

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
of Saddleworth Parish Council held at
The Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on **Monday 28th March 2011**

There were present Cllr. Mr K. Begley - 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	Mrs. A.C. Parry
Mr. R.G. Franklin	Mrs. D.M Shaw

- 1111. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. P.H. Davenport, Mr. A. Hodgkiss & Mrs. A. McInnes
- 1112. Declarations of Interest – None**
- 1113. Community Toilet Scheme –** Members considered a report on the scheme, there are currently eleven private premises on the scheme along with the Civic Hall and Brownhill Visitor Centre. The private premises receive a payment based on the facilities that they provide and their available hours, the payments currently range between £600 and £900 per annum. Oldham Council is rolling out a Community Toilet Scheme across the Borough and is providing £5,000 funding towards the scheme in Saddleworth and Lees. The District Partnership has currently agreed to provide funding of £1,300. It was agreed that the scheme will be reviewed every six months.
- 1114. Civic Hall Modernisation Phase 2 –** The work is on schedule, members recorded their thanks to the Civic Hall staff and contractors for enabling the Hall to be used throughout the works
- 1115. Civic Hall Parking –** Members considered a report from the Clerk on the introduction of time-limited parking on the Civic Hall car park, when it re-opens after the completion of the Modernisation work. It was agreed that parking would be limited to 3 hours with no return within 3 hours between 8 am and 6 pm every day for the general public. Annual permits allowing unlimited parking will be issued to Parish Councillors, with daily permits issued to Civic Hall users who need to park for more than three hours. The restrictions will be enforced by the Parish Council staff using a “self-ticketing package”.
- 1116. Parish Council Elections –** The counting of the votes in the Parish Council elections will be held on the Friday morning.
- 1117. Oldham Council LDF – Core Strategy – preferred options –** Now going through the final stages of the process.
- 1118. Provision of Information to the Public –** Additional links have been created including one to the allotments information.

- 1119. Parish Plan** – The actions are moving forward.
- 1120. Rights of Way** – Nothing to report.
- 1121. Peak Park** – The new Management plan will come to the Parish Council for comments.
- 1122. South Pennine Forum** – Nothing to report
- 1123. Transport** – The District Partnership has agreed some funding for the Tourist bus it is looking at the fares and undertaking some marketing work, including a survey over the Easter and Royal Wedding / May Day bank holiday weekends. The fare has been suggested at 30p per person with a £1 family ticket for 2 adults and up to 3 children. The Huddersfield to Manchester rail users group has met with Debbie Abrahams M.P. to make her aware of the issues. The sign has been ordered for the bridge in Delph. A temporary bus route will operate when Denshaw Road is closed, members recorded their thanks to everyone who has been involved in making the arrangements, particularly PC Mark Clough. Residents on Back Lee Street, Bolton's Yard and Village Green have indicated that they support a residents parking scheme.
- 1124. Affordable Warmth** – Members considered a report on the sub-committee and agreed that it should be discontinued. The issue will be considered by the Saddleworth and Lees Health & Wellbeing Group and updates will be provided at each Finance and General Purposes committee meeting.
- 1125. Pennine Prospects** – Nothing to report.
- 1126. District Partnership** – Nothing to report.
- 1127. Water Power** – There has been a minimal reduction in the grant for the scheme.
- 1128. Saddleworth & Lees Information Network** – There was a presentation about vulnerable people at the last meeting.
- 1129. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £107,629.94 and income being £3,376.00. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government.
- 1130. Exclusion of Press and Public** – The members voted for the exclusion of the Press and Public for the next item.
- 1131. Staff salaries** – Members approved the staff salaries for 2011 - 2012.