

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 3rd October 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present: Exec Committee; Cllr Colin MacAlister and 5 members. Apologies received from Eryl Hughes and Angie Sequeira

Projects and events

Canal towpath: Maintenance sessions were put back by poor weather but resumed last week.

Former High Lane Station site restoration: Equipment has now been hired and the grass cut back; two more cuts probably required this year which Stuart has agreed to do. Ian to investigate purchase/hire/storage options for equipment going forward and Cllr MacAlister to speak to Ian Walmsley of Greenspace about potential discounted purchase. A possible winter walk to mark the 50th anniversary of closure of the railway line in January 2020 will be raised at the HLRA AGM.

Tour of Britain: HLRA purchased a 4metre 'Welcome to High Lane' banner for the event which is now available for future use at community events. Barry or Alan will store the banner.

HLRA AGM 23rd October 2019: is arranged for 7:30pm at High Lane Village Hall with special guests to talk about High Lane's heritage of railways and industry. Peter agreed to post notices on social media and arrange refreshments, members to put up the posters provided by Hilary. Stephen to send draft agenda to Hilary, nominations to join the steering and volunteer groups are welcome.

HLRA Newsletter: deliveries now complete, thanks to Barry, Angie and the team of dedicated distributors/deliverers for all their help.

HLRA Village Litter Pick: takes place Saturday 5th October 2019 at 10:00am (weather permitting), all arrangements in place and refreshments organised, thanks to Barry and team.

Village street scene

Overgrown hedges A6: cutting back has now been carried out by Karen Barnes' team.

HIP programme for pavements on the 'lake district' estate: work has begun but Cllr MacAlister is trying obtain a detailed programme of work and is dealing with the apparent contention around responsibility for resurfacing of domestic pavement crossovers. Ian raised concerns that the quality of work is poor and does not comply with recognised good practice in relation to compaction, specification and drainage falls and will likely lead to future problems. Ian to particularise the concerns so Cllr MacAlister can raise with officers.

Manhole cover near Bulls Head: a temporary fix was carried out for the Tour of Britain but permanent solution still required.

Planters and War Memorial: Carmel reported that new season planting will be done next two weeks. The begonias due to be removed are available for anyone who wants them if they act quickly and get in touch.

Bulb planting: Cllr MacAlister reported that the council intends to plant bulbs in the green margin on the A6 between the A555 and Middlewood Way. Also agreed that surplus bulbs could be planted on the strip of overgrown land near the end of Middlewood Road, when cleared; HLRA to discuss possible future maintenance of that unsightly piece of land.

Housing, planning, highways, transport

Local planning applications: minor domestic only.

GMSF: no change, unlikely to be any progress in the near future.

Meeting of community groups with TfGM: we are continuing to press the GM Mayor's office for this meeting which Andy Burnham originally offered to facilitate.

Impact of A555: Peter Stephens has written to Sue Stevenson of SMBC to follow through on mitigation measures in connection with the A555. Cllr MacAlister is to meet with Sue Stevenson and council officers to set out residents' concerns on rat-running with a view to costing ideas to tackle this, potentially involving ideas such as closing access to some side roads and making others one-way. Cllr MacAlister stressed that there is no budget allocation currently available for such measures and most actions would require consultation and specific traffic orders in Council so results would not be immediate, but it is seen as the first step in the process towards that. Meanwhile, funding has now been made available for 'access only' signs to be installed at the four entrances to the Meadway/Thornway road network. Alan James has provided traffic counts for Meadway with video evidence for that meeting. A 12-hour (7am-7pm) traffic count on the A6 has been arranged for later this month in conjunction with Disley (Alan, Barry, Anne to liaise with Cllr Thornley to participate and with Darrell for advice on location of official data recording site).

Air quality: Darrell Williams has prepared a report on the results/data provided by the independent monitoring procured by SSGB earlier this year. HLVNF already have a copy of the report, Stephen to circulate to the rest of the committee for agreement on further publication/next steps. Cllr MacAlister to (1) ask officers for clarification on where the purported local air quality data is published on the GMCA website and (2) ask Cllr Thornley to share the Disley air quality data with Darrell. Peter Stephens proposed that the two primary schools be put forward as test case locations for the roll out of the idling zone restriction now this has been approved by council.

Community speed watch: despite assurances from the police earlier this year, the training programme has still not been signed off and Alan James has now been advised this is unlikely to happen this year as the force-wide programme has been called-in by the Chief Inspector. Inspector Flavell to be contacted again with our concerns.

Bowfell/Keswick Road bridge passage: Cllr MacAlister was asked to find out what is happening about HLRA's request for the entrances to this passage to be fitted with 'no horses' signs following problems first raised last year.

Village Hall Car Park: Cllr MacAlister noted he is involved in discussions with the council and interested groups concerning the possible extension car parking onto the grassed area behind the houses, possibly using some form of plastic matting and subject to planning.

Police items

Hilary to contact Police Inspector Flavell regarding (1) the community speed watch situation, (2) PCSO presence at meetings and/or provision of local crime statistics, (3) policing of pavement parking.

Treasurer

Barry reported little change to funds. Donations/subscriptions are currently being received following the Newsletter, thank you to those who have contributed. Following agreement at the last meeting an application for setting up the new bank account with Lloyds is currently being processed. Pending completion of this, it was agreed that payment of invoices could be made by HLRA Officers themselves and would be reimbursed. HLRA's accounts for the last financial year have now been approved by the Accounts Examiner and a report will be made at the AGM.

Neighbourhood Forum

Claire reported that the Forum's recent open days were successful and well attended with membership increasing following a presence at various community events over the summer. Claire thanked HLRA for

their help in getting the flier printed and delivered. HLVNF will give a short address at the HLRA AGM on 23rd October to update residents on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan process and a final reminder to residents to take part in the current Formal Consultation. Residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation as it is an important step in helping shape the future of our village. Evidence of community interest and engagement is crucial for the Plan to be finally accepted by the council. The consultation runs until 1st November 2019. Download the plan online at <http://hlvnf.org> and complete the short response form or simply comment in an email to ourforum@hlvnf.org Copies of the Plan are available to read at High Lane Library and response forms are also available there. They can be returned to the post box in the Library.

Post-meeting note: Members attention is drawn to currently open consultations being run by SMBC relating to proposed spending savings including in relation to street cleaning and library opening hours. Comments/responses to the proposals can be made by completing short questionnaires online at <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk>

Next meetings:

HLRA AGM: **23rd October 2019**, 7:30pm High Lane Village Hall
HLRA Open Meeting: **7th November 2019**, 8pm High Lane Library

High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum meets next on 29th October 2019
Marple Area Committee meets next on 6th November 2019