Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Monday 20th May 2024 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr K Dawson (Ch)

Cllr B Beeley

Cllr S Al-Hamdani

Cllr H Bishop

Mrs K Allott (Clerk)

Mr J Price (RFO)

18 members of the public attended

Cllr Dawson welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and introduced the Clerk and Councillors.

1, To share the Annual Report for 2023/24 from the Parish Council.

Cllr Dawson read out paragraphs from the Saddleworth Parish Council Annual Report.

Cllr Beeley shared a further update on the Neighbourhood Plan, about the consultation process and the expected timescale.

Cllr Al-Hamdani explained the savings made on the Civic Hall energy bills; much less than the original predictions, with thanks to the RFO for obtaining such a good deal. This insured the precept request this year was only a slight increase and was proportionate.

The Clerk advised the meeting about the issues with the car park wall and the measures being taken to repair.

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2, To receive questions

A question was received regarding whether we still had the support of a Planning Officer. Cllr Beeley advised this had been withdrawn some time ago by OMBC, but that Councillors had all received Planning training. She advised that their recommendations were taken to OMBC Planning with the expectation they inform Planning decisions.

A question was received about traffic difficulties into Diggle from Standedge. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next Traffic & Transport Committee meeting.

A number of questions were received regarding the provision of health centres in and around Saddleworth. Cllr Beeley explained the Parish Council were very involved in progressing this; a Motion had already been passed and the Chief Office of ICC had been contacted. Cllr Beeley advised it was high on her agenda as the next Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Al-Hamdani also advised that along with SPC, the borough councillors were putting pressure on the borough for a resolution.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm

3, Date of next meeting 19th May 2025 at 6pm