

**SADDLEWORTH**

Parish Council

22nd April 2025

To: All Members of the Saddleworth Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Ordinary Council Meeting** of the **Parish Council** to be held in the **Council Chamber** at Saddleworth Civic Hall, Uppermill on **Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.30pm** for the purpose of conducting the under mentioned business.

Yours faithfully

**K E Allott**

Clerk to the Council

**AGENDA**

**Welcome by the Chairman**

**Prayers led by Revd Pat Gillan**

1. **To receive Public Questions**
2. **Chairman’s Urgent Business**
3. **To receive apologies for Absence**
4. **To receive Declarations of Interest**
5. **Correspondence**

* Response from Nationwide Bank regarding Banking Hub for Saddleworth

1. **Presentation by Mr Louie Wild (Member of Youth Parliament for Oldham**

**& Oldham Youth Councillor for Saddleworth).**

1. **Notice of Motion To preserve the Moorgate Crossing Route.**

This motion proposes that Saddleworth Parish Council supports local people and walking groups in their efforts to persuade Network Rail to provide a footbridge over the railway line at Moorgate crossing, Uppermill.

The Parish Council is convinced that an alternative method of crossing the railway line for the public at Moorgate Halt has to be found to replace the current level crossing. The Parish Council will support the local campaign for a footbridge as this is not currently included in the plans for the TransPennine Route Upgrade.

Network Rail have already obtained planning permission to provide a footbridge at this site but officials have switched from supporting the footbridge solution to opposing it on the grounds of cost.

The alternative footpath proposed (No.244) has dangerous exits onto Oldham Road near Wade Lock and onto Ladcastle Road. The much longer road route (1.3miles) via Greenfield railway bridge presents its own dangers to pedestrians.

The Parish Council notes that the people of Saddleworth are being denied a suitable replacement crossing at Moorgate when the substantial need has been highlighted by Network Rail itself in a report it has written about the proposed closure of the level crossing.

"*The crossing receives a very high volume of usage. The most recent 9-day census recorded 434 movements over the crossing in 11 days, and a high proportion of this use was by vulnerable users."* (Application for Rail Crossing Extinguishment, 13 June 2024)

The Parish Council resolves to write to Network Rail to insist that they preserve the Moorgate crossing route for visitors and walking groups but especially for access to and from the centre of Uppermill by local people.

Motion proposed by Cllr Blackmore and seconded by Cllr Bishop,

1. **To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 March 2025**
2. **To note the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2025**
3. **To note the Minutes of the Assets Management Committee Meeting held on 14 April 2025**
4. **To note the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held 14 April 2025 (to follow)**
5. **Accounts for Payment March 2025** Income £16,324.80 Expenditure £ 29,338.19

Payments List, see appendix 1

1. **Dates of the next meetings:-**

Monday 12 May 2025 at 19.30hrs (Association of Councillors)

Monday 19 May 2025 at 18.30hrs (Annual Parish Meeting)

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**Appendix 1**

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| **March 25 Payments** |  |  |  |  |
| **Bank Date** | **Supplier** | **Details** | **Code** | **Amount** |
| 03-Mar-25 | PUBLIC WORKS LOAN | Capital Repayment | **319** | 5,463.46 |
| 03-Mar-25 | PUBLIC WORKS LOAN | Interest | **320** | 137.87 |
| 03-Mar-25 | AMAZON | Wine/Spirit Measurers - Civic Ball | **111** | 18.95 |
| 05-Mar-25 | SEFTONS | Payroll - 1/25 | **161** | 48.00 |
| 05-Mar-25 | EASY WEB SITES | Website Management Fee - 2/25 | **440** | 30.36 |
| 10-Mar-25 | TV LICENCE | TV Licence | **324** | 15.00 |
| 12-Mar-25 | BRITISH GAS | Electricity 24/1 - 22/2/25 | **302** | 1,393.06 |
| 12-Mar-25 | WATER PLUS | Water - 2/25 | **321** | 458.50 |
| 13-Mar-25 | ADR | Kitchen Boiler Repair | **307** | 258.68 |
| 13-Mar-25 | COOP | Office Coffee | **169** | 10.95 |
| 14-Mar-25 | SALARIES | Admin -3/25 | **103** | 5,102.43 |
| 14-Mar-25 | SALARIES | Civic - 3/25 | **301** | 4,820.64 |
| 17-Mar-25 | OMBC | Pest Control | **308** | 30.00 |
| 18-Mar-25 | EDF ENERGY | Gas - 2/25 | **303** | 955.60 |
| 18-Mar-25 | CAPRICORN SECURITY | Martin Kemp 7/2/25 | **318** | 475.20 |
| 18-Mar-25 | GREENFIELD PUBLISHING | Monthly Advert - 2/25 | **441** | 98.40 |
| 18-Mar-25 | MBHARRINGTON | Ashes Interment - 7/3/25 | **206** | 65.00 |
| 18-Mar-25 | UPPERMILL DIY | Misc Repair Consumables | **307** | 57.89 |
| 18-Mar-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Office Milk | **169** | 1.50 |
| 20-Mar-25 | COMMERCE BUSINESS | Copier/Printer Usage | **105** | 116.42 |
| 21-Mar-25 | HMRC | Tax & NI - Admin - 1/25 | **103** | 1,342.80 |
| 21-Mar-25 | HMRC | Tax & NI - Civic - 1/25 | **301** | 1,224.24 |
| 21-Mar-25 | GET LICENSED | Site Staff training- APLH Level 2 | **124** | 99.99 |
| 24-Mar-25 | BNP PARIBAS LEASING | Copier Lease (Quarterly) | **105** | 182.46 |
| 26-Mar-25 | SHORROCK TRICHEM | Hygiene | **316** | 149.26 |
| 31-Mar-25 | NAT WEST | Bank Charges -30/11/24 - 28/2/25 | **168** | 34.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | GMPF | Pensions - Admin - 2/25 | **103** | 1,301.73 |
| 31-Mar-25 | GMPF | Pensions - Civic - 2/25 | **301** | 1,077.26 |
| 31-Mar-25 | MBHARRINGTON | Cemetery - Clear vegetation behind Ashes Row | **201** | 1,320.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | CUMBRIA CLOCK COMPANY | Clock Service (£222) / Repair (£528) | **307** | 750.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | CONCEPT LIFTS | Lift Repair (final agreed amount) | **307** | 732.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | CIA FIRE/SECURITY | Alarm Monitoring 1/1 - 31/12/25 | **307** | 384.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | KEYSTAFF AGENCY | Casual Staff (Sick Leave cover) | **301** | 339.41 |
| 31-Mar-25 | PROTEC SECURITY | ACDC Livewire 21/2/25 | **318** | 326.70 |
| 31-Mar-25 | CENTRE GLASS | Cleaning Consumables | **306** | 225.06 |
| 31-Mar-25 | ELCONS HR/LAW | HR/Legal Consultancy (29) - 3/25 | **120** | 121.20 |
| 31-Mar-25 | ASCENDANT LIFTS | Maintenance Contract 1/3/25 - 28/2/26 | **307** | 96.00 |
| 31-Mar-25 | VIKING STATIONERY | Stationery | **105** | 50.82 |
| 31-Mar-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Office Coffee | **169** | 13.60 |
| 31-Mar-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Estate Mileage | **102** | 8.10 |
| 31-Mar-25 | STAFF EXPENSES | Office Coffee | **169** | 1.65 |
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