

Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill
On Thursday 7th July 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
 Raad Al-Hamdani – DP representative
 Ian Merckel – Lydgate residents
 John Martindale – Delph Community Association
 Geoff Bayley – Delph Community Association
 Graham Parker – GGRA
 David Harrison – Civic Trust
 P.C.S.O. Kath Crompton
 Mark Calvert – Unity Partnership

- 175. Apologies for Absence:** Richard Darlington – Grotton residents, Alex Jeffery – Diggle residents & Cllr. Mr. R. Knowles (Oldham M.B.C.).
- 176. Accident Prevention Group** – Speed monitoring will be in Delph next week.
- 177. Frames of reference** – it was agreed that SHRUG should replace STORM, the re-opening of Saddleworth Station should be considered as an alternative to Diggle Station, as it is more central. The frames of reference should include weight limits, classification of roads and winter management. Recommendations for changes of a permanent nature should be considered by the Parish Council and District Partnership.
- 178. Prioritising Roads in need of repair** – The District Partnership asked Borough Councillors to prioritise the roads listed for repair in the autumn of last year through this group. Each ward has been allocated £25k per year, from the £10m that the Council has borrowed to repair roads to reduce the number of claims for trips and falls & damage to vehicles, it is expected that the scheme will be self-financing.
Saddleworth North – Knott Hill Lane & pavement on Gartside Street. Saddleworth West & Lees – Dovecote / Spring Lane and Holly Grove. No information has been provided for Saddleworth South, it is assumed that it will be submitted directly to Unity Partnership. Mark Calvert will provide details of the process for dealing with potholes. There are currently two categories, the first category is dealt with within 10 days, in some cases within 24 hours. It was agreed that there was a need for the sub-committee to be involved in winter planning, including gritting routes and winter maintenance planning.
- 179. Tourist Bus** – the revised service this year is being funded by the District Partnership, RSPB and Peak Park and will run at weekends throughout July & August.

- 180. SHRUG – Stalybridge to Huddersfield Rail Users’ Group** – the group will be holding its third meeting next week, the issues that they are concerned about include, poor connections, non collection of fares, staffing at Stations and parking at Stalybridge.
- 181. Decluttering of Saddleworth and Lees** – no progress yet, the Civic Trust are surveying High Street. This includes signage and overgrowth, discussions need to take place with Oldham Council Street Scene about the use of weed-killer on roadside verges.
- 182. Road delays and closures** – there are a number of road closures planned for inspections and re-surfacing. The National Grid work in Uppermill is due to start on 18th July near to the viaduct, they will try to minimise holdups and will consider phasing the traffic control at peak periods to allow for the uneven flow of traffic. The retaining wall programme has been reduced from 5 years to 2 years resulting in additional disruption.
- 183. Village issues**
- Delph** – there has been no response to the suggested alterations to the junction of Stoneswood Road / Grains Road / Millgate. Mark was asked to look again at the possibility of a mirror at this junction. The speed limit signs on Stoneswood Road / Thurston Clough Road have not been replaced. A number of vehicles are ignoring the weight limit, it was suggested that it could be painted on the road surface and that flashing signs are more effective.
- Diggle** – The Community Association do not want a village sign if it were similar to the present ones, the parking restrictions have now been agreed.
- Dobcross** – the proposed parking restrictions are still being progressed.
- Greenfield** – repairs required on Oakview Road.
- Lees** – the car park banner signs are in a poor condition
- Lydgate** – Village signs still required. The retaining walls and road surfacing has been done to a good quality.
- Denshaw** – A672 above Moorland Caravan park is de-laminating. The cats eyes on Ripponden Road have not been resolved. The closure of the motorway has highlighted the problem at Denshaw Cross-roads, which should be resolved and funded by the Highways Agency. The Link service does not include Denshaw, it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Transport for Greater Manchester and our M.P. highlighting the problem.
- Uppermill** – a public meeting will be held in the Civic Hall on Tuesday 26th July at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the car parking issues, it has been suggested that some of the restrictions should be lifted during the roadworks.
- Austerlands** – the white markings need to be replaced on Thorpe Lane near to the junction with Oldham Road. A permit application has been submitted to start tipping at Birks Quarry.
- 184. Transport for Greater Manchester** – consultation has started on the 2nd Metrolink crossing in Manchester, the last date for submission is 9th September 2011, details are available on their website.
- 185. Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Thursday 1st September at 6.30 pm at the Civic Hall.