

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Wednesday 14th April 2010

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllrs. Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mrs. D. Shaw
 Kath Airey – Uppermill Parking
 Geoff Bayley - Delph Community Association
 John Martindale – Delph Community Association
 Richard Darlington – Grotton residents
 P.C.S.O. Lee Lockwood
 P.C.S.O. Wayne Turley

94. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss & Mrs. A. Parry, Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.) & Graham Parker - GGRA

95. Update from last meeting

- a. **Road Surface – Greenfield Station** – the surface will be repaired during the current financial year.
- b. **Land at the Spinney** – a letter has been received from one of the residents detailing work that he has carried out at the site and suggesting what further work is required, awaiting a response from Oldham Council
- c. **Footpath outside the Waggon in Uppermill** – the Clerk will contact Oldham Council.
- d. **No junction sign - Oldham Road approaching Wall Hill Road – A62** – Councillor Franklin will chase up.
- e. **Sign Cleaning** – signs on the following routes have been cleaned
 - A670 from Stockport Rd to Acker Farm
 - A635 from junction of Chew Valley Rd to Binn Green
 - Chew Valley Road
 - A669 from Platting Rd junction to junction with A670
 - Delph New Road and Dobcross New Road
 - A62 Oldham to Morning Star. Stanedge.

It should be noted that not every sign has been cleaned, some are damaged and need replacing, which will be done. Some may not have been cleaned due to location or risk factors and some because they can be done more efficiently by different methods, these will be attended to in due course. If members are aware of any signs that have been missed please pass details to the Clerk.

- f. **Section 106 moneys – Friezland** – a meeting will be held on Monday 19th to discuss proposals. The creation of a centre lane on Oldham Road appears to be working. It was suggested that some of the fencing near to the corner could be removed to improve sight lines.
- g. **Gritting routes** – The sub-committee will be involved in the planning of the routes for next winter. Problems were encountered at Kenworthy Gardens because there are no grit bins, a similar problem occurred at Middleway in Grotton. The mini-

gritters funded by the District Partnership were very useful. There was concern that JCBs were used to clear some snow rather than specific snow clearing machines.

h. Location of Flashing Speed Limit Signs – it was agreed that the impact of the signs funded by Oldham Council would be monitored before a decision is taken on the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing one of the signs.

96. Tourist Bus – the bus will operate from 19th June to 26th September on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Monday. There will be an hourly service between Uppermill and Dovestone and a twice an hour service between Greenfield Station and Dovestone. A Park and Ride facility will be provided at Saddleworth Rangers Rugby ground. The bus will also stop at The Clarence and Greenfield Conservative Club on Chew Valley Road in both directions. The service will be free for the over 60s and those with a valid bus or rail ticket, other passengers will pay a daily fare of £1.

97. Dobcross - Sugar Lane road repairs – Oldham Council Highways have informed us that many roads in Dobcross are dirt tracks with a cobble channel for drainage with no real foundation to the highways. At Sugar Lane, a service trench has failed in the substructure. At the time of resurfacing the substructure looked sound. The service trench and substructure will have to be repaired before any resurfacing takes place, this work will be undertaken during the current financial year.

98. Delph issues

a. Works around Delph School – the physical works have now been completed, the associated Traffic Regulation Orders comprise three elements:

- School Keep Clear Markings
- Waiting restrictions (double yellow lines)
- Reduced Speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph.

Objections were received to the waiting restrictions these will be considered by the TRO Panel in June. Work on the Speed Limit and Keep Clear Markings will be start in the next few weeks, the timescale is dependant on the fabrication of the associated signs etc.

b. Delph Bridge – it was suggested that additional signage should be provided near to the White Lion to identify the priority on the bridge.

c. Pavement projection in Millgate – it was suggested that there should be hazard markings on the road and that double yellow lines should be installed on the car park side of the road from the car park entrance for approx. 50 metres towards the Oldham Road crossroads.

d. Junction of Grains Road, Stoneswood Road & Millgate – a mirror had been installed at this junction many years ago but removed by West Riding Council, Oldham Council's policy is not to install mirrors, Geoff Bayley will check the legality of installing a mirror at that position.

e. Excessive speed of vehicles approaching Millgate / King Street junction from either direction – the hazard markings mentioned above should reduce the speed, the current signage outside the Co-op will be turned to face the correct direction, it was suggested that another sign should be installed for traffic approaching from the cross-roads.

- f. **Weight restriction signs** - The 7.5 T signs at the bottom of Grains Road are unnecessary as all routes into Delph already have weight restriction signs. It was suggested that the weight restriction signs should have high visibility boards behind them to make them clearer, particularly for drivers using SAT NAVs.
- g. **Access to Stoneswood Road on Whit Friday** – request was made for the Police to allow access to Stoneswood Road on Whit Friday as the alternative route of Thurston Clough is currently closed for repairs.
99. **SAT.NAV problems** – Oldham Council is writing to Satellite Navigation companies asking them to ensure that their road network information is up to date, including weight and height limits and that it does not direct main road traffic down inappropriate side roads.
100. **G.M.I.T.A.** - it has been suggested that the Trans Pennine services should stop at Greenfield Station, this is not permitted in the franchise.
101. **Parking in Uppermill** – time limited parking will be introduced on car parks in the village, progress is also being made on the provision of additional parking on Carr Lane. The yellow lines on the approach to the King George V car park are imminent. The road markings in The Square in Uppermill have to be approved by the Department of Transport. Problems are currently being encountered near Buckley's Bakery with vehicles blocking the drop kerb. It was agreed that Oldham Council be asked to investigate the provision of yellow lines at this point. A request has been received from a resident on Lee Street for yellow lines at the junction of Court Street and Lee Street to alleviate problems with vehicles turning into Lee Street headings towards Spring Street. It was agreed that the request be forwarded to Oldham Council Traffic section.
102. **Lee Cross** – problems are being encountered with water on Lee Cross, the water runs down the hill from the direction of Kiln Green and cannot drain away and gathers at the bottom and is extremely dangerous in freezing weather. Oldham Council Highways have been asked to see what improvements could be made.
103. **Other issues**
- Grotton - problems are still being encountered on Oldham Road across the road from the Grotton Hotel. A Traffic order was proposed some time ago but there has been no action.
 - Junction of Oldham Road and Manchester Road near Farrars Arms, it was suggested that the give way, for traffic travelling from Oldham, should be changed to a Stop.
 - Advisory and mandatory speed limit signs approaching Ladcastle Road from Oldham. The double bend 20 mph advisory sign is followed by a 40 mph mandatory repeater sign, it was suggested that the repeater sign should be placed before the double bend sign.
 - Diggle – Sam Road – the road now needs to be re-surfaced as there are too many potholes in it.

- The gully at the corner of Court Street and High Street is regularly overflowing, the Clerk will speak to Sue Eachus about progress to deal with the problem.
- Oldham Road, Grotton – the road surface is poor between Coverhill Road and the Grotton Hotel
- Evening buses from Uppermill – after 7 pm the 184 and 350 buses leave Uppermill every hour at approximately the same time. The Clerk will speak to G.M.I.T.A. to request that they consider changing the departure time of one of the buses.

104. Date of Next Meeting - The provisional date for the next meeting is Wednesday 7th July.

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