

Minutes Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 26 April 2021

Present: Cllrs. B. Beeley (CH)

S. Al-Hamdani

J. Battye L. Dawson

K. Dawson G. Hulme

L. Lancaster B. Lord

P. Lord K. Phillips

G. Sheldon M. Woodvine

Press and Public T. Baxter

Revd. Ken McNally opened the meeting with prayers

3167 Welcome from the Chairman

3168 To receive Public Questions None received

3169 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. M. Bingley, J. Curley J. Hudson, R. Knotts, R. Darlington and P. Byrne

3170 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Sheldon declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning applications
HOU/34647/21 and LBC/346472/21

3171 To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd March 2021

3172 To note the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 25th March 2021. Noted

3173 To note the Minutes of the Estates meeting held on 29th March 2021. Noted

3174 To note the Minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 31st March 2021
Noted

3175 To note the minutes of the Association of Councillors Meeting held on 7th April 2021
Included in error. Withdrawn

3176 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12th April 2021
Noted

3177 To note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14th April 2021
Noted

3178 To note the minutes of the Task & Finish Group meeting held on 16th April 2021
Noted

3179 To approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Estates Committee Meeting held on 19th April 2021

Noted

3180 Motion proposed by Cllr. K. Dawson and seconded by Cllr. S. Al-Hamdani

To consider the motion set out below:

Saddleworth Parish Council was 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.

– It was resolved that the council would contact appropriate officers at OMBC to formally request the following :

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, United Utilities and the Peak District national Park Authority to request them to support this argument.

3181 Interim Audit Paper 2021

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

3182 Risk Management Assessment

To note the report of the clerk

Noted

3183 Reserves Policy To note the report of the clerk (attached) Noted

3184. To approve the Accounts for Payment for March 2021

Income: £14898.50

Expenditure £20626.25

Amounts for expenditure and income were agreed and would be signed off by the Chairman with the minutes.

Dates and time of next meetings:

Monday 24th May 2021 (Annual Council Meeting))