

.Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 7th July 2008

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllr. Mr A. Hodgkiss – Vice Chairman

Cllrs. Cllr. Mrs. P. Lord
 Mrs. A. McInnes,
 Mrs. D. Shaw
Kath Airey - Uppermill Parking Action Group
Sheila Chapman - Uppermill Parking Action Group
Peter Lowe – GGRA
Tony Noblet – Oldham MBC

10. Apologies for Absence: Mr. P. Bagley & Mrs. A. Parry

11. Welcome

Councillor Franklin welcomed the non-parish Councillors and explained that the sub-committee would have a co-ordinating role for Transport in Saddleworth and would have links with the Community Associations and Oldham MBC.:

12. Frames of reference

It was agreed that blocked gullies and drainage would be covered with the Highways issues. Tony Noblet advised the meeting that by the end of the year, the Council will be providing a active gully cleaning service rather than the re-active service that currently exists.

13. Parking Issues

Kath Airey explained that the Parking Action Group was set up when the 18 hour restriction was publicised. Business are putting pressure on parking spaces in Uppermill, there is a lack of spaces available within Uppermill. Tony Noblet explained that the 18 hour restriction or similar exists on all public car parks across the country to stop inappropriate usage of the car park. It is proposed to introduce restricted day-time parking on the car parks in the centre of Uppermill, once improvements have been made to the Baths Car Park.. This Car Park is owned by OCL, discussions are taking place with them to partially fund the necessary work. The old Mortuary Building in Uppermill has been acquired to be demolished to provide additional parking spaces. Some Section 106 monies have been identified to partial fund the car park improvements. The Parish Council needs to put pressure on Oldham MBC to identify additional resources. Problems are being encountered with the Car Park near Wool Road, this is owned and maintained by the Canal Society, Councillor Franklin will raise the issue with the Society. There is a possibility that some parking spaces could be identified on Chapel Road. The disabled spaces on Smithy Lane Car Park are poorly located and the markings have faded.

Parking issues are a common theme for all the villages, with a number of multi-occupied dwellings. There are also issues with double parking on some roads that cause problem for access for Emergency vehicles.

14. Congestion Charging

A public meeting is planned to discuss the Congestion Charging, consideration should be given to including a question in the Parish Plan Questionnaire that will be circulated in October. Request has been made from the AGMA / GMPTE Roadshow to come to Saddleworth.

15. Brownhill Bridge

The main services into Uppermill are routed through the bridge, to re-locate these would cost £1M. The bridge needs to be strengthened to comply with current specifications, the work will not be completed until at least the end of the year.

16. Advertising boards

There are a large number of these boards on pavements across the area, Tony Noblet agreed to write to the Chairman of the Business Association to advise him that the Council would start removing these boards, which are taken to Lees Road depot where they can be re-claimed at a charge of £50.

17. Greenfield Station

Councillor Franklin is going to contact Network Rail about the possibility of the re-opening of the path that ran from the station up to Oldham Road near to the junction with Oaklands Road.

18. Distribution of minutes

Minutes will be distributed to all residents associations, Police and Oldham MBC.

19. Date of next meeting Future meetings – It was agreed that the next meeting will be on Monday 15th September at 7.30 p.m..