**Minutes, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 24 April 2023 at the Civic Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs P. Byrne . K. Dawson

M. Scholes J. Hudson

J. Curley L. Dawson

H. Bishop R. Knotts

B. Beeley J. Battye

M. Woodvine B. Lord

P. Lord S. Al-Hamdani

D Simpson L. Lancaster

G. Sheldon K. Phillips

Welcome and prayers by the Chairman Cllr Byrne.

Cllr Byrne then invited Councillors to hold a minute’s silence for the later Mr Ian McInnes, a former Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council.

Appreciations for the life of Mr McInnes were made by Cllrs Hudson, Battye, Knotts, Lord and Byrne.

**3413. To receive Public Questions**

None received

**3414. Chairman’s Urgent Business**

None to discuss

**3415. To receive apologies for Absence** Cllr M. Bingley

**3416. Correspondence**

The Clerk read out a letter of support received from Cllr Chadderton, Leader of Oldham Council, in response to her letter regarding the Parish Council’s concerns regarding future Rail Strategy for Saddleworth. The Clerk confirmed to date no further responses had been received**.**

**3417. To receive Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3418.** **To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th March 2023**

After a query from Cllr Al-Hamdani regarding the request for a copy of the Dawson’s Field gate key, the minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3419. To note the Minutes of the Assets Management meeting held on 20th March 2023**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3420. To note the Minutes of the Traffic & Transport Meeting held on 27th March 2023**

Cllr Byrne advised that ward councillors needed to take up the 3 minuted concerns raised by Cllr Bishop at this meeting.The minutes were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3421. To note the Minutes of the Communications Meeting held on 29th March 2023**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3422. To note the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on 30th March 2023**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3423.** **To note the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 3rd April 2023**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

**3424. Proposal regarding DBS checks on new Parish Councillors (Barbara Beeley)**

Cllr Beeley requested this item is deferred to the next AGM as there would need to be an amendment to the Standing Orders for this to take place**.**

**3425. Accounts for Payment March 2023 Income £9966.49 Expenditure £56,522.03**

There was some discussion around the Civic Ball and it was agreed that the Finance Committee would be involved in this going forward.

There was a query regarding a receipt of £200 for a booking, The Clerk confirmed it was only the deposit and the balance would be received 4 weeks prior to the event.

Accounts for payment were then proposed, seconded and approved.

**3426. AOB**

Cllr Curley paid tribute to all Saddleworth Parish Councillors for all their dedication and hard work. He said over the last four years they had made real progress and had represented the people of Saddleworth very well.

Cllr Knotts offered his support in exploring new energy options for the Civic Hall. Cllr Scholes thanked him for this and advised the Environment Committee had already made a start on this project.

Cllr Byrne closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their service and dedication to Saddleworth Parish Council over the last four years.

Cllr Dawson expressed his thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Byrne for her loyalty, hard work and dedication.

**3427. Dates of the next meetings:-**

Association of Councillors Monday 15th May 2023 @ 7.30pm

Council AGM – Monday 22nd May 2023 @ 7.30pm