



indicate their support of DRSG.

Cllr Byrne complimented Cllrs Lancaster and Woodvine on their work and said that DRSG had handed petitions in Oldham Council. Cllr Al-Hamdani thanked Cllr Lancaster for his work and said that the Parish Council should be open to support local campaigns as far as possible although this would not be on a carte-blanche approach as the position of people outside the action groups also need to be considered. Cllrs Allsopp and Roberts gave their support to Cllr Al-Hamdani.

Further discussion followed about the similar problems in all the Saddleworth villages including the narrow roads, lack of footpaths and the fact that many vehicles are ignoring weight/speed/width restriction notices and it was **AGREED that the parish councillors should continue to work closely with the villages and residents' associations on these issues and that this should be promoted through the Traffic and Transport Committee to keep pressure on Oldham Council to take appropriate action.**

**2570 Cllr Goodman - letter of resignation from the Planning and Traffic & Transport Committees**

The Chairman said that the Clerk had received correspondence from Cllr Goodman stating that he intended to resign from the Planning and Traffic and Transport Committees in January due to the pressures arising his new job. He thanked Cllr Goodman for the work he had done to date for these committees. Cllr Allsopp said that he very much regretted Cllr Goodman's decision to stand down from the Planning Committee. Cllr Woodvine offered to take Cllr Goodman's place on the Traffic and Transport Committee and this was **AGREED.**

**2571 Budget 2020/21 – briefing paper from the Clerk to the Council**

The Clerk presented the briefing paper which summarised the budget for the current year and set out a number of issues which need to be considered before the budget for 2020/21 is set at the January meeting. She said that the report contained more detail than usual to help the new councillors understand the position. At the meeting held with Cllr Sean Fielding, the Leader of Oldham Council, on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, he had confirmed that a further £10,000 of Revenue Support Grant would be withdrawn from the Parish Council in 2020/21 which meant that this reduction would have to be met from budget savings, an increase in income, and increase in the precept or a combination of all three. She said that, as the income budget for the current year is likely to show a shortfall, it would be inadvisable to increase it until an effective marketing strategy had been introduced.

It was **AGREED that the Communications Committee be tasked with drawing up a marketing strategy.** Cllr Al-Hamdani said that this would be on the agenda for discussion at their meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The budget report was **NOTED.**

**2572 Accounts for Payment for October 2019**

The accounts for payment for October 2019 totaling £36,792.60 were **APPROVED.**

**2573 Any Other Business**

Cllr Phillips reminded the meeting about period poverty and asked again that a reminder be included on future agendas. A number of councillors had made donations to the scheme.

Cllr Darlington said that the Climate Change Working Group had had their initial meeting and said that he had been given the contact details of the relevant officer at Oldham Council. It was **AGREED that Cllr Darlington meet with the officer.**

The Chairman said that Cllr Lancaster had recently run the Oldham half marathon and raised £245 for the Chairman's Charity and thanked Cllr Lancaster for his efforts. He suggested that, if councillors were considering making charitable donations instead of sending Christmas cards, they may consider his charity as a worthy cause.

**2574 Dates of Next Meetings**

The dates of future meetings are:

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 8:25pm.