

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 4th July 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

H Stephenson (Chair), WB Sequeira (Treasurer), A Sequeira, P Stephens, I Carpenter, D Williams, A Walker, S Price; Police Inspector S Flavell; and 7 other members

Apologies

E Hughes, T Lambert, Cllr C MacAlister, PCSO M Turner

1. Police

- 1.1 Shaun Flavell, Inspector for Stockport East, was welcomed to the meeting and discussed three key issues he sees in relation to policing in High Lane.
 - a) *Domestic crime.* SF is concerned at the recent increase in domestic burglaries (e.g. 8 in High Lane during in June), a pattern that is being replicated in other, what are considered attractive, areas. Around half of the incidents involved forced entry with the objective of taking keys for high value cars. SF said his team recognises the vulnerability of the area in this respect.
 - b) *Traffic speeding.* SF is keen to promote community speedwatch and supports the local initiative already begun by HLRA. SF explained that guidance on the formal process is expected within the next 2-3 weeks following which training can be arranged. SF handed copies of the role profiles for Co-ordinator and Volunteers to Alan James, HLRA's Co-ordinator. PCSO Mark Turner will be our local police contact for speedwatch.
 - c) *HGV's using Windlehurst Road, etc.* SF has committed to a traffic operation with the relevant enforcement unit to tackle HGV's breaching weight limits on local roads. An operation arranged for 26th June unfortunately had to be postponed but is being rearranged. SF was also made aware of the problems caused by HGV's using Threaphurst Lane, and a general request for more visible policing in respect of traffic matters generally around the village.
- 1.2 SF took away a number of other matters raised at the meeting, including previously reported abandoned vehicles taking up car parking spaces. The intention is for our PCSO to attend future HLRA meetings when possible. HS thanked SF for attending.

2. Projects

- 2.1 *Canal towpath:* IC advised that volunteers may attempt some work to tackle the erosion near Andrew Lane bridge at the maintenance session on 19th July. Approx 100m of the bank is affected and will involve heavy work so it is not yet known if this will be feasible with the resources we have.
- 2.2 *Former High Lane Station site restoration for 150th anniversary:* Thanks to Ian Carpenter and the volunteers, the work is now complete, the site is looking great and ready for the weekend celebrations 5th -7th July 2019. The Mayor will unveil the commemorative plaque at 3.30pm on 5th July and committee members and volunteers will staff a refreshments stall 10:00am – 3:00pm on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th to coincide with the cycle ride and walk from Rose Hill to Bollington.

Funding: £780 has been received following HLRA's application to the Ward Flexibility Fund, which together with £150 allocated from the donation from the late Lucy Bailey, has covered the majority of HLRA's spend. Thanks were recorded to councillors for supporting HLRA's application.

Suggestion raised as to could the site be nominated as an asset of community value now the restoration is complete. Jamie Beecham noted that communication with Friends of Middlewood Way could have been improved in relation to the weekends event.

- 2.3 *Tour of Britain*: the cycling tour of Britain will pass through High Lane on 15th September 2019 and gives an opportunity to promote the village. Various ideas were tabled for a display of the village name visible from the air and a plan to be developed at HLRA 1st August 2019 meeting.

3. Village street scene

- 3.1 *Overgrown vegetation, weeds, hedges, verges, litter, etc*: HS updated the meeting on responses from councillors to the list of issues sent following the last meeting. Further problems continue to be reported. PS noted that the extent of issues now being experienced is a result of the earlier reduction in council investment and transfer of maintenance work to the private sector. Noted that councillors had confirmed the land around the new junction at Norbury Hollow is to be added to the litter pick rota. AS reiterated request for information on ownership of the neglected, unsightly, overgrown strip of land on the A6 behind the wall to the houses near Middlewood Road and that this be included in the council's litter-picking/mowing regime – councillors action please.
- 3.2 *War memorial*: HS recorded that the summer planting is looking fantastic at the moment thanks to Carmel and the volunteers.

4. Housing and planning

- 4.1 *GMSF*: awaiting next consultation, expected later in 2019
- 4.2 *Planning applications*: report received from EH on current local applications (details can be found on SMBC planning portal):
DC/073817 22 Derwent Road, single storey extension
DC/073719 White House Farm Torkington Rd, 4 detached dwellings and other associated works
Investigations ongoing into removal of branches to tree in Hartley Woods, possibly contrary to TPO.

5. Highways and transportation

- 5.1 *TfGM/Community Transport Group*: intention is still to try to secure the meeting offered by Andy Burnham but events may now be overtaken by GMCA's announcement on transport plans last week. The air quality monitoring results undertaken by SSGB are awaited.

6. Councillors

- 6.1 No councillors present due to full council meeting tonight. PS noted he was unhappy with the division of responsibilities proposed by Cllr MacAlister and Cllr Thornley for HLRA and HLVNF respectively and considers all councillors should be available to attend on all matters as appropriate. Also noted that Cllr Dowse has not attended HLRA's meetings for several months now.

7. High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

- 7.1 Next meeting 30th July 2019, 7.30pm, Windlehurst Church Meeting Room. HLVNF are having a stall at Brookside School Summer Fair on 12th July from 5.00pm - 7.00pm when there will be

a chance to chat and receive updates. There will also be open days for the Neighbourhood Plan at High Lane Village Hall Friday 27th September 5.30pm - 9.00pm and Saturday 28th September 12.45pm – 5.00pm.

8. Treasurer

8.1 BS reported current balance £3,055.41

9. Other business

9.1 JB reported that a successful community event had been held at the cricket club and there were plans for an artisan market at the Horseshoe, believed to be August Bank Holiday weekend.

Meeting closed: 9:50pm

Next meetings:

HLRA Open Meeting: **Thursday 1 August 2019**, 8pm High Lane Library

HLVNF Meeting: 30 July 2019, 7.30pm, Windlehurst Church Meeting Room

Marple Area Committee: Wednesday 17 July 2019, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall