

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom 22 February 2021**

**Present:** Cllr. Beeley (Chair)  
S. Al- Hamdani      J. Batty  
P. Byrne  
J. Curley              R. Darlington  
K. Dawson            L. Dawson  
L. Lancaster         B. Lord  
P. Lord                K. Phillips  
G. Sheldon            M. Woodvine  
Press and Public:  
T. Baxter              R. Crozier  
Revd. Barbara Christopher

### **Welcome from the Chair**

#### **Revd. B. Christopher led prayers**

### **3137. To receive public questions.**

Councillors were asked to consider options A, B or C within a consultation paper regarding the timetable of trains into Greenfield Station to Leeds and Manchester.

The consultation paper, which was from Mark Ashmore, Chair Stalybridge to Huddersfield Rail User Group [SHRUG] Greenfield Rail Action Group [GRAG] and was circulated from the clerk to all councillors.

It was resolved that councillors would give support to option C.

Option-C is projected to produce the greatest increase in punctuality and resilience across the whole north of England rail network and bring greater benefits to more stations in the Greater Manchester Region than the other two options.

In particular Option-C would give Greenfield a half-hourly service throughout the day to Manchester and Huddersfield and an hourly direct train to Leeds. This would be achieved by having the current Hull train stopping at Greenfield throughout the day. Option-C would also provide for a half-hourly service from Stalybridge to Manchester Victoria, Salford Central and Salford Crescent and on to Southport.

It was resolved that councillors would support Option C on an individual basis, show support through Social Media in order to communicate to as many

residents possible who may be affected and a letter to be sent from the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council to MRTF Consultation.

**3138. Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllrs. Bingley, Hudson and Hulme.

**3139. To receive Declarations of Interest**

None received

**3140. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 25th January 2021.**

Approved

**3141. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee Meeting held by Zoom Thursday 20 January 2021**

Noted

**3142. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Thursday 28th January 2021.**

Noted

**3143. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 1st February 2021.**

Noted

**3144. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Traffic and Transport Committee held by Zoom on Thursday 4th February 2021.**

Included in error.

**3145. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Estates Committee held by Zoom on Monday 8th February 2021.**

Noted- amendment to item M561. Delete company names and insert A, B and C.

**3146. To note as a correct record the minutes of the Environment Committee held by Zoom on 15th February 2021.**

Noted

**3147. To note as a correct record the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 17th February 2021.**

Noted with amendment from Chair to Vice Chair. To amend to include a resolve that the method of payment of Chairman's Allowance to be referred to the Task and Finish group.

**3143. Blue Plaque**

To consider the proposal of the siting of a blue plaque in Saddleworth to honour the physicist A. B Wood OBE. A statement for the proposal was presented by a member of the public, Mr. Roy Crozier.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert\\_Beaumont\\_Wood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Beaumont_Wood)

Following a presentation from Mr. R. Crozier, it was resolved that the Parish Council would work with Mr. Crozier to enable a plaque to be placed in Saddleworth in honour of Mr. Wood. The project would be funded from the grant previously provided by the District Partnership. It was also resolved to open a process in partnership with OMBC planning to enable future nominations.

**3144. Motion proposed by Cllr. Lancaster**

Our villages have a rich history and we are privileged to have remnants and relics of that heritage, which are of significant value and importance, scattered across Saddleworth.

As such, this Parish Council pledges to, wherever possible, protect and preserve the history and heritage of the Civil Parish of Saddleworth, by resolving to:

- continue the good maintenance of those telephone boxes already under the management of the Parish Council, and to adopt those others within Saddleworth presently managed by BT
- seek ownership of the twenty-five 1894 milestones still in situ, and to ensure their long-term condition is sound.
- make representations to the relevant authorities to ask for the repainting, where required, of our Parish's remaining gas lamps'.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Woodvine.

It was resolved that the motion be referred to the Estates Committee for further investigation and returned to Full Council for consideration.

**3145. Budget 2021/2022**

To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting held Wednesday 17th February 2021 to approve the Budget for the financial year 2021/2022.

Resolved to approve the budget for 2021/22

**3146. Flooding Issues- Response**

To consider the response to issues raised in a letter from the Chairman to Unity Partnership (OMBC).

It was resolved that, due to the unsatisfactory response received from Unity Partnership and Cllr. Brownridge that the Chair and the clerk would pursue the matter further.

**3147. Peace Champion**

To consider the appointment of a Peace Champion for the Parish

Cllr. Al- Hamdani clarified the role of a Peace Champion which would be to represent the Parish Council at various events, and act as a liaison between other groups within Oldham. OMBC has signed the peace pledge.

It was resolved that the role of Peace Champion would come under the remit of the Chairman.

**3148. Accounts Payable January 2021**

To consider for approval the Accounts payable for January 2021

Resolved

**3149. Items for next Agenda –Information only**

The clerk informed the councillors that the minutes of the Task and Finish Group would be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting in March.

**Date of Next Meetings:**

Monday 22 March 2021 19.30

Monday 26 April 2021 19.30.

Monday 24 May 2021 19.30 Annual Parish Council Meeting

