



stating that buildings must not be erected on individual plots. She added that this is a fairly common restriction. Cllr Allsopp said that this condition was included in the permission to reassure Kenworthy Gardens residents about the overall appearance of the site. Cllr P. Lord said that she sympathised with TUPAS but that the original plans should be stuck to. Cllr Beeley said that the Canals and Rivers Trust had objected to the erection of greenhouses and sheds because of the flood risk of the site as the water flow would be affected. Cllr Hudson said that he agreed with Cllrs P. Lord and Beeley and was **AGREED that the Chairman of the Estates Committee inform TUPAS of this decision.**

Secondly, TUPAS have successfully applied for 1,500 saplings from the Woodlands Trust for them to plant round the perimeter of the site. Cllr Sheldon said that they had not asked the Parish council's permission to do this and questioned whether planning permission would be required. It was **AGREED that the Clerk check the planning requirements before the Estates Committee meeting.**

- 2497 Recommendation of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**  
The recommendation of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 that, having reviewed the draft lease and found it to be satisfactory, the lease for Dawson's Field be signed as soon as possible, was **APPROVED.**
- 2498 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**  
The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were **NOTED.**
- 2499 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were **NOTED.**
- 2500 Recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
Cllr Hudson reported that, following a recommendation from the Internal Auditor that the Parish Council should adopt a formal grants awarding policy, the Finance Committee recommended that the policy circulated with the agenda should be adopted. Cllr Belmore said that he thought the policy was a good start but that, once adopted, it should be further enhanced to meet the needs of the community.
- The recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that, following the verbal recommendation from the Internal Auditor, the Council adopt a formal policy for awarding grants, a draft of which was circulated with the agenda, was **APPROVED and it was AGREED that the Council should look at ways in which the policy could be developed further to support the community going forward.**
- 2501 Recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
The recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that, following the verbal recommendation from the Internal Auditor, as the Parish Council does not have any legal powers to make payments to individuals (with the exception of contracted staff), the practice of making the Lord Rhodes awards stops with immediate effect was discussed.

Cllrs Byrne and B. Lord explained the Lord Rhodes awards to the meeting. Cllr B. Lord said that the young people who receive the award are our future and should be encouraged to go above and beyond. He said that the young people who receive the awards are generally unseen, unheard and unrewarded and the award is a sign of the Council's commitment to its young people. Cllr Byrne said that a large trophy is kept at Saddleworth School, engraved with the names of past winners, and that small replica trophies are given for them to keep. The Clerk explained that, in addition to the trophies, the practice has been to give the winners a cheque or voucher and it is this element of the award that the Council does not have the power to do. Cllr Belmore suggested that a third party be found to make the awards and that they be sponsored by the Council. Cllr Hudson said that the current practice should be stopped immediately to ensure that the Council stays within its legal powers and that alternative ways of making the award be investigated.

It was **AGREED that the making of cash or cash equivalent payments for the Lord**

**Rhodes award be stopped immediately and that the Clerk investigate alternate ways of making the awards.**

**2502 Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The minutes of the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were **NOTED**.

Cllr Darlington asked the Clerk to circulate the first draft of an information leaflet he had prepared for the Parish Council on the Climate Change Crisis and asked for any comments to be sent directly to him.

**2503 Recommendation from the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Cllr Darlington presented the recommendation from the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that a Fair Trade working group be established and other councillors and organisations be encouraged to join. He said that he was happy to chair the working group. Cllr Allsopp said that an end date needed to be established. Cllr Curley said that the Terms of Reference need to be set first. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that becoming a Fair Trade Council is an ongoing commitment.

It was **AGREED** that **Cllr Darlington set up a working group and draw up its Terms of Reference and report back to the next Environment Committee and then to the next Council meeting.**

**2504 Recommendation from the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The recommendation from the Environment Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that the Parish Council agree to only using Fair Trade tea and coffee with immediate effect was presented. Cllr Sheldon asked whether Fair Trade coffee could be used in the vending machine or whether the Council was tied to buying coffee from the supplier. It was **AGREED** that **this recommendation be deferred to the September Council meeting and the Clerk check the lease conditions to see whether the use of Fair Trade coffee was permitted under the terms of the lease.**

**2505 Minutes of the Communications Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The minutes of the Communications Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2506 Recommendation from the Communications Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The recommendation from the Communications Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 that, for the Tour of Britain Cycling Event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, that:

- 1) The White Rose flag is displayed on the Civic Hall was **APPROVED** and it was **AGREED that, subject to permission form Oldham Council, the White Rose flag also be displayed in the park outside the library;**
- 2) Hand held flags displaying the Yorkshire Rose be handed out to the spectators to wave as the cyclists pass through Uppermill. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that Oldham Council were supplying flags for the event and therefore the recommendation was **WITHDRAWN**.
- 3) Dependent on approval from Oldham Council's Highways Directorate and available funding, a "Welcome to Saddleworth" banner be erected across Oldham Road as the cyclists approach Uppermill. The Clerk said that she had obtained a quote of £175 for the banner. Cllr Allsopp said that the sign should read "Saddleworth, Yorkshire". Cllr Darlington said that this would be good, positive publicity and that the banner could be reused on future occasions. Cllr Byrne said that the street lamps approaching the square have fixtures which allow banners etc. to be attached to them.

