Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

Friday 26th July 2019

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

Sam Al-Hamdani

Borough Councillors: Pam Byrne

Andrew Fletcher

Georgina Brownridge

**236. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Max Woodvine, Geoff Willerton, Rob Knotts, Adele Metcalfe (PP), Lisa McDonald (DP), and Jane Soriente (DP).

**237. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**238.** **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**239. Project Update paper from Rob Knotts**

The paper had been circulated prior to the meeting. Andrew Fletcher said that there were a number of inaccuracies, for example, the housing numbers, which would have to be corrected if the paper was made public. It was **AGREED that the committee members would review the paper for amendment at the next meeting so that it could be made public, if required.**

**240. Fletcher’s Update**

There have been no further meetings. Andrew Fletcher gave a brief summary of the current position for the benefit of those committee members who were not in attendance at the last meeting.

Georgina Brownridge said that the Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, will be visiting Dovestones in September. It was noted that it may be useful for the committee to meet with him, possibly offering a lunch at the Civic Hall.

**241. Website and Survey Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani said that he has made 2 requests for changes to the website to Cornerstones but had not had any response. He said that the website layout is simply a copy of the Parish Council website and not suitable for the Neighbourhood Plan. He said that all current documents, with the exception of Rob Knotts’ paper, have been uploaded but the GMSF call for sites map is the 2016 version. Georgina Brownridge said that she would send him the latest version of the map. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that he will try to meet with Cornerstones as soon as possible to resolve the website issues.

He also reported that the survey is complete and ready for hard copies to be distributed, but noted that it is rather long and may deter people from filling it in. It was **AGREED that Cllr Al-Hamdani would send the survey to the Clerk for circulation for discussion at the next meeting ready for consultation to start in September.**

**242. Appointment of Project Manager**

Cllr Beeley summarised the discussion from the previous meeting and it was **AGREED that, subject to obtaining funding, Rob Knotts be appointed for a 6 month period.**

**243. Appointment of Co-optees**

The Clerk said that 2 former councillors who had been members of the Strategic Planning Committee may be willing to be co-opted if needed. It was **AGREED that co-optees or volunteers would be approached as and when required.**

**244. Saddleworth Moor Public Spaces Protection Order**

Cllr Beeley said that the order is currently out for consultation, the closing date for comments being 5th August. If the order is made it will be in force for 3 years. The committee welcomed the order.

**245. Holme Valley Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Beeley said that this plan is currently out for consultation and suggested that it may be worth looking at the format to help with the preparation of the Saddleworth plan.

**246. Any other business:**

Cllr Beeley thanked everyone for attending but commented on the non-attendance of other members of the committee. The Clerk said that Cllr Curley had decided to resign from the committee as he is unable to attend morning meetings due to his work commitments. This left 2 Parish Council and one District Partnership vacancies. Cllr Beeley said that she will speak to Cllr Belmore about his availability. She said that it is important that all members of the committee attend the meeting if the plan is to progress.

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

29th August 2019 30th January 2020

26th September 2019 27th February 2020

31st October 2019 26th March 2020

28th November 2019 30th April 2020

19th December 2019 28th May 2020

all at 9:30am