

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee  
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill  
On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012

There were present            Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman  
   Cllr. Mr. R. Knotts – Vice Chairman  
   Cllrs. Mr. M. Buckley  
  Mr. B. Cullen  
  Mr. A. Roughley  
   Kath Airey (Uppermill parking)  
   Geoff Bayley (Delph Community Association)  
   David Harrison (Civic Trust)  
   Alma McInnes (Uppermill residents)  
   Gordon Anderson – Unity Partnership  
   Mark Calvert – Unity Partnership

- 213. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Mr. G. Harkness & Mr. K. Hulme, Raad Al-Hamdani (DP representative), P.C.S.O. Wayne Turley, Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.), Richard Darlington (Grotton residents), Graham Parker (GGRA), John Martindale (Delph Community Association) & Ian Merckel (Lydgate residents)
- 214. Uppermill Parking** – the review will take place in April, it was suggested by one member of the group that the restrictions should be suspended until the review was complete. A vote was taken and this suggestion was not supported. Clarification needed whether the review covers Lees.
- 215. Hopper Bus sign** – the sign at Uppermill Pool has now been removed. A report is going to the District Partnership meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.
- 216. Gritting and Winter maintenance** – Councillor Knotts gave an update on discussions with Oldham Council about the possibility of a pilot project, arrangements are being made to demonstrate a snow blower. Ward councillors are asked to review the list of streets identified in Councillor Knotts earlier. Councillor Franklin has produced a document for Diggle providing information about gritting and the problems that the Oldham Council teams encounter. It was agreed that a similar document will be produced for all wards after consultation with the ward councillors. Action by councillor Franklin
- 217. Greenfield Rail Action Group** – a meeting of the group will be held at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. All welcome. Details of problems are being collated, these include no space on trains and problems paying fares on the train. Any issues should be passed to Councillor Franklin, it is important that details of the day and time of the incident are included.
- 218. Pothole repairs** – members considered a document from Mark Calvert about carrying out patch repairs for some potholes. Filling in potholes must be seen as a temporary measure. It was suggested that the £25,000 annual ward allocation could be spent on patch repairs rather than full resurfacing. The schedule for roads already to be fully-repaired was needed. This to be provided by Unity for the next meeting. Which roads

could be patched would then be determined after consultation between Ward Councillors and Unity.

## 219. Village issues

**Uppermill** – Problems have been encountered with the re-commissioning of the Pelican crossing outside the Post Office after the completion of the Emergency works before Christmas. Urban Traffic Control (UTC) are responsible for disabling and re-commissioning Pelican crossing and Traffic lights, Unity are chasing up UTC.

**Diggle** – Some of the gulleys in Huddersfield Road / Sam Road are blocked. Unity are reviewing the system for gulley cleaning. There are 46.000 gulleys in Oldham. To date during this financial year 26.000 have been cleaned. Unity aim to clean them annually but are increasingly aware of the need to prioritise them. Some may need doing more regularly but some less regularly. It is therefore important that members of this group report those which need attention. Those that are done about 10% will need special attention.

**Dobcross** – The Woods Lane Parking restriction Traffic Order should be made in early February.

**Greenfield** – Greater Manchester Traffic unit are going to undertake a traffic survey on Chew Valley Road later in the year, to identify whether there is a need for a pedestrian crossing. The suggestion for traffic lights at the top of Shaw Hall Bank Road has been considered, it has been decided that it is not justifiable, particularly when Chapel Road re-opens.

**Delph** – Cllr. Buckley is unhappy with the proposal to install a sign on each side of the bridge. Unity will clarify the regulations on the requirement for two signs, if possible only one sign should be installed near to the White Lion.

A review of weight limits is being carried out across the Borough.

One of the 30 mph signs on Wall Hill Rd needs to be re-located to comply with the Traffic Order. Unity will chase up the replacement 30 mph sign Thurston Clough Rd.

**Denshaw** – The Committee repeated their view that the Highway Agency should be approached to explore possible provide funding for the re-configuration of the roads at the 5 road junction of Rochdale Road / Halifax Road as it is a prime Motorway diversion route.

**General** – Sample are being taken repairs carried out by the utilities to ensure that appropriate materials are being used. Concerns were raised about the re-instatements of stone setts in Conservation areas, Unity will raise this at their regular liaison meetings with the utilities. Problems should be e-mailed to [highways@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:highways@oldham.gov.uk).

## 220. Date of the Next Meeting Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at 6.30 p.m.