

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held
by Zoom on Monday 27th July 2020

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

Cllrs.	N. Allsopp	R. Knotts
	J. Battye	L. Lancaster
	A. Belmore	B. Lord
	P. Byrne	P. Lord
	K. Dawson	K. Phillips
	L. Dawson	G. Sheldon
	G. Hulme	M. Woodvine
	J. Hudson	

2644 Welcome from the Chairman

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

2645 To Receive Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2646 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Al-Hamdani and Bingley.

2647 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 Thursday 9th July 2020. Cllr. Belmore declared a pecuniary interest in Item 14 - Accounts for Payment - and did not vote on this item.

2648 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2020

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd June 2020 were **APPROVED**. It was **AGREED that the Chairman would sign them off at the office tomorrow.**

2649 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 29th June 2020

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 29th June 2020 were **APPROVED**. It was **AGREED that the Chairman would sign them off at the office tomorrow.**

2650 Comments of the Virtual Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020

The comments of the Virtual Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020 were **NOTED**.

2651 Minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2020

The minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2020 were **NOTED**.

Cllr Sheldon said that Oldham Council had informed him that they had made arrangements to clear the corner of the ditch which is on land owned by them and had agreed to clear a small area round the corner which is on Parish Council land. He added that the Estates Committee were seeking a second quote for clearing the rest of the ditch which is on Parish Council owned land.

2652 Request for extended leave of absence – Councillor Brian Lord

The request from Cllr Brian Lord for extended leave of absence until January 2021 was **APPROVED**.

2653 Request for extended leave of absence – Councillor Pat Lord

The request from Cllr Pat Lord for extended leave of absence until January 2021 was **APPROVED**.

2654 Request for extended leave of absence – Councillor Mavis Bingley

The request from Cllr Mavis Bingley for extended leave of absence until January 2021 was **APPROVED**.

2655 Annual Risk Management Assessment

The Clerk presented a report which included the current Risk Management Assessment and confirmed that there had been no changes, either in legislation or internal procedures, during the year which required the Risk Management Assessment to be changed.

Cllr Belmore pointed out that the Business Continuity section of the Risk Management Assessment was still missing its Likelihood rating.

Cllr Knotts suggested that a new section be added to assess the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

It was **AGREED** that the Risk Management Assessment be **APPROVED** and that the above points be included in the next review.

2656 Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2020

Cllr Hudson proposed, Cllr Allsopp seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31st March 2020 be **APPROVED**. The Chairman signed Section 1 of the AGAR for return to the Clerk tomorrow.

2657 Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020

The Clerk said that the Internal Auditor had completed the audit of the final accounts for 2019/20 and that no matters had been raised requiring any adjustment to the figures in Section 2 of the return.

Cllr Hudson proposed, Cllr Belmore seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020 be **APPROVED**. The Chairman signed Section 2 of the AGAR for return to the Clerk tomorrow.

2658 Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and changes in Committee Memberships

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting caused by the Covid 19 pandemic the following arrangements were **APPROVED**:

- that Cllr Curley step down as Chairman of the Parish Council on 1st September 2020;
- that Cllr Beeley be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council from 1st September 2020 for a period of 18 months ending on Monday 23rd May 2022;
- that Cllr Byrne be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council from 1st September 2020 for a period of 18 months ending on Monday 23rd May 2022;
- that the formal hand over of the insignia of office be undertaken at the earliest opportunity but not later than the Annual Meeting on Monday 24th May 2021;
- that Cllr Knotts be appointed to take up vacancies on the Finance, Planning and Strategic Planning Committees with immediate effect;
- that Cllr Battye be appointed to take up vacancies the Environment and Traffic and Transport Committees with immediate effect; and
- that Cllr Beeley be appointed to take up the remaining vacancy on the Planning Committee with immediate effect.

Cllr Beeley read out the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which she then signed for return to the Clerk. She thanked the Chairman, Cllr Curley and the Chairman's Lady, his wife, Deborah, for all the hard work which they had undertaken during their extended term of office.

Cllr Allsopp, Chairman of the Planning Committee, asked the Clerk to brief Cllrs Beeley and Knotts about the current arrangements for the virtual planning meetings. He also suggested that, in view of the Covid 19 restrictions, the Parish Council's requirement for members of the Planning Committee to be formally trained be waived. Cllr Beeley said that, as previous members of the Planning Committee, both she and Cllr Knotts had received training. She herself had attended training sessions at the Parish Council, Oldham Council and the Peak Park.

2659 Accounts for Payment for June 2020

The accounts for payment for June 2020 totaling £14,657.52 were **APPROVED**. It was **AGREED that the Chairman would sign them off at the office tomorrow.**

2661 Roadworks on Church Road, Uppermill and Chew Valley Road, Greenfield

The Chairman said that Cllr Battye had expressed his concerns over the impact of the road closure on both the Church Inn and the Cross Keys and also the inconvenience caused to people wishing to visit the Gellfield Lane and St Chad's cemeteries. He said that himself and Cllr Sheldon had made representations to Oldham Council and that, following discussions, United Utilities had agreed to do their utmost to complete the works ahead of the original 4 week schedule by working longer hours during the week and also working on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Chairman referred to the resurfacing works at Chew Valley Road which are due to start tomorrow. He said that this work was unlikely to add to the above disruption as the alternative routes to the cemeteries and public houses will not be affected.

2662 Car Parking at Dovestones

Cllr Sheldon said that, due to the continuing problems at Dovestones, Oldham Council were now intending to extend the double yellow lines from the Clarence through to the Kirklees border. He said that the situation would be closely monitored to ensure that the problem is not simply pushed back into Greenfield. He noted that over 500 penalty charge notices had been issued in June.

2663 Dates of Next Ordinary Meetings

The dates of future ordinary meetings are:

Monday 28th September 2020

Monday 26th October 2020

Monday 23rd November 2020

Monday 14th December 2020

Monday 25th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 22nd March 2021

all at 7:30 pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Hall, Uppermill, subject to Covid 19 restrictions being relaxed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, their hard work and diligence in the unprecedented times currently being faced and for their kind words to himself and his wife. He said that it had been both a pleasure and a privilege to have served as Chairman of the Parish Council and gave Cllrs Beeley and Byrne his very best wishes for their forthcoming terms of office. He said that everyone had been very happy to see Cllrs Brian and Pat Lord this evening and were looking forward to seeing them in person in the near future. Finally he gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Clerk, Pam Bailey, for her years of service with the Parish Council and wished her the very best for the future.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

