



# SADDLEWORTH

## Parish Council

19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

To: All Members of the Saddleworth Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held by Zoom on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7:30pm** for the purpose of conducting the under mentioned business.

Yours faithfully

[Sharon Hibbert](#)

Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

#### **Rev. Ken McNally will open the meeting with prayers**

1. Welcome from the Chairman
2. To receive Public Questions
3. To receive apologies for absence
4. To receive Declarations of Interest
5. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021
6. To note the comments of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
7. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Estates meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
8. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
9. To approve and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Association of Councillors Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021
10. To approve and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

11. To approve and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021
12. To approve and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021
13. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021
14. **Motion proposed by Cllr. K. Dawson and seconded by Cllr. S. Al-Hamdani**

To consider the motion set out below:

Saddleworth Parish Council is asked to note :

- 1) Our enviable position is that as one of the best areas in the country to live, we attract many welcome visitors to our green and open spaces and to our villages.
- 2) That access to green, open spaces is a basic human need, providing mental and physical health benefits to all irrespective of where they live, and is of particular benefit to those with less access, those living in greater levels of deprivation, and those who are less able to afford to travel.
- 3) Visitors to the area support our local economy and provide jobs and opportunities for local people.
- 4) That there is an urgent need to restore a regular direct Manchester via Oldham to Greenfield (Clarence Hotel) bus service to alleviate car travel to the area.
- 5) That the over-reliance by many people on enjoying the immediate area around Dovestone Reservoir for recreation has been a long-standing problem for the area, especially the extent of illegal and inconsiderate parking.
- 6) That prevention is better than cure and turning cars back before they get to the immediate area of Dovestone will drastically help reduce the problem of overcrowding at times of very high use – sunny summer weekends.
- 7) That temporary signage has been being used by the Dovestone marshals to try and manage traffic, which has been effective, but can only be maintained part time due to the rental costs.

Saddleworth Parish Council proposes to:

- formally request that OMBC carry out a feasibility study to install permanent signage on the routes towards Dovestone Reservoir to indicate when the car park is full. The feasibility study should also consider the option of making the existing “Road Closed Due to Snow” signs dual purpose, either by repurposing them for the summer months, or by using the existing infrastructure and power supply to support new signs.
- Write to Transport for Greater Manchester requesting that any opportunities to improve bus access to Dovestone reservoir under the new franchising arrangements be taken, and write to RSPB and United Utilities to request them to support this argument.

## **15. Interim Audit Paper 2021**

To consider the interim audit paper and note the report from the clerk (attached)

16. Risk management Assessment

To note the report of the clerk (attached)

17. Reserves Policy

To note the report of the clerk (attached)

18. To approve the Accounts for Payment for March 2021

**Dates and time of next meetings:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Annual Council Meeting))

**Members of the press and public who wish to join this meeting remotely may do so by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01457876665**