

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill  
On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

There were present            Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman  
Raad Al-Hamdani DP representative – Vice Chairman  
Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley  
Mrs. D. Shaw  
Graham Parker - GGRA  
Kath Airey – Uppermill Parking  
Geoff Bayley - Delph Community Association  
John Martindale – Delph Community Association  
Ian Merckel – Lydgate residents  
Alex Jeffery – Diggle Community Association  
P.C.S.O. Wayne Turley

114. **Alex Jeffery** was welcomed to his first meeting.

115. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. McInnes, Mrs. A. Parry, Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.) & Richard Darlington – Grotton residents

116. **Update from last meeting**

- a. **Land at the Spinney** – the work has been allocated to Highways Services and is being programmed at the moment
- b. **Gritting routes** – Two working groups are looking at possible service improvements, one is looking at the Council's internal response and a full action plan is now in place. The second group is looking at the highways response to winter maintenance. There are no plans to generally use local farmers and contractors to clear country lanes. This is because only those contractors who have public liability insurance in place are in a position to support the Council's activity to clear roads. An additional gritter has been purchased that can operate on narrow lanes. There are no plans for a grit store in Saddleworth due to potentially serious environmental damage. The replenishing of grit bins will begin over the next few weeks. A review of the number and placement of grit bins is being carried out. The request for grit bins on Quick Edge Rd Lydgate by the entrance to Lydgate Mill and Wade Hill Road on Wharmton, have been passed onto Oldham Highways.
- c. **Tourist bus** – the service started on 19<sup>th</sup> June and runs until the end of September, as expected the take-up has been slow.
- d. **Village signs** – Assistant Chief Executive is going to provide details of which signs have been installed and which are still to be installed.

117. **Village issues**  
**Delph**

- a. Delph School – Traffic orders have now been made for the parking restrictions and speed limit changes. A comprehensive consultation exercise was carried out in early 2009 about the scheme, 84 comments were received from the 532 leaflets issued, 2 people requested a pedestrian crossing and 15 people a 20 mph limit.

- b. Junction of Millgate / Grains Rd / Stoneswood Rd – The installation of a mirror requires DfT approval, their current guidance is that mirrors approval will only be given on rural and semi-rural roads where there is fast moving traffic vehicles across a T junction.
- c. The new signs at Delph have not been installed yet, the Clerk will check on likely timescale. The speed limit signs on Stoneswood Rd / Thurston Clough need replacing. Clerk to contact Highways.

### **Diggle**

- a. The village signs have not been installed.
- b. Sunfield Ave some work has been carried out, other work is still required for the whole of Huddersfield Road.
- c. Problems with parking near to the Chippy on Huddersfield Road near Wool Road are going to be discussed by the Community Association who will then present suggestions to the sub-committee.
- d. Discussions have taken place with GMITA about the timings of the buses in Diggle, unfortunately any change would cause considerable disruption to other services in the area.

### **Dobcross**

- a. Still waiting for UU to provide power for the signs on the A62 junction with Wallhill Road and Huddersfield Road.
- b. Wool Road Car Park – a scheme has been drawn up but no funding has been identified

### **Greenfield & Grasscroft**

- a. Farrars Arms junction – the feedback from PCSO Stead was that there have been no reported accidents at the junction in the last twelve months. The Give Way sign has been adjusted. The request for a traffic survey at the junction will be passed to Paul Wotton.
- b. Greenfield Station – The 40 mph mandatory repeater sign has been moved, there is no news on the resurfacing of the road.
- c. Section 106 monies Friezland – A survey of local residents is to be carried out . Kath Airey suggested the removal of part of the fence on Oldham Road near to the junction with Oaklands Road. Chair to investigate.
- d. Vehicle activated signs – a sign had been suggested on the A635 near the entrance to Dovestone, the Clerk will obtain a list of the sites of all the signs that have been installed. One view was that Saddleworth should be ringed with the signs.
- e. Parking area opposite Royal George pub – PCSO Stead has spoken to one of the patrol officers, as long as the vehicle is taxed, has a valid MOT and is insured, it can park in that location, it is considered preferable to parking on Manchester Road itself where it would cause traffic to drive around it. If the same vehicle is parked there for relatively long periods of time it may be in breach of its Operators Licence.

### **Lees**

- a. The work on the cameras being installed on Lees Rd is not yet complete, only one of the infra red units is currently installed. It was explained that lines on the road etc. are not required with infra red cameras.
- b. The wall at the junction opposite the Red Lion has fallen onto the footpath. Highways will be informed by the Clerk.

### **Lydgate**

- a. Quickedge Road – a request has been submitted to Oldham Council to install a No through road or unsuitable for motor vehicle sign.
- b. The Vehicle activated signs is operating, there is a delay between activations.
- c. Boundary wall work – the work is progressing on Oldham Road, it will then move onto Stockport Road.
- d. Gulley cleaning – requests have been made but work not yet carried out. Ian Merckel to let the Chair have a copy of the initial e mail.
- e. Noticeboard – Planning permission request has been submitted for the board near to Triangle
- f. Chicane improvements – one issue is the ownership of a piece of land near to the Lychgate.

### **Uppermill**

- a. Gulley on Court Street – unsure whether problem has been solved due to lack of heavy rainfall
- b. Pavement outside Waggon Inn – Highways are investigating.
- c. Time-limited parking – the restrictions will implemented around August. The piece of land adjacent to Carr Lane has been purchased to create additional parking spaces. The Traffic order for the approach to Geo.V Playing Field Car park is being drafted. Discussions are still taking place on the road markings to indicate the restrictions in The Square.

- 118. G.M.I.T.A. –** Royce has attended a meeting of the Friends of Mossley Station which discussed the facilities at the station and on the line in general. There are similar groups in Marsden and Slaithwaite, Royce will contact these groups to discuss issues of mutual interest. The current franchise has been extended to 2014, looking for half hourly services if the Manchester Hub project goes ahead and provides better signalling. Another issue is the off peak service to Manchester Airport where there is a wait of 40 minutes at Staybridge for a connection to Piccadilly and even then a change is necessary for the Airport. Pennine Prospects are taking up the cross-boundary fare issue. STORM now include service issues on the Greenfield line in their newsletter, anyone with information about service problems etc. should pass them to STORM.

### **119. Other issues**

- a. Thefts from vehicles on Chapel Road and Shaw Hall Bank Road, there have been some thefts in the area, although not all of them are being reported to the Police. Members urged to use the Rangers' Car Park which is rarely completely full.
- b. The attendance of a senior Highways manager at the sub-committee meetings, in the past, was very helpful the Clerk will contact Chris Tunstall to request a representative attends future meetings.

- 120. Date of next meeting –** The next meeting will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm at the Civic Hall.