Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

of Saddleworth Parish Council Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on

Thursday 19th December 2019

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

 Sam Al-Hamdani

 Kevin Dawson

 Andrew Fletcher

 Geoff Willerton

**281. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Pam Byrne (DP), Georgina Brownridge (OMBC), Adele Metcalfe (PP) and Rob Knotts.

**282. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2019 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**283.** **Matters arising**

 **M279 Fletcher’s sub-group**

 Andrew Fletcher said that there had recently been an internal meeting of officers from Oldham Council to try to get the discussions back on track. He said that Liz Dryden-Stuart had taken over responsibility for strategic planning issues following the departure of Stephen Irvine. He said that the sub-group chaired by Cllr McLaren had not met for some time and that he had asked Lisa MacDonald to speak to him and arrange a monthly meeting schedule form January 2020. Cllr Beeley said that she would speak to Lisa and expressed her disappointment that none of the Oldham officers were in attendance at today’s meeting. She said that she would give some thought as to who would replace Rob Knotts on the sub-group.

**284. Survey Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani informed the meeting that the survey is complete and the artwork will be available for sign off this week. He said that he had written a short explanatory introduction for the paper. The survey will go into the January edition of the Saddleworth Independent and it was **AGREED that the closing date will be 29th February 2020.** The Clerk said that the freepost licence has been agreed. Cllr Beeley said that she and the Clerk will draft a press release.

**285. Website Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani’s said that the Cornerstones have booked studio time for the updates for today. The survey has already been uploaded onto the website and details of how to access the on-line version will be printed on the hard copies. The Clerk said that she would post the link on social media and on the Parish Council’s main website.

**286. Grant Application**

The draft application form was circulated and a number of changes agreed. Cllr Beeley said that she and the Clerk will amend the application form and submit it following the meeting.

*The application form was submitted at 11:30am and an acknowledgement received from Neighbourhood Planning.*

**287. Dates and times of next meetings:**

 30th January 2020 30th April 2020

 27th February 2020 28th May 2020

 26th March 2020

All at 9.30am