

# Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

There were present **Present** : Cllr B Beeley (Chairman)  
Cllr K Dawson  
Cllr R Knotts  
Mr A Fletcher

**1, Apologies** : Cllr P Byrne; Cllr M Woodvine, Cllr S Al-Hamdani, Ms L Dryden-Stuart (OMBC)  
Ms G Brownbridge (OMBC) Ms C Wilkins (PEAK)

**2, Declarations of interest** None declared

**3, Approval of minutes 30 June 2022, and 28<sup>th</sup> July workshop**  
Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

## **4, To review the recent changed to the Neighbourhood Plan**

This meeting was called in addition to the planned meeting dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The version 1.5 was shared prior to the meeting. An amended version was shared by email following the meeting.

Cllr BB- it had been proof read but amendments are still to be made to this draft, please concentrate on the content only.

The attendees had already looked through the document and made the following points:

RK - Structurally it is a huge step forward.

BB – the glossary at the end explains more of the terminology.

AF – under Policy & Recommendations - on page 13/14 we don't explain what we mean by a recommendation, not very clear, can't be addressed through the planning system.

AF – under Environment – P14 mentions 'setting' it is actually the part of Saddleworth around Peak Park on the edge – not actually part of Peak Park – we need to make that clear.

AF – page 37 should have included in the last 2 points – stone walls, barn conversion. AF said he would send these questions via email to Cllr Beeley.

RK – had already shared some points with Cllr B prior to the meeting. Please see brief resume below – hard copies shared at the meeting, can be emailed on request.

Page 2 introduction- It will be reviewed every five years and covers a period to 2042.

Add: It will be reviewed every year by Saddleworth Parish Council

Page 6 Community: >91% of residents reported themselves to be satisfied with the local area. Nearly 50% volunteered within the last 12 months. Voter turnout was at >36% at local elections. What did the 50% volunteer for?

Page 8 The main motorways near to Saddleworth are the M62, with junction 22 at Rishworth Moor falling just outside the Parish boundary, and the M60 ring road, which falls several miles outside the Parish. The primary arterial roads through the Parish are the A62, the A672 and the A670.

Add: Denshaw and Delph experience traffic congestion when incidents or accidents on the M62 force traffic to be diverted off the M62 at junction 20.

Parking is always a problem, particularly in Uppermill. We could quantify and manage the number of parking spaces

There is additional parking at Saddleworth Sports Centre (46 marked bays and 20 unmarked).

Page 10 Consultation and local voices

An additional concern voiced through the consultation was that local residents often feel overlooked in decision-making processes, particularly around investment and development – most notably planning.

RK – also made the point that when OMBC do the planning list SPC are never invited for comment and contribution. There is no consultation with OMBC.

The number of parking spaces in Uppermill needs quantifying and managing.

P34 – how do we refer to the supporting document? Ideally each page should be referred to in the plan.

AF – needs to be readable to all Saddleworth residents.

BB – agreed – some of the language is not readable for the average resident.

RK - Page 35 needs focus on what could happen on the future. Cllr Knotts advised he is happy to do some work on this.

RK – I would like it minuted that Cllrs Beeley and Al-Hamdani have done a commendable job on this; we're almost there with only another 10% to go.

BB – Still a couple of areas that still need to be re written.

**Date of Next meeting:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 9.30am