**Minutes of the Traffic & Transport Committee Meeting held on 6th March 2025 at Saddleworth Civic Hall at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr B Beeley (Chairman), Cllr P Gaul, Cllr M Powell,

Paul Clegg (Dobcross Village Community), Paul Sykes (SACG).

Apologies: Cllr H Bishop, Cllr A Marland, Pat Cliffe (Diggle).

**Absent:** Cllr M Birchall, Cllr K Dawson.

1979. Declarations of interest: None declared

**1980. Record of meeting held 5th December 2024**

This was accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Beeley.

**1981. Matters Arising**

Will be addressed at the meeting.

**1982. Public Questions/Concerns – in person**

None submitted

**1983. Public Questions/Concerns – submitted remotely**

None submitted

**1984. Follow on/update on new issues raised at the last meeting**

The update from Highways was shared:-

Denshaw Huddersfield Rd and Delph Rd traffic calming and lowered speed limit is now complete, I’ve received some comments from Denshaw Village Association regarding signing and lining which will be looked at.

Delph Road Linear scheme has been consulted with Ward Members:

* 40mph speed limit between the 30 at Denshaw and the 30 at Delph;
* Double white line system throughout to prevent overtaking;
* Improvements to signing in Slackcote Dip including a new Vehicle Actuated Sign (VAS) to warn vehicles on the main line when vehicles are approaching the junction on the side road:
* Experimental traffic mirror opposite Slackcote Lane to aid visibility issues;

Funding is agreed for the above

Uppermill 20mph speed limit and traffic calming scheme will be readvertised shortly with greatly reduced traffic calming measures as agreed with Members.

Funding is agreed for the above

Dobcross 20mph and traffic calming scheme will be advertised shortly with measures agreed with ward members road tables rather than cushions.

Funding is agreed for the above

Diggle 20mph scheme and traffic calming between Ambrose Crescent and Wool Rd to be funded via S278 agreement by developers of land in front of school. We will be looking to increase the extents of this scheme and discussions are on going with Ward Members, we will be in contact with SPC in due course regarding proposals.

Funding to be sort from next financial years capital highway programme for any extension to the scheme.

GMP have advised they will be arranging a speed check at both ends of Huddersfield Road.

**It was agreed the Clerk would share the planned date and time of this with any committee members who may wish to be present.**

Delph 20mph speed limit, we will be looking to make this permanent in the next financial year, traffic calming is likely to be limited to Delph Lane, that is the only road with speeding confirmed as an issue from current data. We will also be looking to put a formal crossing in place outside Delph Primary School with improvements to the 30 to 20 speed limit signing from the Denshaw direction included in the scheme.

Funding to be sort from next financial years capital highway programme.

Safety Cameras – there’s an update being progressed to the GMCA Safety Camera handbook that will give each borough greater say over the location of new cameras or camera systems. I am a great advocate for average speed cameras on our high-speed rural routes and pushing this forward over the next year is one of my main aims. I’ll work closely with TfGM to establish schemes and secure funding ASAP where proposals satisfy the revised handbook criteria.

**Cllr Beeley stated this was a very positive response and thanked OMBC Highways and GMP for their support in providing this information.**

Cllr Marland had shared a response received from OMBC regarding concerns raised on the safety of the junction of Platting Road and Doctor Lane. They advise that various safety improvements were introduced at this junction in 2021 including new stop signs and markings. Since the measures were introduced, there are no recorded injury collisions at the junction. However, as with all sites across the borough they will continue to monitor the any future collision data.

 As part of the Greater Manchester Vision Zero initiative, it is hoped that there will be an increase in speed limit enforcement in future, which will include areas such as this which has already been designated as a community concern site by GMP.

**SPC request that Highways and GMP continue to monitor this junction.**

Cllr Marland had shared a response received from OMBC regarding the proposed one-way system at the junction with Lower Turf Lane with Heywood Lane, Scouthead. It has been decided to reassess the scheme due to feedback and consultation with residents.

**This was discussed and SPC request that Highways and GMP monitor this area during term time rather than school holiday periods to enable a more accurate picture.**

Diggle to Standedge - no right turn signage out of Diggle needs replacing with a large, bolder sign.

**SPC suggested that a large warning no right turn sign be painted on the carriageway and/or provide a larger, more visible sign as you come out of Diggle village.**

The overgrown vegetation on Sugar Lane was discussed. This is mainly Himalayan Balsam which has now died off naturally, but will grow back through the spring and summer seasons.

**It was agreed to monitor this.**

Mr Clegg updated the meeting on the proposed river crossing at Dobcross Garden Centre. OMBC will not support stepping stones, but are budgeting for a bridge in 2026-7 financial year. However the land at either side of the river is owned by the Garden Centre who are against a bridge.

**1985. Councillor reports on issues/concerns raised**

Cllr Gaul advised he had been pursuing the installation of additional grit bins in Springhead, but OMBC consider there are sufficient already.

Cllr Gaul has also been in touch with OMBC regarding hazard signs that have been knocked down on the corner of Old Lane and Thorpe Lane, Austerlands.

*(****post meeting note, advise new signs have been ordered and will be installed shortly).***

Since Clough House (once the famous Doris and Joan hairdressers) has been renovated there are instances of vehicles parking and blocking the pavement. There is already one yellow line there but it needs a double one. The pavement is at 2 levels and when vehicles are parked there the normal level is blocked. The lower one with 2 steps down is not well lit and not accessible by wheelchairs or prams which are then forced into a very busy road. Oldham Road narrows at this point and matters are worse because of vehicles parking opposite. (Today 14th March about 2pm the road was reduced to one lane because of parked vehicles on either side)

**Cllr Marland is also following this up with Highways**

Cllr Beeley Junction of Stamford Rd with Oldham Rd, Waterhead/Springhead. Councillors request again that the double yellow lines are extended outside the old launderette as this is a very dangerous junction.

**Highways please investigate and advise.**

**1986. Community Issues**

All concerns already covered

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6th May 6pm**