

**SADDLEWORTH & LEES DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**  
**09/10/2014 at 7.30 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Sedgwick (Chair)  
Councillors A. Alexander (Vice-Chair), Harkness, Heffernan,  
Hudson, Kirkham, Klonowski, McCann and Sheldon

Also in Attendance:

Michele Carr	AED Neighbourhoods, Housing and Planning
Lori Hughes	Constitutional Services
Christine Wilson	Acting District Co-ordinator

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair agreed one item of urgent business.

Councillor Sheldon raised the issue of the loss of adult only sessions at Saddleworth Pool. The District Executive were informed that Councillor Sheldon had received complaints that adult only sessions had been changed and children could swim in those periods. The pool was roped in half. There were concerns that disabled persons and elderly would avoid using the pool and become less active. The Community Development Worker had spoken to Oldham Community Leisure and she was informed that this was a six-month pilot for all pools to make them more accessible. The District Executive were informed that this had been raised at the Oldham Community Leisure Board and Performance and Value For Money Committee. The pilot had started in September and comments had already been received.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Sheldon raise the question at Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Sheldon declared a personal and pecuniary interest at Item 7, "Review of Community Toilet Scheme" by virtue of the fact that he owns a business in Saddleworth that was part of the scheme. He left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

Councillor Alexander declared a prejudicial interest at Item 8, "Budget Report" in relation to the Spring Lees Court car park application by virtue that he had submitted the application. He left the meeting during consideration of the application and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

Councillor Sedgwick declared a prejudicial interest at Item 8, "Budget Report" in relation to the Springhead Community Group application by virtue that she had assisted with the application.

She left the meeting during consideration of the application and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.



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Councillor Harkness declared a personal interest at Item 8, "Budget Report" in relation to the New Floodlighting for Dobcross Band and Social Club by virtue that he had advised the Club on the application. He left the meeting during consideration of the application and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

#### 4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

#### 5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Saddleworth and Lees District Executive held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

#### 6 **CENTENARY FIELDS**

The District Executive considered a report which requested an application be approved for Dobcross Memorial Garden on Woods Lane as a Centenary Field to Fields in Trust.

Fields in Trust were delivering a nationwide initiative in partnership with the Royal British Legion. The aim was to secure recreational space in perpetuity to honour the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I.

**RESOLVED** that an application for Dobcross Memorial Garden on Woods Lane to Fields in Trust be agreed.

#### 7 **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME**

The District Executive considered an update to the Review of the Community Toilet Scheme by Saddleworth Parish Council.

The Parish Council would fund the current Community Toilet Scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> December with the exception of the Granby and replaced by the Commercial. A revised scheme would be introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and premises would receive an annual fee of £600.

**RESOLVED** that funding for the Toilet Scheme be deferred until budgets were known for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

**NOTE:** Councillor Sheldon left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or the vote thereon.

#### 8 **BUDGET REPORT**

The District Executive gave consideration to a report which advised of the available budget for 2014/15 and potential budget commitments for consideration.



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**RESOLVED that:**

1. the funding allocations made by the District Executive to date be noted.
2. the budget available for 2014/15 be noted.
3. the allocation of £12,000 to the allotment site in Uppermill be approved.
4. the allocation of £1,943.85 for improvements for Mills Recreation Sports Pitch be approved.
5. the allocation of £2,750 for the move of the electricity supply from the Oldham village green site Diggle Village Green to the new site be approved.
6. the allocation of £10,000 for resurfacing of Spring Lees Court car park be approved.
7. the allocation of £1,000 to Springhead Community Group for staging be approved.
8. the application for funding for new floodlighting for Dobcross Band and Social Club Bowling Green be deferred pending further information.
9. the allocation of £4,000 to the Healthy Schools Team for delivery of the "Power to Resist" project proposal and £2,160 for the Saddlworth Carers Group from the Public Health Funding for Saddleworth be approved.

**NOTES:**

1. Councillor Alexander left the meeting during the consideration of the Resurfacing of Spring Lees Car Park application and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.
2. Councillor Sedgwick left the meeting during the consideration of the Springhead Community Group application and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon. Councillor Alexander chaired the meeting for this item. Councillor Sedgwick then resumed the Chair following this item.
3. Councillor Harkness left the meeting during the consideration of the New Floodlighting for Dobcross Band and Social Club Bowling Green and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

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**PETITIONS**

The District Executive considered one petition which had been received, reference number 2014-002 – Review of Double Yellow Lines on Hood Square. It was explained that the line would be removed on an experimental order. It was confirmed that District Executives were being informed of new Traffic Regulation Orders.

**RESOLVED** that the petition be noted.

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the date and time of the next meeting to be held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 p.m. be noted.



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The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.44 pm