

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Wednesday 29th September 2010

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman
 Cllrs. Mr. M. Buckley
 Mrs. A. Parry
 Sue Eachus – Oldham Council - Highways
 Graham Parker - GGRA
 Kath Airey – Uppermill Parking
 Geoff Bayley - Delph Community Association
 John Martindale – Delph Community Association
 Ian Merckel – Lydgate residents
 Mike Fox (Civic Trust)
 P.C.S.O. Monica Seville

121. **Mike Fox** was welcomed to his first meeting.
122. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. P. Bagley, Mr. A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. McInnes & Mrs. D. Shaw , Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.) Raad Al-Hamdani - DP representative, Richard Darlington – Grotton residents, Alex Jeffery – Diggle Community Association & P.C.S.O. Wayne Turley.
123. **Update from last meeting**
 - a. **Land at the Spinney** – the work has been allocated to Highways Services, waiting for start date.
 - b. **Gritting routes** – some amendments have been proposed. The grit bins are in the process of being filled. The Council has purchased additional stocks of grit.
 - c. **Theft from vehicles Chapel Road & Shaw Hall Bank Road** – the number of thefts has reduced.
124. **Highways Department representation at future meetings** – Sue Eachus will be attending future meetings.
125. **Gulley Cleaning** – All gulleys have now been cleaned on a cyclical programme, the Council now has two machines. A budget of £100k is available to deal with broken gulleys. **Details of broken gulleys should be reported to the Highways Department.** New legislation on Flood Management has given the Council more powers to assist land owners to deal with problems. The gulleys on the A62 near Highmoor Tip probably need to be cleaned more frequently. The Clerk will contact Highways Department.
126. **Redundant signs** – The government is looking to local council to remove unnecessary signs, CABE (Commission for Architecture and Building Environment) space have offered to provide professional expertise to two councils nationally. It was agreed that Councillor Franklin will draft an application on behalf of the Parish Council and District Partnership. The Civic Trust have previously raised the issue of street clutter, it was

suggested that a list should be drawn up of signs considered to be redundant. The proposals are likely to be incorporated in the Saddleworth & Lees District Plan.

- 127. Accident Prevention group** – A group has been set up to look at Road Safety in the area, it will include Councillors McCann, Roughley & Franklin, and representatives from Greater Manchester Police and Oldham Council Highways.
- 128. Tourist Bus** – the experimental service has now ended, the level of usage was less than originally envisaged. A review of the service is now being carried out to decide whether a similar service should be run next year.
- 129. Huddersfield to Manchester rail-line** – Royce attended a meeting with representatives from Slaithwaite and Marsden to look at issues on the line. A group has now been formed that will look at a number of issues including, cross-boundary fares, overcrowding with the quality of rollingstock, half hourly service during the week and service to Manchester Airport from Stalybridge. Network Rail are hoping to re-open the single track tunnels in 2014, this could help with the proposal for Diggle Station. Great North Western are hoping to run a two hourly service from Huddersfield to Euston by 2013 calling at Guide Bridge, Alderley Edge and Stockport.
- 130. Village issues**
 - Delph**
 - a. Delph School – Problems are being encountered with parking near to the School, the Police / P.C.S.O.s have been taking action this week. Sue Eachus will check whether it is possible to install a zebra crossing near to the school.
 - b. Junction of Millgate / Grains Rd / Stoneswood Rd – Geoff Bayley has suggested that a pavement should be constructed on Millgate near to the library, this would re-align traffic to improve sight lines and the re-positioning of the give way lines. The proposal is currently being considered by the Highways Department.
 - c. The signage on the bridge is still being considered. The 30 mph signs on Stoneswood Road are to be renewed.
 - Diggle**
 - a. The village signs have not been installed.
 - b. A School Crossing Patrol has been requested in Diggle.
 - c. The 184 service that runs to Huddersfield should have a suffix to avoid confusion for the slightly differing route where the direct service to Huddersfield does not go through Dobcross. P.C.S.O. Seville raised the issue of the gap in evening services to and from Diggle which were preventing young people participating in activities in Uppermill.
 - Dobcross**
 - a. The signs at Wall Hill Road junction have now been installed
 - b. It was suggested that parking restrictions should be introduced on Woods Lane into The Square to assist the passage of buses, Sue Eachus will discuss with the Traffic engineers
 - Greenfield & Grasscroft**
 - a. Ladhill Bridge closure - the expectation was that the closure would be during the week to protect the workforce and lifted each weekend, Sue Eachus will investigate.

- b. Vehicle activated signs – the sign requested on the A635 near the entrance to Dovestone has not been installed. Unity are currently carrying out a review of that section of road.
- c. Wall on Chapel Road – it was suggested that when the wall is re-built the roadway should be re-marked to provide a parking lane and two running lanes.
- d. Oaklands Road – consideration will be given to removing the fencing when the road surface approaching Greenfield station is repaired.

Lees

- a. The wall at the junction opposite the Red Lion has now been repaired.

Lydgate

- a. Boundary wall work – the work on Stockport Road will start at the end of October, resulting in the closure of parts of the road. The work will be done in a number of phases, the carriageway will then be reconstructed.
- b. The Lydgate signs have now been installed.

Uppermill

- a. Gully on Court Street – seems to be OK work has been carried out between the gully and river.
- b. Pavement outside Waggon Inn – is due to be repaired.
- c. Time-limited parking – Objections have been made to the Borough wide scheme, a panel will now meet to consider the proposals which will delay implementation of any scheme until November. The lines on the approach to Geo.V Playing Field Car park have not installed yet. Discussions are still taking place on the road markings to indicate the restrictions in The Square. A survey will be undertaken for Residents parking on Court Street, Lee Street and the Village Green.

131. Other issues

- a. A survey is to be carried out on the speed limits on all “A” roads.
- b. Highways have been allocated £10M for highways maintenance over the next four years (£1.5M in 2010-1, £3M in 2011-2, £3M in 2012-3 and £2,5M in 2013-4. A list of proposed roads was produced at the meeting. Further proposals are being collected of the roads that need to be repaired.

- 132. Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Wednesday 24th November at 7.30 pm at the Civic Hall.