

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Tuesday 15th November 2011

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllr. Mr. R. Knotts – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. B. Cullen
 Mr. A. Roughley
 Ms. L. Schofield (up to minute 208)
 Kath Airey (Uppermill parking)
 David Harrison (Civic Trust)
 Ian Merckel (Lydgate residents)
 Geoff Bayley (Delph Community Association)
 Gordon Anderson – Unity Partnership

- 206. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. G. Harkness & Mr. K. Hulme, Raad Al-Hamdani (DP representative), Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.), Richard Darlington (Grotton residents), Graham Parker (GGRA), Alma McInnes (Uppermill residents) & John Martindale (Delph Community Association)
- 207. Uppermill Parking** – the working group has discussed proposals for the review. A bid is being made to the District Investment fund for improvements to the Victoria Mill Car Park. The working group recommended improvements to Smithy Lane Car Park and a path into the village from the Baths Car Park should be included. The review will be based on the Royton review. The working group recommended that the survey should take place between April and September 2012. There should be a site survey of the actual parking spaces available, on car parks and on street. Questionnaires will be delivered to every property in a defined area, and available for collection from public buildings and shops in the village.
On specified days questionnaires will be handed out to car park users / visitors. Some amendments will be made to the Royton questionnaire to identify the time / day / date when the form was completed. They will also be asked what is governing how long they park in Uppermill, to identify whether the restrictions are limiting the duration of their visit. The committee thanked Imogen Fuller for her assistance.
- 208. Winter maintenance** – Councillor Knotts gave a presentation on the responses received from the letter sent to the Community groups, a meeting is being arranged with Oldham Council to discuss how to move progress the project.
- 209. Decluttering** – the working group has met, one issue is debris left when signs are removed. The road signs in the area are being reviewed by the Civic Trust. Councillor Buckley is developing a specification for the re-building of stone walls. It was also suggested that consideration should be given to the design of the new street lighting in Conservation Areas, the Clerk will raise the issue with Phil Matley.
- 210. The Hopper** – there were an average of 14.2 passengers per day, the sign at the Baths car park needs removing.
- 211. Greenfield Rail Action Group** – members considered a report from Councillor Franklin, all train users were asked to complete the profroma.

212. Village issues

Uppermill – National Grid will be asked to suspend work over the Christmas period.. Pauline Philips has arranged for the removal of the dangerous section of the walls on Smithy Lane and Hare & Hounds car park, she will also look at what needs to be done to reduce future damage to the walls.

Diggle – The pot holes were on two separate orders, there is a backlog in dealing with pot holes, there are different criteria for the footway and carriageway.

Dobcross – The Woods Lane parking restrictions are being finalised and will be passed to Legal Services to produce the Traffic Order.

An additional gulley has been put in near to the top of Wall Hill Road. The road surfacing is being included into the Highways programme.

The position of the 30 mph signs on Wall Hill Road is being checked.

Denshaw – The financial implications to Oldham Council of down-grading the A6052 to a “B” road are being considered.

The re-configuration of the roads at the 5 road junction of Rochdale Road / Halifax Road may be included in the LTP3 for the next year.

Austerlands – the white markings need to be replaced on Thorpe Lane near to the junction with Huddersfield Road.

Delph –

Proposals for the bridge signs will be presented to the next meeting.

A survey will be carried out on the number of vehicles ignoring the weight limit in Delph, it will form part of a borough-wide review of weight limit signs.

Following the meeting in Delph, there will be a further review speed after the completion of the UU work.

Lydgate – new signs have been ordered.

General - Details of all road closures will be circulated to all members.

Potholes should be reported to highways@oldham.gov.uk , giving as many details as possible on location and with a photograph, if possible, to reduce the need to inspect the pothole.