**Minutes, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 27th January 2025 at the Civic Hall.**

**There were present:** Cllr. B Beeley – Chairman, Cllr H Bishop – Vice Chairman

S Al-Hamdani K Barton

M Birchall R Blackmore

K Dawson L Dawson

J Garner K Phillips

G Sheldon L Thompson

B Witt

The Chairman Cllr Barbara Beeley welcomed Councillors to the meeting and prayers were led by the Rev Barbara Christopher.

**3695. To receive Public Questions:** None received

**3696. Chairman’s Urgent Business:**

Cllr Beeley read out 3 items of correspondence received.

The Link’s response to the Parish Council’s appeal against their refusal for a Banking Hub in Saddleworth, plus a response from their CEO. There was some discussion around this and it was agreed we had exhausted the options with the Link to move this project forward.

It was resolved the Parish Council would approach the banks directly with the view to opening a weekly Banking Hub, based at the Civic Hall. Proposed Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Blackmore. 12 in favour, 1 against, carried.

A letter had also been received from the Department of Health & Social Care in response to the Clerk’s letter following the Parish Councils’ Planning & Healthcare Motion and it was discussed. It stated that although they welcomed the proposals, this was the responsibility of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The Clerk confirmed that she had followed up on the letter received from MHCLG on 28th October asking for further clarification, but to date had not received a response. It was agreed more discussions would take place once this had been received.

It was agreed the Clerk would share these 3 items of correspondence with Councillors.

**3697. To receive apologies for Absence:** Cllrs E Adamson, P Gaul, A Marland, M Powell,

P Walsh, A Wrigley.

**Absent:** Cllr D Wall

**3698. To receive Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**3699. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2025.**

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

**3700. To note the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held 30th January 2025.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Beeley, seconded Cllr Al-Hamdani and accepted.

It was agreed that agenda items 3705 Neighbourhood Plan and 3706 Local Green Spaces would now be discussed.

Cllr Al-Hamdani explained the process and next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). There will be a 6 weeks formal consultation with OMBC and PEAK. Once complete the Planning Inspector will be engaged and once all agreed there will be a referendum, organised by OMBC.

The four Green Spaces identified and added to the plan were discussed, with an appendix in policy 4, and other areas identified but not included in the NP would be sent to OMBC to be addressed in their Local Plan. Cllr Al-Hamdani explained that the NP and the OMBC Local Plan should be reviewed every five years and therefore any additional proposed green spaces could be addressed at these points.

Cllr Garner wished to congratulate the Strategic Planning Team, and Cllr Al-Hamdani for compiling and delivering this excellent Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Phillips asked for confirmation on how the plan would be affected due to the recent OMBC decision to request Oldham is not included in Places for Everyone (P4E). Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that P4E has not yet been revoked, and until this does happen, it’s business as usual. He also advised there was nothing in the plan reliant on P4E.

Cllr Sheldon wished to echo Cllr Garner’s thanks and appreciation to the Strategic Planning Committee, and to Cllrs Al-Hamdani and Beeley.

**3701. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held 3rd February 2025**

There was some discussion around application LBC/353875/24 and with one amendment the minutes were then proposed by Cllr Bishop, seconded Cllr Blackmore, and accepted.

**3702. To note the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held 10th February 2025**

These minutes were not available to share and will be presented at the next Council meeting.

**3703. To note the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 13th February 2025**

Cllr Sheldon noted that had the current reserves figure been available at budget setting, the decision may have been taken to increase the precept request. Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that the reserves report would be shared at every Finance meeting going forward.

The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Sheldon, and accepted.

**3704. To note the minutes of the Assets Management Meeting held 17th February 2025**

Cllr Sheldon thanked Cllr Thompson for chairing the meeting in his and the Vice Chairman’s absence. Point 792; the measures agreed which would move smokers away from the building were discussed. The decision was made at the meeting not to spend any more money on the repair of the disabled lift that has been out of action for some time. Cllr Sheldon stated his wish to further explore the options available for the replacement of the lift, and it was agreed to add this item to the next agenda of the Assets Management meeting.

The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Thompson seconded Cllr Phillips and accepted.

**3705. Neighbourhood Plan (version 2.2)**

This item was covered under point 3700.

**3706. Local Green Spaces**

This item was covered under point 3700.

**3707. Accounts for Payment January 2025 Income £7,963.25 Expenditure £ 28,765.26**

With one query from Cllr Bishop on the chair refurbishment programme, which was answered by the clerk, and one query from Cllr Garner regarding a monthly booking payment, which the clerk agreed to check with the RFO, the accounts were then proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr Sheldon and accepted.

