

**FIRST CHOICE HOMES OLDHAM
SADDLEWORTH & LEES LOCAL BOARD**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 January 2006
at Old Mill House**

Present: **Councillors:** John Hudson
 Tenant Members: Jean Bradley; Edith Bentley; Bill Hullah

In attendance:

Gary Walsh, Area Service Manager; Zerg Raja, Tenant Participation Officer
Lynn Phillips, Minute Taker

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Lord (Chair), Councillor Val Sedgewick and Sue Walker. Jean Bradley introduced Zerg Raja, TPU officer for Saddleworth & Lees to the Board.

2. ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT OR MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

There were no declarations of interest.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2005 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Alan Caddick sent his apologies, as he was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

5.2 Bill Hullah raised public question time by proxy. John agreed Saddleworth & Lees meetings need to be held in different locations to reach the wider audience.

5.3 Zerg introduced himself and his role, which is to ensure residents who are not affected by PFI4 are kept engaged. The Chew Vale and Holland Close Quarterly forums were discussed. John shared a number of issues concerning the Chew Vale committee. Zerg agreed to investigate.

Zerg informed the Board that an estate inspection had been planned in the Saddleworth & Lees area for third week of February, the results of

which would be fed back to a future meeting. It was **AGREED** that due to reduction in stock, one or two estates not previously inspected should be seen, instead of Saddleworth & Lees area as a whole. Zerg agreed to write to all Members asking for their suggestions.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

7. CAPITAL PROGRAMME SCHEME

John MOVED the report as received. Jean agreed to forward any comments to Brian Lord.

8. GATEWAY TO OLDHAM

John requested this item to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

9. ROUNDTHORN FENCING

Gary Walsh asked the Board to approve funding for this scheme and explained money had always been in the Saddleworth & Lees budget, but due to boundary changes, had been vired over to West Oldham. The Board were concerned the Saddleworth & Lees budget would be affected; however Gary assured them it would not.

The Board APPROVED the scheme, with John moving that he was happy for Roundthorn to have new fencing.

10. LOCAL BOARD AWAY DAY

Gary informed the Board that in terms of planning ahead, there was a need for the Board to have a forward plan, identifying priorities for the area. Also Board functions and powers required more in-depth discussion.

John was concerned the Saddleworth & Lees Board was in jeopardy due to stock shrinkage. At what point will the Board not be required and what will happen? John also added the Local allocations policy must be discussed.

All Members present APPROVED the suggested date of 2nd March 2006. Sue Walker will write to all members. Gary also confirmed all one-to-ones for the Board were complete.

11. UPDATE FROM MAIN BOARD

Jean had not received the papers, so was unable to report back.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Again, Alan Caddick's presence was requested regarding PFI 2. Because PFI 2 is such a large issue for Saddleworth & Lees, and because Alan is extremely busy, it was AGREED Sue Walker would be asked to write to Alan, either to attend the next meeting or to answer questions in writing.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15 March 2006, 7.00pm at Old Mill House.