

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

There were present: Cllr. Mr. B. Lord - Chairman

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

- 1231. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Dr. D. Atherton, Mrs. M. Bingley, Mr. J. Hudson, Mrs. N. Kirkham & Mr. R. Knotts
- 1232. Declarations of Interest** – Cllrs. Cullen, Firth & B. Lord – Invitation to Chief Superintendent Forber.
- 1233. Development of the Clinical Commissioning Group** – Mark Drury – Oldham NHS explained the changes that will take place from Spring 2013. Consultation is now taking place on the proposals, any responses should be sent to Mark Drury by 23rd December 2011.
- 1234. Oldham Council Budget Consultation** – David Hodgkinson – Oldham Council Finance team – explained the budget pressures, comments on the budget options can be made via the Oldham Council web-site.
- 1235. Community Gritting & Snow clearance** – a meeting has taken place with Oldham Council to progress the proposals. The actions agreed at the meeting were:
- Investigate the possible sharing of weather forecasting information to support potential volunteers.
 - Cross referencing the schedule of roads with Unity.
 - Meeting with the Gritting Manager to discuss prioritisation of secondary routes to support proposed volunteer activity. Discuss the most appropriate equipment for use by volunteer groups.
 - Development of 2 pilot areas of Diggle and Austerlands, it may not be practical to ensure effective arrangements are in place this winter.
 - The proposals need to be costed and an application for funding submitted.
 - A stock take of existing equipment, funded by the District Partnership, will be undertaken
 - Details of local farmers will be obtained by the NFU, to help identify potential volunteers / contractors.
 - A list of grit bin sites will be made available.
- 1236. Review of Car Parking in Uppermill** – members considered a report prepared by Councillor Franklin. The review will take place between April and September and include on-street parking spaces, it will also include previous research. A bid has been made to the District Investment Fund to increase the number of spaces on the Victoria Mill (Museum) car park, the bid will also include improvements to the surface on the

Smithy Lane car park and the creation of a well-lit path from the Baths' Car Park into the village. The previously suggested changes in the time limits will be postponed pending the review. It was suggested that seasonal restrictions should be considered.

- 1237. Transport** – the gas mains work will be moving from High Street onto Moorgate.
- 1238. District Partnership** – the next meeting is on Thursday 1st December.
- 1239. Invitation to Chief Superintendent Forber to discuss Whit Friday Policing and other events in Saddleworth** – Members agreed that Chief Supt. Forber will be invited to the January meeting, Councillor Jean Stretton will be invited to a future meeting to discuss events in Saddleworth.
- 1240. Provision of Information to the Public** – the News & Views magazine will be produced in the next few weeks.
- 1241. Accounts for Payment** – The list of Accounts for Payment was approved by the Committee. The total expenditure being £34,653.58 and income being £3,063.50. There were no payments made in accordance with Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1242. Exclusion of Press and Public** – Members resolved that the Press and Public should be excluded for the next item.
- 1243. Civic Hall Car park re-surfacing** – The tender from Middleton Surfacing has been accepted and work has started.
- 1244. Civic Hall Ballroom floor** – Three quotations have been received for the sanding and sealing of the Ballroom floor. It was agreed that the lowest quotation would be accepted, once confirmation had been received that the specification was similar to that proposed by the other contractors.