

.Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Wednesday 29th April 2009

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllrs. Mrs. P. Lord
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mrs. A. Parry
 Mrs. D. Shaw
 Raad Al-Hamdani
 PCSO Kath Crompton
 PCSO Jennifer Ballagher
 Sue Eachus (Oldham M.B.C.)

50. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.), Richard Darlington
51. **Update on minutes from last meeting**
- a. **Stockport Road** – new bollards have been installed at the chicanes.
 - b. **Lydgate crossroads** - road markings have been re-painted.
 - c. **Brownhill Bridge** – contractor identified, work will take six weeks, the majority of the work will be underneath the bridge, the road will only be closed when the road surface is being replaced. Waiting for British Waterways to allow the canal to be closed. The traffic lights will be manned for the Band Contest and Beer Walk, as last year.
 - d. **Greenfield Station** – Lisa McDonald (Area Manager) has the contact details for the owners of the Dog Training Centre and will contact them about possible use of the car park by rail users.
 - e. **Village signs** – the Area Committee are dealing with village signs, OMBC will be paying for the signs which will include Saddleworth on them.
 - f. **Sign cleaning and repairs** – OMBC will do this centrally but will need a list of signs that need cleaning.
 - g. **Wool Road Car Park** – awaiting response about the poor condition.
 - h. **Bus stop location** – awaiting response.
52. **Delph New Road – complaint from a resident** – Andrew Cowell (OMBC) has carried out a speed check on the road, it is possible that “slow” could be painted on the road.
53. **Broken down wall in Diggle** – design is complete but currently no budget, could be funded as part of the bid to the Government for retaining walls.
54. **Car Park Top of Stanedge** – surface in poor condition, probably owned by United Utilities (UU), Sue will check if owned by UU and ask them deal with it.
55. **Car Parking issues in Uppermill** – the Baths Car Park has been resurfaced and partially marked out, waiting for lighting on the roadway. The Mortuary demolition contract has been let, the work will take 2 – 3 weeks, then the car park will be re-

surfaced. Some stall-holders unable to get into The Square to set up the Market on Wednesday morning, Sue to check current restrictions and whether they are being enforced, suggestion to restrict parking from 6 pm on Tuesday would meet resistance.

- 56. Parish Plan update** – the draft plan will be discussed at the Annual Parish meeting, there are a number of Traffic and Transport issues included;
Review of gritting routes – Sue informed the meeting that the current routes are being re-written for consideration by Cabinet, a draft of the document can come to this Sub-committee, the report will explain the criteria, including operational and safety issues.
Systematic gulley cleaning is being carried out
Speed limits – GM Joint Road Safety team is reviewing the speed limits on all “A” & “B” roads in Greater Manchester, the review is to be completed by 2011.
The resurfacing programme for the Borough for the current financial year has been agreed, Sue can provide details.
- 57. “A” signs** – the Council can use Enforcement officers to remove signs, Sue will provide information, it is dependent on whether it is on an adopted or unadopted highway. It was agreed that the Committee will identify the problems and pass them to Sue.
- 58. G.M.I.T.A. issues** – deferred to next meeting.
- 59. Other issues** – The PCSOs raised the issue of the speed of traffic on Stamford Road and a number of accidents on Rhodes Hill, these tend to be “damage only”, Sue will investigate if the surface dressing can be changed.
SPiD – Whitworth Town Council have recently purchased a SPiD, that is moved between sites in the area, it displays a “smiley” face if the vehicle is travelling at or below the speed limit and a “frown” and the speed if the speed limit is exceeded. Some members of the committee didn’t like the idea of the “smiley” / “frowning” face.
Speed humps in Uppermill – it was suggested that the speed humps that were previously outside Spar could be re-located past the entrance to Saddleworth School.
Street lighting – Oldham and Rochdale in June will start a five year PFI programme to replace two thirds of all lighting columns in the two boroughs.
Wall on Chapel Road – the barriers have been pushed over, Sue will investigate.
- 60. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 8th July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.