

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Tuesday 18th October 2011

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllr. Mr. R. Knotts – Vice Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. M. Buckley
 Mr. B. Cullen
 Mr. G. Harkness
 Mr. A. Roughley
 Kath Airey – Uppermill parking
 David Harrison – Civic Trust
 John Martindale – Delph Community Association
 Gill McCulley – GGRA
 Alma McInnes – Uppermill residents
 Gordon Anderson – Unity Partnership
 Mark Calvert – Unity Partnership

- 197. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Mr. K. Hulme, Raad Al-Hamdani (DP representative), Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.), Geoff Bayley (Delph Community Association), Richard Darlington (Grotton residents), Alex Jeffreys (Diggle residents), Ian Merckel (Lydgate residents), Graham Parker (GGRA) & P.C.S.O. Lee Lockwood.
- 198. Castleshaw Parking** – the proposals were presented to the Parish Council and the District Partnership and are progressing.
- 199. Decluttering of Saddleworth** – members considered a document prepared by Saddleworth Civic Trust, the group supported their recommendations and agreed that a mechanism needs to be set-up to ensure that they are implemented. The Clerk will arrange a meeting of the working group to draw up proposals to be presented to a future meeting of this sub-committee.
- 200. National Grid Work** – there have been some problems with queues at the temporary traffic lights, it was suggested that the contractors are asked to display a sign asking motorists to slow down through the road works. A copy of **all** the road closures in Saddleworth, with contact details was circulated to all members.
- 201. Tourist bus** – nothing to report. The Chairman has obtained details of the complaints procedure for service buses, complaints can be submitted enquiries@vosa.gov.uk or 0300 123 9000.
- 202. Winter maintenance** – Councillors Franklin, Knotts & Roughley met with Oldham Council representatives to discuss possible improvements to winter gritting and snow clearance. It was agreed that a letter should be circulated, as widely as possible, to give the community the opportunity to suggest roads which if treated would produce the greatest benefits.
- 203. Village issues**
Diggle – Some of the pot holes have not been repaired yet, there appears to have been some confusion with the Highways department about whether they area was due

for re-surfacing. Councillor Knotts mentioned that he had taken photographs of pot-holes in Austerlands and that they had all been repaired. Unity representatives said that pictures were helpful, it was suggested that the Parish Council should buy two cameras with GPS for the use of Parish Councillors. Details of potholes, including any pictures should be sent to highways@oldham.gov.uk.

The accident at Lee Cross in September appears to have been a slow speed incident.

Uppermill parking – changes to the layout of the Victoria Mill car park would increase the capacity, it was agreed that a price and time scale should be obtained to extend the car park onto the grassed areas facing High Street and the Canal. It was agreed that a small group should meet with Oldham Council Highways to discuss the criteria for the review, it was proposed that the group should consist of Cllrs. Franklin, Buckley & Harkness, Kath Airey & Imogen Fuller. It was agreed that the current usage of the car parks needs to be identified. The walls at Smithy Lane and Hare & Hounds both need repairing. Gavin Lightbown is already aware. The road lining on Chapel Road will be carried out when the boundary wall work is completed.

Delph – the suggested changes to the layout to the junction of Stoneswood Road / Grains Road / Millgate have been discussed with GMP who do not support the changes. Arrangements are being made to count the number of HGVs who ignore the weight restrictions in Delph. Unity will chase up the 30 mph sign on Stoneswood Road and the sign before the bridge in Delph.

Dobcross – The Woods Lane parking restrictions are currently being drawn up by Unity Partnership. This has been approved by the District Partnership in February, this year. The road surface has been inspected near to the top of Wall Hill Road, there is a problem with drainage and the surface is worn, work is planned firstly with the drainage and then surface dressing.

Denshaw – It has been suggested that the A6052 should be down-graded to a “B” road to reduce usage by SATNAVs. To be passed to District Partnership for consideration.

Austerlands – the white markings need to be replaced on Thorpe Lane near to the junction with Oldham Road, there is a very small budget for replacing white lines not included in resurfacing schemes. Unity to deal with.

Greenfield – the sub-committee has been requested to comment a proposed sign in Greenfield. It was agreed that a decision would be deferred to allow for the development of an overall framework for unique signs in each village. Members also considered a suggestion that “in Saddleworth” should be incorporated in signage to remove confusion for visitors to the area. It was agreed that the Parish Council will consult widely and ask for comments on the suggestion.

SATNAVS – It has been suggested that signs should be erected at the entrance to roads unsuitable for heavy vehicles where the drivers were not infrequently being directed wrongly down either such roads or even along cul de sacs. Unity Partnership pointed out that the erection of such signs did not comply with approved signs and if someone were to injure themselves on a sign the Council could be liable.

204. SHRUG – a strategy is being drafted for the Greenfield Rail Action Group.

205. Date of next meeting – the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 15th November at 6.30 p.m.