**Minutes, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 22nd January 2024 at the Civic Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs K Dawson (Chairman), B Beeley (Vice Chairman)

E Adamson S Al-Hamdani

M. Bingley H Bishop

R Blackmore L Dawson

J Garner P Gaul

A Marland K Phillips

M Powell G Sheldon

L Thompson D Wall

P Walsh A Wrigley

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

**3533. To receive Public Questions**

None received

**3534. Chairman’s Urgent Business**

None to discuss

**3535. Correspondence**

None received

Cllrs Kevin Dawson Linda Dawson joined the meeting,

**3536. To receive apologies for Absence:** Cllr M Birchall**,** Cllr K Barton

**3537. To receive Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3538. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th December 2023.**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3539. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 8th January 2024.**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3540. To note the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held 10th January 2024.**

Cllr Al-Hamdani informed councillors that the 50th Anniversary of the Parish Council was this year; ideas had been discussed at the meeting and he had arranged a meeting with Saddleworth Museum to discuss commemorating the event. He asked if any councillors had any other ideas then please share them with members of the Communications Committee.

The minutes were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3541. To note the minutes of the Traffic & Transport Committee meeting held 11th January 2024.**

Cllr Al-Hamdani wished to make councillors aware about the GMP Community Speed Watch scheme and it was discussed. 3 initial areas have been identified in Saddleworth. If any councillor would like further information on the scheme they are to contact the new Sergeant at Oldham, Connor Brook.

The minutes were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3542. To note the minutes of the Assets Management Committee meeting held 15th January 2024.**

Cllr Sheldon thanked Cllr Beeley for arranging with OMBC the siting of the new bin at Dawson’s Field once the disabled access has been completed. He also gave further information on recommendations received by the Structural Engineer regarding the leaning car park wall. Two quotes had been received for the drain CCTV survey. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to go ahead with Lanes Group who quoted £845 plus vat - £1014. Proposed Cllr Garner, seconded Cllr Sheldon, All in favour. *(post meeting note, a site visit has been arranged prior to the work being carried out for 31 Jan 24.)*

The minutes were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3543. Accounts for Payment Income £1,676 Expenditure £21,408,88**

Cllr Sheldon explained about the additional advertising costs for the Site Manager vacancy, that it had been agree at Staffing Committee to advertise in West Yorkshire (Huddersfield/Marsden area). The Clerk advised we had received a number of good quality applications this time, shortlisting being carried 24 January, interviews 29th Jan).

Cllr Blackmore queried the cost of the grave inspection. The clerk explained it was a five yearly mandatory inspection by a qualified engineer who also inspects Oldham and Tameside graveyards. Cllr Bishop commented the pathway in the cemetery was uneven and slippery at the moment. The Clerk will ask the contractor to inspect and make good on his return from holiday.

The accounts were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3544. Date of the next meeting:- Monday 26 February 2024 at 19.30hrs**