Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

**Thursday 29th June 2017**

There were present: Cllrs: Barbara Beeley Andrew Fletcher

 Rob Knotts Geoff Willerton

 Geoff Bayley Georgina Brownridge (OMBC)

 Lisa MacDonald (DP)

 Jane Soriente (DP)

39. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Adele Metcalfe (PPA), John McCann (OMBC), Peter Klonowski (OMBC) and Steve Hewitt (OMBC), Keith Lucas

40. The minutes of the meetings held on 6th April and 25th May 2017 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

41. **Matters Arising**

 Georgina Brownridge asked that M34 be amended (minutes 25th May) as the Statement of Community Involvement is not a requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan, but optional.

42. **Report back from Community Meetings – Cllr Knotts & Cllr Beeley**

Meetings have now been held with Slackcote; Delph; Grotton and Springhead; Diggle; Scouthead and Austerlands; Greenfield, Grasscroft and Friezland; and Uppermill. Meetings at Denshaw and Dobcross will be held next week.

 Cllr Knotts said that all the groups were a little apprehensive as they don’t yet fully understand what is required of them. The main concerns raised had been:

* + Infrastructure
	+ Parking
	+ Housing / affordable housing
	+ Transport

 Healthcare and Education had not been raised.

 There had been significant interest in the idea of Community Land Trusts and Lydgate had said that they would be able to find some land if this became an option.

 Cllr Knotts said that he will circulate minutes of all the meetings to Jane Soriente for inclusion in the evidence file.

43. **Visit from Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) 23rd June 2017**

Cllr. Beeley said that this was the first time the PDNPA’s annual “tour” had included Saddleworth. Lunch had been taken at the Clarence followed by a visit to Dovestones, mainly to look at the Fletcher’s site. PDNPA appeared to be in general agreement with the Parish Council’s views on the development of the site. The group then came to the Civic Hall where Geoff Willerton gave a presentation on the Parish Council’s alternative proposal which PDNPA appeared to be in agreement with. Cllr Beeley gave a presentation on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan. Lisa McDonald said that she had received an email from John Scott following the event which gave very positive feedback on the visit. The Chief Executive of PDNPA (Sarah Fowler) is keen to develop the “northern gateway” to the park.

44. **Update on Timeline**

 Cllr Knotts said that the community associations’ consultation is running slightly behind schedule. Once the consultation is complete, Cllr Knotts will do a first draft of the Scouthead and Austerlands plan using the Bradwell model. This can then be “tweaked” as necessary and used as a model for the other villages.

 Cllr Beeley noted that we need to develop a survey which individuals can fill in if they want to. This needs to be a standard one across the parish to enable comparisons to be made.

 Cllr Knotts said that with a big push on the community associations the production of a first draft of the plan by 1st September is achievable.

 Cllr Beeley said that consultation with the other interest groups, for which she is compiling a list, will start once that with the community associations has been completed.

 Georgina Brownridge said that, once the first draft is complete, she will contact Derek to do the Habitat Survey and the Environmental Impact Screening. She also reminded the meeting that the project plan needs to allow time to make any amendments arising from consultation before the plan is submitted.

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

Cllrs Beeley and Knotts have lists of the Interests Groups for consultation. It was suggested that dates and venues be booked and the groups then invited rather than waiting for them to come up with dates. The meetings will take place in July and September. Andrew Fletcher said that the agendas for the meetings need to be clear about exactly what is to be discussed and those key people who we really “need” to attend are given the opportunity to do so.

Cllr Beeley asked everyone to consider whether we have missed any groups from the list and, if so, to inform her and Cllr Knotts.

It was noted that there has been a disappointing lack of interest and involvement so far from the rest of the Parish Councillors.

45. **Website update**

Cllr Beeley has discussed the website requirements with Cornerstones and they are progressing the work. Cllr Knotts said that he would look at SurveyMonkey.

46. **Evidence Base**

Jane Soriente said that she is cataloguing and filing every piece of information. This may need editing down at a later date. Georgina Brownridge said that she will circulate the evidence list submitted by Cheshire East in support of their plan for information.

47. **GMSF**

Andrew Fletcher summarised the meetings which he had attended so far. Discussions are continuing and he will report back to future meetings.

48. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Knotts circulated a paper he has prepared on the Economic Development of Saddleworth and another on Infrastructure Issues which he presented to Council last Monday. He asked for feedback from the group. Both papers are still works in progress.

49. **Dates of next meetings**

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

 Thursday 20th July 2017 ***(note change of date)*** Thursday 21st December 2018

 Thursday 31st August 2017 Thursday 25th January 2018

 Thursday 28th September 2017 Thursday 22nd February 2018

 Thursday 26th October 2017 Thursday 22nd March 2018

 Thursday 30th November 2017 Thursday 26th April 2018

 Additional meetings will be called as required.