**Record of the Traffic & Transport Committee Meeting held on 7th December 2024 at Saddleworth Civic Hall at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr B Beeley, Cllr H Bishop,

Geoff Bayley (Delph Community Association), Paul Clegg (Dobcross Village Community), Paul Sykes (SACG), Pat Cliffe (Diggle)

Apologies: Cllr P Gaul, Cllr A Marland, Cllr M Powell, Mr T Baxter.

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

The meeting was not quorate so only recommendations could be made. The Clerk confirmed no update had been received from Highways in advance of the meeting.

1970. Declarations of interest: None declared

**1971. Minutes from last meeting held 5th September 2024**

As the meeting wasn’t quorate the minutes will be presented at the next meeting of the committee for approval.

**1972. Matters Arising**

Diggle to Stanedge - no right turn signage.

SPC request Highways to confirm whether this will be replaced with a larger, more visible sign.

**Action follow up – Cllr Beeley.**

Sugar Lane – overgrown vegetation. It was advised this work will be completed over the winter months. The Committee understand this was not a contributory factor to the recent traffic accident at this spot.

**1973. Public Questions/Concerns – in person**

A member of the Public spoke about her concerns for control of traffic through Diggle Village. She advised Cllr Harkness was supporting villagers in this. Part of the main road does not have foothpath access, and a recent speed check showed that 15% of drivers are exceeding the imposed speed limit of 30MPH, and there is poor access and visibility due to side roads. Diggle is the only village in Saddleworth without a 20MPH limit. The village is home to a high school and a primary school, with many children making their way to and from school and inappropriate parking makes this very unsafe, with chaos at drop off and pick up times.

This situation is to only be compounded by the extra 120 or so cars from the newly built houses.

The Community Group have several ideas for ways in which the village could be made safer and would like their proposals to be investigated by OMBC before a serious accident occurs.

Councillors were previously advised that a traffic survey would be carried out 12 months after the new High school opened, but are unsure whether this has now been carried out. After more discussion it was proposed the Clerk write to Highways on behalf of the Traffic & Transport Committee requesting a full review of the traffic situation in Diggle, requesting enforcement cameras visit regularly, and to also request police speed checks in the area. **Action follow up – the Clerk**

**1974. Public Questions/Concerns – submitted remotely**

None received.

**1975. Follow on/update on new issues raised at the last meeting**

Already covered above.

**1976. Councillor reports on issues/concerns raised**

Already covered above.

**1977. Community Issues**

Mr Clegg updated the meeting with progress made on the request for stepping stones across the bridge at the Garden Centre in Dobcross. This is not being supported by OMBC. A designated right of way very close to the river has been suggested, but a footbridge has still not been agreed.

**Action follow up- Mr Clegg.**

Mr Sykes updated the meeting on residents’ concerns regarding OMBC Highway’s proposal for a one-way system on Lower Turf Lane, and the pros and cons of this proposal. He advised residents’ opinions were split. The OMBC Surveyor has visited the site, SPC request timescale and final decision.

**Action follow up – Cllr Marland.**

Cllr Bishop advised that due to recent heavy rain, some flooding to homes in certain areas was imminent. All the gullies across Greenfield, Dobcross, and in fact, across Saddleworth have still not been cleaned out. She advised that OMBC First Response will only come out if risk of immediate flooding is imminent. Ward Councillors have been advised to make a list of blocked gullies and prioritise the worst, and monitor the situation.

**1978. Next Steps**

As the next meeting of this committee is not until March it was agreed the clerk would circulate any response/updates received to the committee by email.

**Next meeting: Thursday 6th March 2024 at 6.00pm.**