

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held  
at the Civic Hall, Uppermill on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

There were present: Cllrs. J. Curley - Chairman  
B. Beeley -Vice Chairman

Cllrs.	S. Al-Hamdani	J. Hudson
	N. Allsopp	L. Lancaster
	A. Belmore	B. Lord
	M. Bingley	P. Lord
	P. Byrne	K. Phillips
	R. Darlington	C. Roberts
	K. Dawson	G. Sheldon
	L. Dawson	M. Woodvine
	D. Goodman	

Father Callum Brown said prayers prior to the start of the meeting.

**2575 Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed his fellow Councillors, the press and members of the public to the meeting.

**2576 To Receive Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**2577 To receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2578 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sheldon declared a non-pecuniary interest in land at Greenbridge Lane which was referred to in the minutes of the Estates Committee meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. Cllr. Belmore declared a pecuniary interest in Item 16 - Accounts for Payment - and did not vote on this item.

**2579 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**2580 Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

The minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2581 Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The Minutes of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2582 Minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

The minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2583 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2584 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were **NOTED**. Cllr Allsopp informed the meeting that, with reference to M484, the Community Associations Forum has been dissolved and Cllr Woodvine would therefore need to speak to each Community Association individually.

**2585 Recommendation from the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
The recommendation from the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 that the Parish Council sign up to the Charter for Trees, Woods and People was **APPROVED**. The Chairman signed the Charter.

**2586 Recommendation from the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
The recommendation from the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 that the Clerk write to Oldham Council and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs expressing the Parish Council's concerns about the apparent lack of progress/action on flooding was **APPROVED**.

**2587 Minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
Cllr Darlington said that he had not yet applied to Saddleworth Hydro for a grant to fund the production of the Climate Change leaflet and asked that M288 be amended from "Cllr Darlington to re-apply to Saddleworth Hydro for grant funding" to "Cllr Darlington to apply to Saddleworth Hydro for grant funding". Following the amendment the Minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2588 Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
The Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were **NOTED**.

**2589 Recommendation from the Traffic and Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
The recommendation from the Traffic and Transport Committee Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 that the Parish Council approve the draft response to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Consultation "Doing Buses Differently" and recommend that it be submitted to GMCA as the Parish Council's response before the deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 was **APPROVED**.

**2590 Accounts for Payment for November 2019**  
The accounts for payment for November 2019 totaling £36,272.19 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**2591 Any Other Business  
Dawson's Field**

The Clerk reported that she had met with O'Donnell's Solicitors on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and had made the simple declaration to be made by tenant (who had received at least 14 days' notice of a proposal for a lease excluding security of tenure) in respect of Dawson's Field which had been witnessed by Rebecca O'Donnell. She reported that the solicitors had waived their fee. It was **AGREED that the Clerk write to O'Donnell's to thank them for their support**.

The Clerk added that, following the making of the declaration, the lease agreement for Dawson's Field is now ready to be executed by the Parish Council after which she will meet with Oldham Council's solicitor to formally date the lease and exchange documents. It was **AGREED that the lease be executed**. The Clerk and the Chairman signed and sealed the document.

### **Period Poverty Scheme**

Cllr Phillips thanked everyone who had made donations to the scheme and asked that everyone continue to support it in the New Year.

### **2592 Dates of Next Meetings**

The dates of future meetings are:

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 Chairman thanked his fellow councillors, the Clerk and all the staff for their hard work and support during the year. He wished a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone, their families and loved ones and extended an invitation to all attendees to take Christmas refreshments after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:48pm.