

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 5th December 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present: Exec Committee; and 16 other members. Apologies received from Eryl Hughes, Anne Walker, Claire Porterfield, Carmel and Derek Sissons and Cllr Colin MacAlister

Projects and events

Canal towpath: Next maintenance session planned for Friday 17th January 2020.

Former High Lane Station site restoration: Stuart Richardson has been carrying out the regular upkeep and has been planting daffodil bulbs in the grass banking. To mark the 50th anniversary of closure of the railway line, the Rose Hill group are unveiling a plaque at Rose Hill Station at 2pm on Saturday 4th January 2020. In conjunction with this, HLRA's plan is to hold the winter walk that day, starting at the High Lane Station site and walking Middlewood Way to Rose Hill in time for the ceremony. Details will be circulated and published when the plan is finalised.

War Memorial: thanks were recorded to Audrey Jones for laying the wreath on behalf of HLRA at this year's Service of Remembrance.

Village street scene

SMBC Consultations: HLRA has responded to the council's consultations relating to proposed spending savings on street cleaning and library opening hours. Hilary reminded members to keep in touch with ongoing SMBC consultations online so that High Lane's views are heard at <https://consultation.stockport.gov.uk>.

Highway Improvement Programme for pavements resurfacing: following Ian Carpenter's site meeting with a council officer to discuss the concerns relating to the specification and quality of preparation and sub-base work being carried out on the Lakes estate roads, HLRA has now written a formal letter to the council putting our concerns on the record so that this can be relied upon in the future if the concerns come to fruition in the form of defects and safety problems. Other complaints have been made concerning the quality of the ongoing resurfacing of other pavements with a 'slurry' material, including on Buxton Road, and the lack of notice given to residents. It is understood the council intend to return to make this good next year

Overgrown hedges: Angie Sequeira noted that the bushes/hedges on the Middlewood side of Buxton Road had not been cut back, unlike those on the other side of the road, and will obstruct the pavement. (Cllrs and Karen Barnes to be informed).

Bowfell/Keswick Road bridge passage – danger posed by horse riding: David Burks has investigated further and confirmed that the Highway Code already prohibits horses being taken on footpaths so it is not unreasonable for us to require appropriate signage to be erected at both ends of the passage. Therefore, given the council's budget constraint, it was

agreed to proceed with the independent purchase of signs ourselves as discussed last month as a proactive way of closing this issue. David's sample sign and costings were approved.

Housing, planning, highways, transport

Local planning applications: minor domestic only.

GMSF: delayed at least until next summer; details on the GMCA website.

Meeting with Andy Burnham: Cllr Thornley has arranged for Andy Burnham to visit High Lane, at around 5pm Tuesday 21st January 2020, to meet representatives from local community groups. Hilary Stephenson and Peter Stephens will represent HLRA. Members can notify any matters they would wish us to raise by emailing us at contact@hlra.org.uk before Christmas please so we can collate these.

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 earlier this year.

Greater Manchester Bus Consultation: reminder that this consultation into proposals for a franchising scheme for bus services across Greater Manchester provides an opportunity for residents to have their say on public transport in our area. Consultation open until 8 January 2020, online at www.gmconsult.org. Various points were discussed at the meeting including suggestions for extending bus services from Marple/Hawk Green and also some 192 services, into High Lane. Residents can include these and other ideas in replying to the consultation.

Impact of A555: it is understood that Councillors are meeting with senior council officers in January to follow through on residents' views on rat-running on residential roads.

Darrell Williams has obtained the raw data from Cllr Thornley relating to the 12-hour volunteer traffic count on the A6 and is awaiting publication of latest expansion factors by DfT to enable a reliable analysis of the results to be made for comparative purpose. It was noted that the traffic count did not distinguish between numbers of vehicles using the A555 as opposed to other routes, but nevertheless represented the total numbers passing through the village.

Various ongoing problems with A555 were discussed, including regular incidents caused by inconsiderate behaviour in the queues forming at the A6 junction; it was noted that the traffic monitoring cameras are still not in place to record these incidents despite the poles having been erected months ago.

Air quality: a copy of the Redmore Environmental report and Darrell's accompanying comments relating to the sampling done earlier this year will be posted on the HLRA website.

Community speed watch: Alan James has continued to press the police and other officials, including William Wragge, in relation to the lack of response from the police on the promised training programme. Now being told this will be "early next year".

Cycling and Walking Consultation: Peter Stephens has issued the response discussed at the last meeting in relation to safe cycling provision on the A6. The importance of retaining the pedestrian refuges on the A6 in conjunction with this was discussed. Noted also that Cllr Thornley has set up a Cycling and Walking Group for Marple/High Lane to identify improvements and if anyone wants to join they can do so via Cllr Thornley.

Police items

The theft of at least 20 York stone paving slabs from the paths in St Thomas's churchyard over two occasions was reported. A note for all to be vigilant.

Treasurer

Barry provided a statement of the various HLRA account balances. The new Lloyds account for the War Memorial and book sales is in the process of being set up. Barry to check with Tom in relation to a written constitution for the War Memorial fund and any update to be agreed at the next meeting.

Recorded that HLRA is to reimburse Stephen Price the annual/monthly charges for the new commercial email account which Stephen has set up on HLRA's behalf and is in now in operation.

Neighbourhood Forum

HLVNF held their AGM on 23rd November 2019 and are compiling a summary of responses to the Reg 14 Consultation which should be available later in December.

Other Business

1. High Lane Calendar 2020: Annette Hargreaves has produced a calendar featuring the winning photos of local scenes from the monthly competition run by the local SK6 Facebook page. The calendars cost £10 with all profits being donated to Friends of High Lane Park (an independent group). To buy one, please contact Annette at hargreavesannette@hotmail.com or through the High Lane SK6 Facebook page.
2. The missing and haphazard replacement of lamps on the new lampposts Alderdale/Cromley have been reported to the council several months ago but still not completed (Cllrs please investigate and report back)

Next meetings:

HLRA Open Meeting: **Thursday 6th February 2020**, 8pm High Lane Library (**no meeting in January**)

Marple Area Committee meets next on 29th January 2020, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall