**Minutes of the Communications Committee 9th July 2025 held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill.**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Al-Hamdani (Chairman), H. Bishop, M. Powell.

**456. Apologies for absence:** CllrsL. Dawson, A. Marland,

Absent: Cllr M. Birchall.

**457. Declarations of interest** None were declared

**458. To approve the minutes of the meeting held 13th March 2025**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed at the meeting by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Bishop.

**459. Events website & Civic Hall promotion update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised the progress made on the new events website to date. Along with Cllr Bishop, they are in the process of providing copy and additional photographs to the web company. The Clerk was asked to send copies of all the photos she had already sent to the web company to Cllr Al-Hamdani.

The Clerk advised the web company had kindly paused the monthly payments schedule as the website was not up and running yet.

Cllr Al-Hamdani to send info to Ms Osborne for 10 wedding articles to be written over the next 12 months.

Cllr Bishop advised she is in the process of developing some outdoor space at the side of the car park for wedding photographs and was planning an archway and a bench.

**460. Fundraising Merchandise**

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Al-Hamdani would send a link and his photo of Pots & Pans to the Clerk to order 100 SPC fridge magnets, ready to sell at the Yorkshire Day event.

**461. Chairman’s Charity Fundraising Ideas**

The email received from Rev McNally regarding a concert in aid of Mountain Rescue was discussed. The Committee asked the Clerk to write to Rev McNally, apologising they had missed the opportunity to be involved in the initial advertising of the event, but that they would happily promote the event for them on social media and the Parish website. Cllr Bishop, Chair, would attend the event on September 13th .

The suggestion regarding a public speaking event at the Civic Hall was also discussed. The Committee agreed it was an excellent idea and they were very interested in the proposal, and would give it more consideration later in the year.

**462. Parish Council Promotional Ideas**

The Clerk advised that to date she, along with Cllr Beeley, had been unable to obtain any funding towards the replacement of the disabled lift in the Civic Hall, as we are a Parish Council we do not meet the qualifying criteria. She suggested she write to celebrities in the Saddleworth area for their help and support. This was agreed by the Committee. Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any other local businesses she could write to.

The Deputy Clerk’s idea of a wedding fayre at the Civic Hall was agreed an excellent idea, and that once all the decoration of the building, and the garden was complete, and the promotional website up and running it was something that would be considered further, perhaps next Spring.

The Deputy Clerk also suggested a “If I were a Prime Minister” promotion with all the local primary schools. It was agreed the Clerk and Deputy would facilitate this mid-September once the children were back in school.

There was a conversation around whether the Parish Council insurance would cover Chairman’s Charity fund raising events not held on the premises. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Zurich and ask this question and advise Cllr Powell.

**Date of next meeting: 24th September 2025 at 7.00pm**