

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill  
On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

There were present            Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman  
Raad Al-Hamdani – (Vice-Chair and DP representative)  
Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley  
              Mr. B. Cullen  
              Mrs. A. McInnes  
Kath Airey – Uppermill Parking  
Alex Jeffrey – Diggle Community Association  
Ian Merckel – Lydgate residents  
John Martindale – Delph Community Association  
David Harrison  
P.C.S.O. Cath Crompton  
P.C.S.O. Wayne Turley  
Gordon Anderson – Unity Partnership

- 155. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. M. Buckley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. Parry & Mrs. D. Shaw, Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.), Graham Parker – GGRA, Councillor Alan Roughley - Denshaw Community Association & Richard Darlington – Grotton residents.
- 156. Tourist Bus** – The Parish Council has decided that it would not fund a service in 2011 and would assess the need for a service in future years. The DP agreed that a marketing plan should be developed, this will be funded from the Supporting Tourism budget.
- 157. Disabled Parking bays** – once bays are approved they can be used by any blue badge holder. Oldham Council sets the eligibility criteria for creating the bays, a meeting will be held with Andy Cowell to review the criteria.
- 158. Accident Prevention Group** – Speed Guns have been issued to the trained volunteers but have not been used yet. The equipment can only be used at designated sites following a Police risk assessment. Warning letters are sent to offending motorists. Details of the locations and findings will be provided to the Casualty Reduction team.
- 159. District Partnership** - Gordon Anderson was welcomed to the meeting, he will now represent Unity at future meetings. Unity is a joint venture between Oldham Council and Mouchel. Under the initial phase Traffic management, Casualty reduction, large projects, bridges and highway structures transferred to Unity. The second phase transfer has now taken place, this includes responsibility for the condition of the highway, yellow line painting, maintenance – patching and pot holes, and gully emptying. Unity is responsible for drawing up schedules etc. with the work being carried out by Oldham Council or contractors. Specific recommendations from the sub-committee will be presented to the Parish Council and then District Partnership before being passed to Unity for implementation. The proposal for yellow lines in Dobcross has been agreed by both the Parish Council and District Partnership and will now be dealt with under the TRO legal process.

**160. Huddersfield to Manchester line** – the group will meet in Greenfield on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The Marsden / Slaithwaite representatives have already met with their M.P. and have sent a letter to a Transport Minister the facilities at those stations are worse than those at Greenfield.

**161. De-cluttering of Saddleworth and Lees** - Raad circulated a document setting out proposals for the development of a strategy. It was agreed that a working group of up to four people will produce specific proposals that would be considered by this and the Environment sub-committee.

**162. G.M.I.T.A. Issues** – the budget cuts will result in an increase of concessionary fares, from 80p to half fare. Bus services in the area are a mixture of commercial and subsidised services, there could a reduction in subsidised services.

**163. Village issues**

**Delph**

- a. There is currently no funding available for Casualty reduction schemes. Previous proposals for a 20 mph limit in the village were not supported by the Police without physical changes to the road layout, there were only two injury accidents in the centre of Delph over a 2 year period. It was agreed to identify suitable speed gun sites in Delph.
- b. Bridge – signage still under consideration.
- c. The speed limit signs have been ordered for Stoneswood Road.
- d. Road layout – Grains Rd / Stoneswood Rd / Millgate – it was suggested that the proposals should be re-submitted for further consideration.
- e. Delph School parking – P.C.S.O. Crompton will speak to Traffic P.C.S.O.s.

**Diggle**

- a. Huddersfield Road will be refurbished in March.
- b. Proposed parking restrictions have been drawn up, there will be three meetings for the public to view and comment on the proposals, at the PACT meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March, School on 10<sup>th</sup> March and Diggle Community Association on 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- c. Sam Road & Harrop Court will be closed until Friday
- d. Lee Cross will be closed for 27 weeks to allow repairs to a culvert and drainage problems from 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2011..
- e. Village signs – two new signs are required on Huddersfield Road. It is recommended the District Partnership looks as ways of funding these additional signs together with the 3 required for Lydgate.

**Dobcross** – nothing to report

**Greenfield & Grasscroft**

- a. Section 106 Friezland – the public consultation has now been completed.
- b. The Farrars – no action will be taken on the suggestion to change the priorities at the junction, the current layout is considered the safest.
- c. Chapel Road – the temporary one way traffic will remain as it is, the arrangement followed analysis of a traffic count, reversing the one way traffic would create problems for HGVs. The white lines at the junction with Shaw Hall Bank Road have been moved to a wider berth for buses and HGVs travelling down past the Station.
- d. Well-I-hole Lane – concerns about the speed of vehicles, not suitable for speed gun project due to speed limit. Traffic PCSOs will be asked to assist.

**Lees** – nothing to report.

### **Lydgate**

- a. Boundary wall – the issue of the top stones on the wall near to the White Hart has now been resolved. The road will not re-open until all the wall work had been completed. The proposed highway scheme is being reviewed.
- b. Village signs – new signs are required on Platting Road (1) and Oldham Road (2).

### **Denshaw**

- a. Cats eyes are being considered for installation on Ripponden Rd towards the motorway.
- b. Denshaw cross-roads – the layout of the junction is being considered as part of a review of the A640.

### **Uppermill**

- a. Time-limited parking – the scheme has now been introduced. The petition will be considered by a panel in early March. Concerns were raised that there had been no consultation with businesses or residents and that the previous petition had been ignored. The number of visitors on Sunday was lower than normal, it was suggested because of parking restrictions, there also appeared to be some problems on Wednesdays. Oldham Council is now carrying out an analysis of the responses to the residents parking permits' survey, concerns were raised that only a small part of High Street was included in the survey. It was suggested that there should be one long stay car park in the centre of Uppermill. Concerns about the scheme in Lees have been passed to the ward Councillors.

- 164. Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00 pm at the Civic Hall.