

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Wednesday 8th July 2009

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley
 Mrs. A. McInnes
 Mrs. A. Parry
 Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.),
 Raad Al-Hamdani – Area Committee nominee
 Kath Airey – Uppermill Parking
 PCSO Lorna Conway
 Sue Eachus (Oldham M.B.C.)

61. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Cllr Mrs. D. Shaw and Richard Darlington
62. **Update on minutes from last meeting**
- a. **Brownhill Bridge** – the work has now been completed one day ahead of schedule.
- b. **Greenfield Station Parking** – GMPTE have viewed the site and will investigate further.
- c. **Wool Road Car Park** – British Waterways are responsible for the car park, Oldham Council could donate some plannings & let British Waterways spread them.
- d. **Bus stop location** – PCSO Wayne Turley has spoken to GMPTE awaiting response. GMPTE have re-organised the bus stops in Lees resulting in the 180 and 184 using different stops, they have agreed to review the changes.
- e. **Car Park Top of Stanedge** – owned by UU, Sue Eachus could donate plannings for them to use. Tony to contact UU
- f. **Parish Plan up-date including resurfacing programme** – the Parish Plan is currently out for consultation. The resurfacing programme for the current year will be considered by the Cabinet later this month, as shown below

Carriageways

Princess Street	SaLe.11	Full Length
Stamford Street	SaLe.11	Full Length
Albert Street	SaLe.11	Full Length
Thomas Street	SaLe.11	Full Length
Ladhill Lane	SS.12	Full Length
Park Lane	SS.12	Patch
Lodge Lane	13.SN	Full Length
Friarmere Road	13.SN	Full Length
Dark Lane	13.SN	(Patch)

Footways

Spring Lane	SaLe.11	Full
Dovecote Lane	SaLe.11	Part
Stockport Road	SS.12	Part

The anti-skid surface near Greenfield Station is coming away due to problems with the surface underneath. This has been reported.

- g. Speed humps – Uppermill High Street** – no further action
- h. Wall on Chapel Road** – currently no funding available from Council budgets until 2012, it is believed that the details of the vehicle that caused the damage are known, Sue to ask Unity Bridges to investigate.
- i. SPid** – the principle of the installation of speed indication devices has been agreed and is being pursued by the Oldham Council..
- j. A signs** – Sue has not received details of any specific problems.
- k. Cycle storage** – Councillor Knowles has requested the provision of cycle storage at Greenfield Station

- 63. Section 106 monies – Friezeland** - a public meeting will be held within the next two weeks to discuss the proposed scheme at Royal George Mills.
- 64. Car Parking issues in Uppermill** – The former Mortuary has been demolished, the site will be resurfaced and re-marked, the layout is currently being designed. The car park at the Baths has now been completed and power provided to the street lights. Further white lining needed and further trees to be cut back. Space has to be allowed for buses turning when taking school children to the baths. Signage in Uppermill centre needs to be much clearer and Parish may want to erect signs at extremities of the village. Restrictions will be introduced in firstly on The Square for the market. Time-limited restrictions will be introduced on other car parks in the centre of the village. Local residents views will also be sought on the provision of resident only parking on Lee Street, Village Green and Court Street. Additional parking spaces could be provided on Carr Lane, Oldham Council is currently trying to identify who owns the land.
- 65. GMITA issues** – There will be no Sunday trains from September to early December to allow repair work at the Stanedge Tunnel. The additional carriages are unlikely to arrive for at least two years and will be on a reduced scale.
- 66. Cleaning Road signs** – Councillor Franklin has coordinated a list of all the signs in Saddleworth that need to be cleaned. It was agreed that the Clerk will forward the list to Peter Rafferty (Street Scene) and Sue Eachus. All the Snow warning signs are being replaced over a five year period. There is also a problem of trees obscuring road signs, details should be forwarded to the Clerk to pass onto Oldham Council.
- 67. Village signs** – Oldham Council are currently looking at the design of the signs on the Oldham Council boundary, the ones in Saddleworth will include the white rose and “in the historical County of York. The design of the village boundary signs will be phase 2 of the project.
- 68. Church Road – Uppermill** – following an accident involving a driver who was in excess of the drink drive limit, Andrew Cowell from Oldham Council Highways department has agreed to look into the provision of additional / revised signage on the road, the residents are very happy with the quick response to their request for assistance. The Oldham Council ward councillors will agree the final scheme.

- 69. Gritting routes** – A revised policy has been drawn up to be considered by the Cabinet in September. The Council is purchasing two smaller gritters to service the narrower roads. It is proposed to have a steel container in Saddleworth with a stock of grit to refill the new gritters, the proposed site is Scouthead, consideration will also be given to a lay-by in Greenfield. Oldham Council will also be having more consultation with other Councils and the Highways Agency to reduce some of the problems encountered last winter.
- 70. Digital Switchover van** – the van will be in Uppermill on 13th July.
- 71. Lack of co-ordination after road works** – some organisations use a number of contractors to complete different aspects of the work. Problems with faulty temporary traffic lights or similar should be reported to Andy Riley 0161 770 4350 during working hours or the Council's First Response service 0161 770 2222 out of hours. Request these tel. nos. are on the temporary traffic lights in future.
- 72. Street Lighting PFI** – work will start on 17th October on a five year programme to replace two thirds of the street lights in the Borough. The lead officer for Oldham is John McAuley, who will do a presentation to the next meeting of this sub-committee, all Parish Councillors will be invited to attend.
- 73. Land at the Spinney** – Water running off the Parish Council land is causing a problem to properties at the Spinney. The provision of a Flood tank by UU was thought to be partially to blame for the problem, it is not possible to prove either way. The land drains on this land were constructed approx. 15 years ago and are in need of replacement, Sue Eachus will identify the costs of the necessary work.
- 74. Issues raised by PCSOs** – Speed of traffic on Cooper Street near to the Schools, Sue to pass to Dave Benning, Speed of vehicles at Denshaw cross-roads coming down Ripponden Road from the motorway. Bridgefield Crescent, Springhead, request for “No Ball games” – need to identify owners of land. Woodside Close junction with New Street in Lees, vehicles are driving over the pavement and round the bollards. Den Lane speed of vehicles and no road markings – Sue will ask Dave Benning to investigate. Bollards at Lydgate near the White Hart has been demolished again.
- 75. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m.