It was **AGREED** that **the recommendation be APPROVED subject to permission form Oldham Council's Highways Department and the agreement of the District Partnership staff to erect the banner;**

- 4) The Civic Hall be opened for the public to use the toilet facilities and possibly get a free cup of tea or coffee from the Chairman's Charity Committee members and a tour of the building, if requested. Publicity material for the Civic Hall and some of the events held would be available to take away. This would promote the Civic Hall and possibly lead to some future bookings. Cllr B. Lord said that he thought this was an excellent suggestion. Cllr Belmore said that he thought this was a wonderful idea and congratulated the Communications Committee on coming up with a recommendation that enabled the Parish Council to obtain the maximum publicity for itself whilst supporting the event. Cllr Byrne suggested that Taylors of Harrogate may donate some Yorkshire tea. The recommendation was **APPROVED and the Clerk asked to contact Taylors of Harrogate to see if they were willing to supply the tea;**
- 5) A "Get on Your Bike" promotional photograph of all the Parish Councillors with bicycles be staged for the press and, potentially, for insertion in a leaflet advertising the event and promoting the benefits of cycling for health and fitness and helping towards environmental issues. The leaflet to be distributed as widely as possible before the event. Cllr B. Lord said that any publicity the Council could get from the event would be welcome. The recommendation was **APPROVED.**

**2507 Accounts for Payment June 2019**

The accounts for payment for June 2019 totaling £21,640.89 were **APPROVED and SIGNED.**

**2508 Motion: Proposed by Cllr Belmore and seconded by Cllr Al-Hamdani**

That this Council resolves to

- Set a target for the Parish Council to become carbon neutral by 2030
- Set a target for Saddleworth to become carbon neutral by 2035
- Ask the Environment Committee to work with government bodies, scientists and interest groups to develop a plan to achieve each of these targets, this plan to be refreshed annually, and approved by the whole Council
- Ask the Environment Committee to report annually to the Council about the progress made against the plan and targets.

Cllr Belmore presented the details behind the motion. He said that it is important that Saddleworth plays its part but also shows some leadership to the community. He said that the targets are challenging and will not be easy to achieve. He commented that the Council should take steps to reduce its own emission and could then encourage the community to follow suit. He said that the Council had the opportunity, and the necessity, to drive this forward and that the motion sets out the framework to enable the start of the process. He said that the Council cannot achieve this by themselves and must work in partnership with the community and other organisations to make the necessary changes.

Cllr Al-Hamdani said that the different Council committees can work together on different aspects of this issue. He said that schools actively encourage their students to think about the future environment and mitigating actions that can be taken and that the Council needs to catch up. Cllr Hulme said that the Council needs to look at children outside its schools, for example those involved in the recent climate change demonstrations, and added that the proposal sits well with the work Oldham Council is undertaking to make it carbon neutral by 2025. He said that the recent work on plastic reduction was a good start and suggested that schemes similar to the Community Hydro could be identified. Cllr Sheldon said that he agrees with the proposals and that the government should take action, for example by ensuring that all new build homes have insulation and solar panels, and said that technology is needed to lead the way so that less reliance is placed on gas and oil.

Following this discussion the motion was **APPROVED.** The Chairman said that the Council has a duty to lead on the major issues of the day and act as the facilitator for change. He said that the Council should become an information hub to inform people about the little

things they can do to make the necessary changes.

**2509 Motion: Proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani and seconded by Cllr Belmore**

That this Council writes to Cllr Sean Fielding to call on the Oldham Council to restore funding to the Band Contest and the Dove Stone Marshalls, from the Borough; particularly considering that Oldham Council already withholds Government money which is earmarked for Saddleworth Parish Council.

Cllr Al-Hamdani informed the meeting that, at the District Partnership meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, it had been reported that Cllr Fielding had restored the funding for the Dove Stone Marshalls and proposed the following amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Cllr Belmore:

That this Council writes to Cllr Sean Fielding to call on the Oldham Council to restore funding to the Whit Friday Band Contest from the Borough; particularly considering that Oldham Council already withholds Government money which is earmarked for Saddleworth Parish Council.

Cllr Hulme said that, if the Whit Friday competitions were a constituted group, funding would be more easily available. Cllr Byrne said that all the individual committees have their own constitutions and that, because of the unique format of each of the events, a single constitution is not a practical option. The Chairman pointed out that the Whit Friday event is known worldwide and said that the Borough Councillors should add their voice to the request for the funding to be reinstated. Cllr Hudson agreed and said that he supported the motion. Cllr Al-Hamdani said that it is the job of the Borough and Parish Councillors to stand up for Saddleworth and its constituents. Cllr Beeley said that the withdrawal of the funding affects everyone in Saddleworth and that the meeting had already agreed that the Council should stand up and publicise Saddleworth.

Following the above discussion the amended motion was voted on and it was **APPROVED that this Council writes to Cllr Sean Fielding to call on the Oldham Council to restore funding to the Whit Friday Band Contest from the Borough; particularly considering that Oldham Council already withholds Government money which is earmarked for Saddleworth Parish Council.**

**2510 Chairman's Urgent Business.**

Cllr Beeley reported that the annual Saddleworth in Bloom Competition had taken place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. She invited all the Parish Councillors to attend the presentation evening which will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 7:00pm and asked that they notify the Clerk if they were attending.

Cllr Curley reminded the meeting that Yorkshire Day is going ahead, as usual, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July and said that the Saddleworth season has already started with the Yanks and Rushcart weekends following.

Cllr Beeley suggested, and it was agreed, that a letter be sent to Cllr Bingley sending the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery following her recent operation.

**2511 Dates of Next Meetings**

The dates of future meetings are:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (AGM)

all at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.