

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely 22 March 2021

Present Cllrs: B. Beeley (Chairman)
Al-Hamdani J. Batty
P. Byrne J. Curley
K. Dawson L. Dawson
L. Lancaster
B. Lord P. Lord
G. Sheldon M. Woodvine
Members of press and public.
A. Belmore K. Bennett
D. Sanderson

Revd. Pat Gillian opened the meeting with a prayer, and all members were welcomed by the Chairman.

3150. To receive Public Questions

Presented by David Sanderson

Would the Parish Council consider allowing the Saddleworth Natural Society to Carry out a survey of the field next to the allotments owned by SPC in order to Inform future decisions on the use of the field?

Would the Parish Council also consider allowing the planting of fruit trees in part of this same field?

Paper attached.

Following a discussion regarding the future uses for the site, it was suggested that Saddleworth Naturalist Society carry out a survey which would take place over a period of time and Mr. Sanderson would bring the findings back to the appropriate committees

3151. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Bingley, Hudson, Hulme, Knotts and Darlington.

3152. To receive Declarations of Interest

None received.

3153. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2021

Agreed as true record with amendment to attendance list to include Cllr. Byrne.

3154. To note the comments of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 25th February 2021.

Noted

3155. To note the comments of the Minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 26th February 2021.

Noted

3156. To note the comments of the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Noted

3157. To note the comments of the the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on 10th March 2021

Noted

3158. To note the comments of the the minutes of the Traffic & Transport Committee meeting held on 11th March 2021

Noted with amendment to M 1847

3159. To note the comments of the the minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 12th March 2021

Noted

3160. To note the comments of the the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15th March 2021

Noted

3161. To approve the Accounts for Payment for February 2021

Approved with 2 amendments- invoice 16058 (typo to be corrected) and query on invoice 16064 with regard to payment for photocopier It is confirmed by the clerk that the payment is quarterly.

3162. Climate Change Agenda- Cllr. R. Darlington. (Papers attached)

That the Parish Council consider the following:

To support the 'Take a bite out of Climate Change' proposals for schools in Saddleworth, that the Communications Committee contact the Primary and Secondary Schools in Saddleworth to ascertain whether they are aware of these ideas and ask in what way the Parish Council could assist them in developing their environmental credentials.

To support a response to the Young Activists Open Letter to World Leaders <https://climateemergencyeu.org> and that the Communications Committee contact Schools in Saddleworth to raise awareness of the letter.

That the Council consider the installation of an electric charging point in the Civic Hall car park.

Cllr. Darlington was not present to present the paper.

Cllr. Lancaster_ It is important to do whatever is possible to move toward carbon neutrality but not at all costs. That there was a need to find positive steps toward this goal and have a balanced view.

It was resolved that the Communications Committee would contact local schools to work together on the points raised.

It was agreed that the Council would investigate the siting of an electric charger in the Civic Hall car park.

That the Chairman would write to OMBC to request investigation into siting an electric vehicle charger in Victoria Mill car park (the Museum) and potentially the long stay car park at the baths.

That the procurement paper presented by Cllr. Al-Hamdani would go to the Finance committee for consideration.

3163. Annual Parish Meeting

To consider the validity of the Annual Parish Meeting with the electorate which is not required by law, taking into consideration the accessibility of information from web-sites, media and social media platforms.

It was resolved that the meeting would be held remotely and that social media platforms and notice boards would be used to advertise the meeting.

(Communications Committee)

3164. Face to Face meetings

To consider the information provided by NALC on the possible return to face to Face Meetings 7 May 2021 (paper attached or see link)

https://www.nalc.gov.uk/coronavirus?mc_cid=fdcd5b98e6&mc_eid=1138887b78#preparing-for-the-possible-return-of-face-to-face-meetings

It was resolved that unless Government restrictions change or an extension was granted, then face to face meetings would resume on 7 May 2021.

3165. To consider the GDPR policy updates and approve.

Approved . To be added to the updates for the green file after the annual meeting in May.

3166. To consider a request for a 6 month leave of absence for Cllr. John Hudson.

Approved

Dates and time of next meetings:

Monday 26th April 2021,

Monday 24th May 2021 (Annual Parish Council Meeting.)

