Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

Thursday 27th February 2020

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

Sam Al-Hamdani

Borough Councillors: Graham Sheldon

Andrew Fletcher

Geoff Willerton

**294. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Dawson, L. Dawson and Pam Byrne (DP), Georgina Brownridge (OMBC), Lisa MacDonald (OMBC) and Adele Metcalfe (PP).

**295. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2020 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**296.** **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**297. Survey Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani informed the meeting that the survey is still live and will remain open after the 29th February cut-off date for any late submissions. He said that there had been 320 online responses of which 56% had completed all the questions. The Clerk said that there had been a further 52 hard copy responses since the last meeting. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that he will ask the Saddleworth Independent to include a reminder to complete the survey in their next issue.

So far Springhead residents have submitted the most responses and none have been received from Slackcote. Cllr Sheldon asked whether the information would be split by village. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that it can be analysed in any way which may be useful e.g. by village, age group, etc. He said that, once the survey has closed and all the responses collated, he will bring a report to the next meeting.

**298. Website Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani said that he had not yet sent the Community Association representatives the information on how to upload onto the website. He said that he would send them an email with the instructions and also give them the option to submit the information to himself for uploading.

Cllr Al-Hamdani left the meeting at 9:45am.

**299. Fletcher’s Update**

Andrew Fletcher said that there is a meeting next week with 2 Planning Officers from Oldham Council to find out where this is up to. He suggested and it was **AGREED that Geoff Willerton also attend.** He said that, because the next GMSF consultation has been put back until at least July 2020 the project has lost some impetus. He said that, once next week’s meeting has taken place he will ask for Cllr McLaren’s sub group to be reconvened.

**300. Any Other Business**

Andrew Fletcher said that Knutsford Town Council have received a Special Planning Commendation for their Neighbourhood Plan. He gave a copy to the Clerk for reference.

Cllr Sheldon said that, at the meeting of Oldham Council on 26th February, a budget had been put aside for spending on public footpaths. The officer dealing with them is Jean Greer. He referred to the 2 closed footpaths in Dobcross and Uppermill, the latter of which he is working with residents, the Oldham Ramblers and Oldham Council to get it repaired and re-opened. Cllr Beeley said that she had been informed that custom and practice footpaths would no longer be able to be registered after July 2021

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

26th March 2020

30th April 2020

28th May 2020

all at 9.30am