Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

**Thursday 20th July 2017**

There were present: Cllrs: Barbara Beeley

Andrew Fletcher

Geoff Willerton

Georgina Brownridge (OMBC)

Jane Soriente (DP)

**50.** **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Knotts, Cllr G. Bayley, Adele Metcalfe (PPA), Lisa MacDonald (DP), John McCann (OMBC) and Steve Hewitt (OMBC).

**51.** The minutes of the meetings held on 29th June 2017 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**52.** **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**53.** **Report back from Community Meetings**

All meetings with the exception of Uppermill have now been held. Turnout at Denshaw (20) and Dobcross (40) was very good. Dobcross CA are forming a sub committee to deal with the Neighbourhood Plan. Denshaw recently held their AGM, at which they changed their name to Denshaw Village Association, and the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at some length.

Cllr Beeley said that she will speak to Cllr Knotts and probably go ahead with setting up a meeting for Uppermill without consulting with their Chairman.

Once all the meetings have been held all the information gathered needs to be collated for the evidence file.

**54.** **Update on Timeline**

The timeline is approximately one month behind. Cllr Knotts is to be asked to prepare an updated version for the next meeting.

**55.** **Timetable for Meetings with Interest Groups**

Cllr Beeley circulated a schedule of the meetings to be held with the interest groups in September. A number of groups have been omitted and Cllr Beeley will update the list and resend it. The list will be finalised at the next meeting and she asked that each member of the committee select a group and organise that meeting to spread out the work. All the dates have been put into the Civic Hall diary.

A script will need to be written, tailored to each group, to begin each session. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**56.** **Website update**

Nothing to update. Cllr Beeley will chase Cornerstones.

**57.** **Evidence Base**

Jane Soriente said everything is up to date. Georgina Brownridge suggested that 2 workshop be held – one after all the Community Association meetings are complete and one after all the interest group meetings are complete – to summarise the key issues arising from the meetings and identify any gaps in the evidence collected.

**58.** **GMSF and Oldham proposed Local Plan**

Georgina Browridge said that the final timetable for the GMSF has not yet been issued so there is currently no consultation schedule. The revised GMSF is expected to have reconsidered housing numbers and to focus more on urban development, concentrating in areas close to Metrolink. There will still be some call on brown and green field sites.

The Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform to the Local Plan which, in turn, will need to reflect the GMSF. There is a 6 week consultation period for the Local plan, which is currently being rewritten. Cllr Beeley expressed concern that the 6 week period falls over the school holidays when a lot of people are away. Pam Bailey said that there is a motion on the agenda for next Monday’s Council meeting to ask for the consultation period to be extended.

Discussion about the Local Plan will form part of the first workshop session.

**59. Report for the meeting re Fletchers**

Cllr Beeley reminded the group that the meetings about Fletchers and Tanners are called by Cllr Colin McLaren of Oldham Council and that she and Cllr Knotts are invitees.

Andrew Fletcher said that at the last meeting there had been a report back from the Peak Park visit, and a number of the attendees had been both surprised and impressed by Dovestone.

Stephen Irvine had given an update on the discussions which had taken place about Fletchers and Tanners and there were 3 options:

1. Fletchers to carry on with a draft GMSF proposal on their own;
2. Fletchers and Tanners draw up a joint master plan for the area; or
3. Oldham Council commission a master plan.

A response will be sent by Fletchers and Tanners by the end of July.

Peak Park have not yet expressed an opinion about what they would like to see, their current stance being simply to raise objections to the GMSF. However, following the tour, they may now feel more able to provide something more constructive, hopefully along similar lines to the Parish Council.

Georgina Brownridge said that she will ask Stephen Irvine for an update.

An informal briefing paper may be available to go to the Parish Council meeting in September. Cllr Knotts’ paper on Economic Development in Saddleworth is going to the Parish Council on 24th July.

**60.** **Any Other Business**

Cllr Beeley circulated a letter she had received asking for Saddleworth School to be included as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was generally accepted that the school issues will be resolved well in advance of the Neighbourhood Plan being made. Cllr Beeley said she would respond to the letter.

**61.** **Dates of next meetings**

To be held at 9:30am at Uppermill Civic Hall on:

**Wednesday 23rd August – Workshop 9:30am to 1:30pm (lunch will be provided)**

Thursday 28th September 2017 Thursday 25th January 2018

Thursday 26th October 2017 Thursday 22nd February 2018

Thursday 30th November 2017 Thursday 22nd March 2018

Thursday 21st December 2017 Thursday 26th April 2018

Additional meetings will be called as required.