Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

Thursday 26th September 2019

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

Alan Belmore

Borough Councillors: Pam Byrne

Graham Sheldon

Georgina Brownridge

Andrew Fletcher

Rob Knotts

Geoff Willerton

**253. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Sam Al-Hamdani and Max Woodvine (SPC), Lisa MacDonald and Jane Soriente (DP) and Adele Metcalfe (PP).

**254. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2019 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**255.** **Matters arising**

**Fletcher’s Update**

There have been no further meetings. Cllr Beeley said that there had been a meeting for all groups opposing the development on 19th September. She added that she has been invited to join the steering group but had not yet responded. Andrew Fletcher said that Lisa MacDonald is going to contact Cllr McLaren to see whether another meeting of the sub-group is needed but said that the urgency had reduced due to the delay in the GMSF, the next consultation now expected in July 2020. Andrew Fletcher asked whether the GMSF has merely been delayed or is expected to change. Georgina Brownridge said that the number of responses to the consultation had been overwhelming and staff needed additional time to collate them. She said that Liz Dryden-Stuart has replaced Stephen Irvine on this group and Ben Caine, Oldham Council’s tree officer, is conducting a survey of the trees on the site.

Andrew Fletcher said that there had been a meeting mainly concerned with the new spine road and said that John Phipps is doing some more detailed work on the Fletcher’s layout. Cllr Beeley said that, although tourism is important to the area, the new road could lead to an increase that will need to be carefully managed. She suggested that the Parish Council needs to adopt a tourism policy. Georgina Brownridge said that Liz Kershaw is currently working on a tourism strategy and Cllr Beeley said that she would invite her to the next meeting.

**256. Survey Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani had sent the latest version of the survey to the Clerk including a number of his own comments. He had requested that the meeting go through the revised survey in detail and agree any additional changes. A number of amendments were agreed and the Clerk said that she would forward them to Cllr Al-Hamdani for a further revision to be completed before the next meeting.

The section on Transport was deferred to the next meeting as the Clerk said that the Traffic and Transport Committee intended to conduct a survey on this issue. It was **AGREED that a representative of that committee be invited to the next meeting to decide whether the transport related part of the survey be deferred to them or the section in the Neighbourhood Plan survey be expanded to meet their requirements.**

**257. Website Update**

In Cllr Al-Hamdani’s absence, this was deferred to the next meeting.

**258. Funding**

Cllr Beeley said that the money allocated by the Parish Council to fund the survey was still available.

Rob Knotts said that he needed to speak again with Deb Appleby about a further grant application.

**259. Manchester Airport Future Airspace**

Cllr Beeley referred to the email about the consultation that had been sent to the Clerk and said that she appreciated the Parish Council being asked for their comments. Rob Knotts said that one of the major air routes runs directly over Saddleworth and there is a perception that planes are flying lower, resulting in an increase in noise nuisance. Cllr Beeley asked for the group to look at the on-line survey and pass any comments through to her by Wednesday 2nd October so that she and the Clerk can submit a full response by the 11th October deadline. Georgina Brownridge said that she will find out who is completing the survey on behalf of Oldham Council.

**260. NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing 10-19 – 5G mobile coverage in rural areas.**

The Clerk had received an e-mail from NALC asking for responses to the 3 questions in the consultation to which they intend to respond. NALC had asked for responses by 11th October although the deadline from the government 4th November. Georgina Brownridge said that Graeme Moore from Oldham Council’s Planning Department is preparing their response, which is mainly concerned with amenity and streetscape, and that, once it has been cleared by Hannah Roberts, she will send a copy to Cllr Beeley. Cllr Beeley said that she would prepare the committee’s response, using Oldham’s response as the basis, and Cllr Belmore said that he would help to put the response together.

**261. Any Other Business**

There were no items for discussion. Georgina Brownridge informed the meeting that Oldham Council had recently published their housing delivery test action plan.

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

31st October 2019 27th February 2020

28th November 2019 26th March 2020

19th December 2019 30th April 2020

30th January 2020 28th May 2020

all at 9:30am.