

.Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Tuesday 10th February 2009

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllrs. Mrs. A. Parry
 Mrs. D. Shaw

Kath Airey - Uppermill Parking Action Group
Councillor Richard Knowles – Oldham M.B.C.
PCSO Jennifer Ballagher
PCSO Ann-Marie Waby-Smith

32. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr. P. Bagley, Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. McInnes, Richard Darlington & Raad Al-Hamdani
33. **Update on minutes from last meeting**
- a. Grotton Residents Association issues:**
- Pelican crossing in Grotton** – detector loops re-cut in mid December
- Stockport Road** - bollard damage at each of the two chicanes reported to highways maintenance. There are no hatch marking around the chicanes, a site visit will be made outside of working hours when more residents could be expected to be home.
- Lydgate crossroads** - road markings are worn out particularly in the centre of Oldham Road, reported to highways maintenance.
- b. Wool Road Car Park** – has been repaired but the amount of funding from British Waterways is less than hoped for.
- c. Brownhill Bridge** – the bridge will close again in March
- d. Springhead Parking** – awaiting further information from Councillor Hodgkiss
- e. Cooper Street Parking** – the issues are being dealt with by Oldham MBC.
34. **After Transport Innovation Fund** – (1) request for the Diggle bus service to be half hourly. The day time service is a commercial service therefore can only try to influence the operators to amend their schedules. (2) request for a integrated tickets for bus and train similar to Oyster system in London. As a result of the Local Transport Act 2008, all Passenger Transport Authorities become Integrated Transport Authorities yesterday (Monday 9th February). This allows the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority to enter into Statutory Quality Partnerships with the bus operators. Operators cannot be forced to have integrated tickets.(3) The fare anomaly between Greenfield and Huddersfield exists because the piece of track between Greenfield and Marsden is controlled by Railtrack. The GMPTA area stops at Greenfield Station and the WYPTA area starts at Marsden Station.
35. **Greenfield Station** – the current work is due to be completed by the end of next week. Discussions are ongoing on the provision of a bus lay-by, these involve. Northern Rail, Network Rail, GMPTE and OMBC Highways. The bus stop coming up the hill is being

re-positioned so that it is not in line with the stop on the opposite side of the road. It was agreed that attempts should be made to persuade Network Rail to provide disabled access at the Mossley end of the station to the Huddersfield Line. It was also proposed that the Area Committee should ask the PTE to investigate the possibility of providing an additional car at the Dog Training Club on a similar basis to the one at Saddleworth Rangers.

36. **Village signs** – currently the only signs requested are two for Diggle that will incorporate the speed limit and one sign in Grotton. Signs for Springhead have still to be resolved along with a Lydgate sign on Platting Road. A number of the mile markers need attention, it was agreed that the Area Committee should consider funding this work.
37. **Updated frames of reference** – The sub-committee will now deal with issues in Lees as well as Saddleworth, representatives from the Area Committee have been co-opted onto the sub-committee
38. **Police Issues** – It was explained that the Police & Traffic PCSOs only deal with obstructions, all other parking matters i.e. lines and signs are enforced by Oldham Council.
39. **Disabled and Permit Parking schemes** – an Oldham MBC Task and Finish group is drawing up proposed criteria for the introduction of schemes, the latest draft proposals were circulated.
40. **Road repairs** – the Clerk will contact Oldham MBC to request the provision of a drop kerb on Huddersfield Road in Diggle.
41. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m.