

Present: Cllrs. Pam Byrne – Chairman
Kevin Dawson (Vice Chairman)
Sam Al-Hamdani Rob Knotts
Barbara Beeley Luke Lancaster
Helen Bishop Graham Sheldon
Linda Dawson Donna Simpson
George Hulme Max Woodvine

Welcome by the Chairman, Cllr. Pam Byrne

Prayers were led by the Revd. Ken McNally

3303. Apologies for absence Cllrs. J. Battye. J. Curley, J. Hudson. B. Lord, P. Lord, K. Phillips M. Scholes

3304. Declarations of Interest None

3305. Approval of Council Minutes 27th June 2022.

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman at the meeting.

3306 To note the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on 30th June 2022

Cllr Byrne noted that the document submitted to the meeting were not Minutes but done in Note form. Cllr. Beeley, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee explained that these had been done from her notes due to corrections not being done in time for the meeting. The Members agreed to accept these notes, but they were not to be entered onto the Parish Council Website

3307 To note the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 4th July 2022

Councillor Knotts stated that the matter of the Planning Consultant was still ongoing with regard to submitting the full Planning List for consultation due to expense likely to be incurred. This matter was on the Agenda for discussion at the next Planning Meeting on Monday 1st August 2022.

Cllr. Knotts expressed concern that the comments and recommendations from Saddleworth Planning Meetings were not being included in notes at the Oldham Planning Committee. Cllr. Lancaster explained that this omission had been noted and all recommendations from Parish were now included in the Planning Packs. The Minutes were proposed and seconded and noted.

3308 To note the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 18th July 2022

The Minutes were proposed and seconded. Cllr. Knotts expressed concern at the difference between the Income and expenditure, with the income being much lower than the expenditure. Covid had played it's part over past months, but efforts must be made to try to generate more income from the Civic Hall. It was agreed that the Minutes be noted.

3309 Internals; Audit – To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report

AGAR - Section 1 – To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2021 - 2022

AGAR – Section 2 – To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statements for 2021-2022

Jeff Price (Accounts Administrator) submitted the Agar Documents to Members for approval. These were approved and signed by the Acting Clerk and the Chairman

3310 Accounts for Payment June 2022

Income: £6,648.25 Expenditure £17,334.28

Accounts for payment were approved

Request for urgent business from Councillor Sheldon.

Dawson's Field

Cllr. Sheldon informed the meeting that two incidents had occurred over past months at Dawson's Field. One where someone had climbed onto the surrounding wall and it had collapsed. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained, but the wall was in need of repair. This had been submitted to Oldham who were the 'landlords'. Cllr. Knotts informed members that this matter was in hand and contractors were on site to undertake the repairs

A matter was reported of an injury being incurred caused by a hole in the field. This was an on-going situation and steps were being taken to have the hole repaired.

Noise Nuisance – Civic Hall

Complaints had been received from neighbouring properties regarding excessive noise from recent concerts which was unacceptable.

Energy usage and Hire Charges – Civic Hall

It was agreed that an extra Assets Management Meeting be called in August when these matters can be addressed by the Committee.

3311 Date of next Meeting – Monday 26th September 2022