the sale of shares.
- 983. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss a variety of issues, including Affordable Warmth.
- 984. Huddersfield Canal Society** – there will be activities to celebrate the bi-centenary of the tunnel on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- 985. Sustainable Communities Act** – It was agreed that the Clerk will write to our MP and the Minister urging the Government to quickly deal with Sustainable Communities Act proposals.
- 986. Standing Orders** – The Chairman suggested that an all party Task and Finish group should review the Standing orders and processes for selection of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and its Committees and sub-committees. It was agreed that this will be deferred until after the elections in May 2011.
- 987. Insurance** - The Clerk advised the meeting that the Council's insurance was due for renewal in June. The Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee had reviewed the cover and agreed to accept the new premium of £5,947.66. Members approved the decision to accept the quotation.
- 988. Internal Audit report** – the report was received and noted.
- 989. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £36,610.41 and income being £12,774.15 There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government