

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Saddleworth Parish Council held by Zoom on 25 January 2021.

Present: Cllrs. B. Beeley (Chair)
S. Al-Hamdani J. Battye
J. Curley R. Darlington
K. Dawson L. Dawson
G. Hulme L. Lancaster
B. Lord P. Lord
K. Phillips G. Sheldon
M. Woodvine
Press and Public. K. Bennet T. Baxter
Revd. R. Lambert

3123. All members were welcomed by the Chair.

3124. Opening Prayers - Prayers were led by Revd. John Rosedale

3125. Apologies for absence - Cllrs. Hudson, Byrne and Bingley.

A further 6 months leave of absence was agreed for Cllr. Bingley.

3126. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held by Zoom on 21 December 2020

Approved with one amendment: Cllr. Curley to be added to the attendance list.

3127. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Thursday 17th December 2020 - Noted

3128. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 6th January 2021 - Noted

3129. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 - Noted

An addendum was added to the minutes to show that Peak Park application NP/0/1120/1119 had subsequently been withdrawn

3130. To note as a correct record the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 13th January 2021. - Noted

3131. Shop Local Scheme.

Cllr. Al Hamdani reported on the progress of the Shop Local Scheme which had been delayed due to the pandemic and would begin once lockdown restrictions were lifted. 20 Businesses across the Parish had been identified to receive badges and a small stand to place badges and leaflets in. A collection box for the Chairman's Charities would also be placed next to them. Cllr. B Lord said that this was an excellent idea which was seconded by Cllr. K Dawson.

3132. Recognition Certificates

Cllr. Al- Hamdani informed councillors that the certificates were to recognize members of the community who had carried out outstanding work during the pandemic. Personal presentations were not possible during lockdown therefore, they were to be posted out with a covering letter. Cllr. Phillips asked who the recipients would be. Cllr. A-Hamdani said that local community associations had been contacted and it was generally people who had looked out for neighbours during the pandemic. Cllr. Al-Hamdani said that it was intended to be a one off scheme, however, due to the pandemic going on for longer than anticipated then it had the potential to run on for longer.

The scheme was approved.

3133. Flooding.

- Cllr. Al-Hamdani put forward a proposal from the Environment Committee that the Parish Council should write to the Oldham Council with requests for information regarding flooding namely
- what information is the Borough Council using to review the impact of housebuilding across Saddleworth on flooding, in particular on greenfield sites, and with regards to surface run-off and pressure on existing drainage systems;
- is the Borough Council reviewing the impact of its current clearance schedule on grids, gulleys, drains and sewers, and has this resulted in an increase in levels of flooding of properties;
- what flood and drainage measures are in place in areas and roads which frequently flood, and how they compare to those used in other authorities. (it is worth noting here that the Parish Councillors are being requested to list road gulleys that are repeatedly flooding, presumably because they need emptying more frequently)
- that the Borough Council advises residents when the gulleys in their area are to be cleaned so that they can make sure that they move their vehicles away from road gulleys on the days when they are due to be emptied.
- when are further flood defences being planned for vulnerable locations in Saddleworth?
- How regularly are flood defences checked to make sure that they are fit for purpose?

It was agreed that a letter (with the addition of the last two points) would be sent from the Parish Council to the Head of Highways, Unity Partnership OMBC.

3134. Parish Precept

Cllr B. Lord as Chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that, due to the expected decrease in income from the hire of the Civic Hall Ballroom and rooms in 2021/2022 that the precept be raised by £0.75 for the next financial year

It was agreed that the precept would increase by £0.75 (Band D) for the financial year 2021/2022.

3135. Accounts for payment December 2020

Approved.

3136. Dates and Times of Next meetings

Monday	22 February 2021
	22 March 2021
	26 April 2021
	24 May 2021 (AGM)