Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

Thursday 19th July 2018

There were present: Cllrs: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

Rob Knotts (Vice Chair)

Andrew Fletcher

Georgina Brownridge (OMBC)

Geoff Willerton

Max Woodvine (Saddleworth Youth Council)

One member of the public attended.

**159. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Byrne, Lisa MacDonald (OMBC) Jane Soriente (OMBC), Paul Fryer.

**160. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2018**

In the meeting held on 28th June Georgina Brownridge said that Tim English is currently working on Oldham’s Housing Strategy and will attend a future meeting. She also said that if the strategy does not include vacant properties a separate strategy will be required. Georgina Brownridge said that the last word, “required” in the previous sentence needs to be changed to “considered”.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2018 were **APPROVED** **and SIGNED**.

**161.** **Actions agreed last meeting not included separately on the agenda**

Cllr Paul Fryer was absent so an update on the “Making Saddleworth Climate Ready” was not available. Georgine Brownridge asked that future reports included issues about plastic waste.

Cllr Geoff Bayley was absent so an update on the report about unoccupied properties in Delph was not available. However, Cllr Barbara Beeley offered congratulations on the report presented to date.

Cllr Rob Knotts advised that a request about the InSaddleworth expenditure issue had been submitted but no response received.

The issue about NP administrative support awaits information being obtained by Lisa McDonald.

**162. Feedback from Youth Meetings**

Max presented a report about the Saddleworth Parish Youth Committee’s discussions with students in Saddleworth Secondary School about Neighbourhood Plan issues. The topics discussed covered housing, environment, employment, tourism, history, transport, wellbeing, education, leisure and safety. Councillor Barbara Beeley thanked the Youth Council for their submission. A copy of their report is attached.

**163. Update from Fletcher’s/Tanner’s Meetings**

There had been no further discussions since the last meeting. Georgina Brownridge advised that the revised GMSF had been further delayed following revision of the Government’s forecast population growth figures.

**164. Survey**

Cllr Knotts said that he had updated the survey following suggestions made by Georgina Brownridge at the last meeting. Once finalised it will be put on the Neighbourhood Plan website and hard copies will be provided in libraries, doctors’ surgeries, etc.

Survey findings will be used to feed the NP and Parish Plan submissions.

The “Where Can I Find” document which would give a list of places suitable for leaving the survey for the public to pick up is still awaited from Lisa McDonald. Lisa also said that she would send the survey out through her contacts list.

It was agreed to launch the survey in late September 2018.

Georgina Brownridge reminded the meeting that GDPR permission was needed. During the June 2018 meeting Pam Bailey said that she has already drafted them together with a consent form.

Ideas about expanding questions about sport, leisure, community and youth facilities were suggested. They will be incorporated in the survey.

It was suggested that alternative energy issues are included in the survey.

**165. Website and Training**

Cllr Barbara Beeley said that she is progressing the website and training issues and will report at the next meeting.

**166. Funding**

Cllr Knotts informed the meeting that he had written to Debbie Abrahams MP to ask for her support in seeking funding to staff NP work. Ms Abrahams has not yet responded; she has been in hospital. Acopy has been sent to LALC and NALC**.** He added that an application for funding for the current year needs to be submitted. It was agreed to send a copy of the request to Mr Brokenshire MP who is responsible in Parliament for Local Government issues.

**167. Any Other Business**

Press comments about water leaks suffered in the water systems managed by United Utilities, particularly when hose pipe bans were imminent prompted discussion. It was agreed that a letter of concern would be sent to United Utilities.

Cllr Knotts said that he will again contact InSaddleworth to discuss their involvement in the project.

Cllr. Beeley said that the issue of support for the NP project is still outstanding.

The issue about taxes on empty properties and empty business premises was raised; clarification is needed.

Cllr Barbara Beeley presented an outline draft of the Saddleworth NP document for comment.

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

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August but to combine it with the meeting on 27th September 2018

**27th September 2018**

25th October 2018

29th November 2018

20th December 2018

31st January 2019

28th February 2019

28th March 2019

25th April 2019

at 9:30am