

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Assets Management Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill on Tuesday 7th March 2023**

There were present: Cllr. G. Sheldon – Chairman

Cllr. P Byrne
Cllr. B Beeley
Cllr. D. Simpson
Cllr. P. Lord
Cllr. R. Knotts
Mr. W. Lawton – Assets Manager
Mrs. K. Allott – Clerk to the Council

642. Apologies for absence:

Cllr. L. Dawson, Cllr Woodvine

643. Declarations of Interest:

None declared

644. Dawson's Field & Band Contest & other events

Cllr Sheldon asked the Clerk to give a brief resume of the current situation with regard to the ongoing insurance claim and the email received from the organisers of the Band Contest. The next steps were then discussed and an agreed response to this email was reached. The prepared risk assessment was shared and discussed and some small amendments made. It was agreed the Site Manager would contact the contractor who cuts the grass regularly on the field to report any issues to him.

It was also requested that SPC are given a copy of the gate key as they don't have one currently.

Councillors agreed the Clerk would reply to the email from the Band Contest Organiser with their response.

645. Dawson's Field damaged wall

The wall has been damaged in a car accident. There was some discussion around who is responsible for this wall – OMBC or Saddleworth Parish Council. Emails received previously from OMBC regarding this were shared. The Clerk advised that our insurers have already been notified just in case it does end up being SPC's responsibility. She had received an estimate for repair of less than £1000.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the deeds to Cllr Knotts and he agreed to write to Cllr Chadderton on behalf of SPC and would feed back.

Allotments

The Asset's Committee met at the allotments one day last week to discuss extending it. They reported that some of the hawthorn hedge had been removed and a gate installed for easy access to the riverside. This wasn't in the original agreement.

Cllr Sheldon shared a map of the proposed extension and it was discussed and modified. It still leaves a substantial wildlife corridor while catering to those residents on the waiting list for an allotment.

It was agreed we need to replace the hawthorn hedging to be added to the original hedge line. A tidy up of some allotments is required.

Cllr Sheldon gave his apologies for the next Environment meeting but asked the Clerk to share this mapped proposal. If the Environment Committee agree to this proposal the Assets Committee will then prepare a cost analysis.

646. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 20th March at 10.30am