**Payments List, see appendix 1**

**Dates of the next meeting:- Monday 24th March 2025 at 19.30hrs**

**Appendix 1**

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| **January 25 Payments** |  |  |  |  |
| **Bank Date** | **Supplier** | **Details** | **Code** | **Amount** |
| 08-Jan-25 | TV LICENCE | TV Licence | **324** | 15.00 |
| 09-Jan-25 | WATER PLUS | Water - 12/24 | **321** | 436.58 |
| 13-Jan-25 | BRITISH GAS | 30/11/24 - 19/12/24 | **302** | 1,061.36 |
| 13-Jan-25 | WILD VIEW CAMERAS | Cemetery Camera | **201** | 277.81 |
| 14-Jan-25 | SALARIES | Admin -2/25 | **103** | 4,502.43 |
| 14-Jan-25 | SALARIES | Civic - 2/25 | **301** | 4,899.72 |
| 14-Jan-25 | KEYSTAFF AGENCY | Casual Staff - Sick Leave cover - w/c 9&16/12/24 | **301** | 488.28 |
| 14-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | Cemetery N2 Clearance to create 3rd row | **201** | 144.00 |
| 14-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | Install Allotment Handrail | **431** | 840.00 |
| 14-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | Cemetery path & carpark gritting | **201** | 90.00 |
| 14-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | J25N Ashes Interment - John Kennedy - Th 19/12/25 | **206** | 65.00 |
| 14-Jan-25 | CAPRICORN SECURITY | Threetles Concert - 13/12/24 | **318** | 118.80 |
| 14-Jan-25 | CAPRICORN SECURITY | Oh What a Night - 14/12/24 | **318** | 237.60 |
| 14-Jan-25 | PROTEC SECURITY | Staxx of Soul - 29/11/24 | **318** | 316.80 |
| 14-Jan-25 | AFORD AWARDS | Xmas Illuminations Presentation - Awards | **404** | 181.60 |
| 14-Jan-25 | GREENFIELD PUBLISHING | Monthly Advert - 1/25 | **441** | 98.40 |
| 14-Jan-25 | CENTRE GLASS | Cleaning Consumables | **306** | 58.22 |
| 14-Jan-25 | EASY WEB SITES | Website Management Fee - 1/25 | **440** | 30.36 |
| 14-Jan-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Xmas Illuminations Presentation - Refreshments | **404** | 17.75 |
| 14-Jan-25 | SEFTONS | Payroll - 12/24 | **161** | 48.00 |
| 14-Jan-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Estate Mileage | **102** | 9.60 |
| 15-Jan-25 | OMBC | Rates - Cemetery | **211** | 48.00 |
| 15-Jan-25 | OMBC | Pest Control | **308** | 30.00 |
| 15-Jan-25 | OMBC | General Rates - Civic Hall | **304** | 1,160.00 |
| 15-Jan-25 | COOP | Xmas Illuminations Presentation - Refreshments | **404** | 39.38 |
| 15-Jan-25 | BT GROUP | Phone/Internet 1/1/25 - 31/3/25 | **107** | 442.87 |
| 16-Jan-25 | THE GATE INN, DIGGLE | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 16-Jan-25 | THE SWAN, DOBX | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 16-Jan-25 | JUNCTION INN, DENSHAW | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 16-Jan-25 | KING BILL, G/FIELD | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 16-Jan-25 | S/WORTH CRAFTS, DELPH | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 16-Jan-25 | THE LITTLE SHOP, UPPERMILL | Community Toilets Q4 2024-25 | **125** | 150.00 |
| 20-Jan-25 | COMMERCE BUSINESS | Copier/Printer Usage | **105** | 73.07 |
| 21-Jan-25 | HMRC | Tax & NI - Admin - 12/24 | **103** | 1,959.62 |
| 21-Jan-25 | HMRC | Tax & NI - Civic - 12/24 | **301** | 2,556.22 |
| 21-Jan-25 | EDF ENERGY | Gas - 12/24 | **303** | 729.76 |
| 23-Jan-25 | MB HARRINGTON | I37N Burial - 16/1/25 | **203** | 360.00 |
| 23-Jan-25 | ELCONS HR/LAW | HR/Legal Consultancy (27) - 1/25 | **120** | 121.20 |
| 23-Jan-25 | OLD MILLHOUSE KITCHEN | Xmas Illuminations Presentation - Catering | **404** | 100.00 |
| 23-Jan-25 | ROCHDALE MBC | DBS Check – new councillor | **169** | 17.80 |
| 23-Jan-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Estate Mileage | **102** | 8.10 |
| 24-Jan-25 | OMBC | Refuse collection | **308** | 274.39 |
| 24-Jan-25 | AMAZON | Bar Bell (£19.99) / Ballroom Clock (£11.12) | **307** | 31.11 |
| 27-Jan-25 | ANDREW LEES UPHOLSTERY | Re-upholster Red Chairs x 48 | **307** | 2,880.00 |
| 27-Jan-25 | SHORROCK TRICHEM | Hygiene | **316** | 149.26 |
| 27-Jan-25 | SUMUP | Handheld Mobile Card Payment Machine - AIR V5 | **307** | 30.00 |
| 27-Jan-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Estate Mileage | **102** | 8.10 |
| 28-Jan-25 | STAPLES | Stationery | **105** | 20.38 |
| 31-Jan-25 | GMPF | Pensions - Admin - 1/25 | **103** | 1,130.78 |
| 31-Jan-25 | GMPF | Pensions - Civic - 1/25 | **301** | 1,037.91 |
| 31-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | NR35 Burial - 24/1/25 | **203** | 360.00 |
| 31-Jan-25 | MBHARRINGTON | E12S Burial - 29/1/25 | **203** | 360.00 |
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