

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

7th June 2018 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

Committee: Hilary Stephenson, Robert Taylor, Tom Lambert, Peter Stephens, Eryl Hughes, Anne Walker, Helen Gee, Stephen Price; Cllr Kenny Blair, Cllr Colin MacAlister and 14 Residents

Apologies

Angela Sequeira, Barry Sequeira, Richard Jones (HLVNF)

1. *Canal Towpath Repair Project*

- 1.1 Ian Carpenter reported on progress with the first section between Keswick Road and Andrew Lane Bridges now complete subject to minor topping off. Around 120T of stone has been laid over the 410m section of path and the finished work has received widespread praise from the community and users, thanks to Ian and all the volunteers who have been giving their time and hard work each Friday. Everyone seems to have enjoyed taking part and found it rewarding. Ian is now intending to begin planning work on the next section of towpath between Keswick Road and the Bulls Head with Canal & River Trust and anyone else interested in getting involved will be welcome.

2. *Public Realm Update*

- 2.1 Following Karen Barnes' attendance at the last HLRA meeting, a rolling list of specific current public realm issues has been set up; an update on these items was given at the meeting and a copy will be updated periodically on the HLRA website.
- 2.2 Reporting using the Council website – following actions agreed at the last HLRA meeting, a useful feedback meeting was held with one of the Council's CSS Support Managers on 6 June 2018 and actions taken away that should hopefully make it easier for residents to report problems and track responses.

3. *Councillors*

- 3.1 Newly-elected Cllr MacAlister was welcomed to the meeting and was asked to outline his top issues for High Lane, which were (a) GMSF, (b) air pollution, (c) state of roads.
- 3.2 Cllr Blair reported that the current position in relation to the Village Hall car park was that it was now agreed in principle that this could be extended onto the grassed area where the recycling centre was formerly located, subject to funding. The observation was made that care was required concerning the risk of setting a precedent in relation to building on green spaces.

4. *HLVNF - Neighbourhood Forum*

- 4.1 AW reported that the Issues and Options Paper will be available to the community for consultation this month. This is a key stage that will give residents, local groups and businesses the opportunity to have a say as to what they want to see for the future of the village in development terms, which will add weight in terms of community value when writing

the Neighbourhood Plan. HLVNF will have a stall in the Village Hall at the Scouts Fun Day on 30th June with more information.

5. *United Utilities Service Reservoir*

- 5.1 No report has been received from UU following the meeting on 8th February 2018. PS will contact David Schofield of UU for a further meeting, if possible in July 2018.
- 5.2 In relation to the carriageway repairs to Andrew Lane due to damage by UU construction traffic, Cllr Blair advised that he is pushing for this work to be done this summer, following completion of the Windlehurst Road junction works.

6. *Police*

- 6.1 Inspector Cantrell to be re-invited to HLRA's next meeting to update on actions from his previous visit (HG)
- 6.2 Cllr MacAlister advised that it had been reported at the last Area Committee Meeting that the local PCSO numbers had been significantly reduced and that funding levels would no longer permit pro-active policing.

7. *Treasurer*

- 7.1 RT reported as follows:

Income in period: £36.00 (subs)

Outgoings in period: £394.80 (plants)

Balance: £2,135.04 (of which £300.00 is the balance of the defibrillator donation)

- 7.2 Funds held on behalf HLVNF are in a separate HLRA 'Neighbourhood Forum' account and are not reported here.

8. *Planning*

- 8.1 EH reported on new applications relating to:
- Doodfield Farm DC/069196 (extension)
 - 57 Windermere Road DC/069347 (refurb extension)
 - 34 Windlehurst Road DC/069305 (extension)
 - 154 Buxton Road DC/069220 (condition removal)
 - 2 Alders Road DC/069220 (tree felling)
- More details on the SMBC planning portal.
- 8.2 Station Farm - noted that the enforcement notice has been upheld at appeal
- 8.3 Hazel Knoll Farm – application for change of use, AW has circulated correspondence from planning consultant. Cllr Blair noted that this application will come before the Area Committee due to the objections made

9. *Highways*

- 9.1 PS reported on the following:
- a) Windlehurst Road junction, due for completion w/c 11 June 2018 (post meeting note: now delayed)
 - b) Councillors asked to push for full-time air pollution monitoring station in High Lane please
 - c) PS has reported premature failure in the relatively new road surfacing on Buxton Road between Carr Brow and St Thomas Church.

- 9.2 SEMMMS Strategy Refresh Consultation – PS outlined the main aspects of the longer-term proposals which form part of this consultation on infrastructure and transportation. A drop-in event is being held at High Lane Village Hall, 28 June 2018, 3pm to 8pm. The consultation is open until 2 July 2018, and residents are encouraged to have their say online at <http://www.semmms.info/semmms/strategy/>

- 9.3 Traffic calming – the request for the Area Committee’s mobile speed device to be deployed in the Meadway and Russell Avenue areas was reiterated. AJ reported that he had been taking steps personally and within the law to reduce the speed of vehicles on Meadway/South Meadway by actively alerting drivers to the 20mph speed limits.

10. **Other business**

- 10.1 *Poppies in commemoration of the centenary of the armistice on the Western Front.* Cllr Blair has invited HLRA to take part in a scheme being sponsored by Area Committee and it has been agreed that 30 large poppies will be obtained and displayed on lampposts in High Lane carrying the names of the 30 soldiers from the village who lost their lives in the Great War. SP/CS to liaise with Cllr KB and the British Legion Co-ordinator.
- 10.2 *1st High Lane Scouts 50th anniversary.* The summer open day is being held in High Lane Park on 30th June, please go along and supports the Scouts. AR asked HLRA to provide the Scouts with a letter of support in relation to funding applications for replacing the scout hut roof; this was approved (action SP).
- 10.4 *HLRA website alerts.* DW offered to provide information to PH so that he can see if it is possible to have an RSS alert add-on on the website that would allow residents to opt in to notifications of new information on the website
- 10.3 *Friends of High Lane Park and Brookside Park.* HLVNF are trying to set up Friends groups for these parks in connection with the Green Spaces and Recreation element of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. HLRA has been asked to help fund the costs of meetings until the Friends groups become established and are self-funding. This was approved. HS noted that she had been trying to speak to Wayne Bardsley to resolve the fact that the former Friends of High Lane Park, which was wound up several years ago, is still registered with SMBC.

11. **HLRA Meeting Dates**

The future meeting cycle was discussed and agreed. Future meeting dates as follows:

Thursday 5 th July 2018	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library
Thursday 2 nd August 2018	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library
Thursday 6 th September 2018	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library
Thursday 4 th October 2018	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library
Wednesday 24 th October 2018	AGM	7:30pm High Lane Village Hall
Thursday 1 st November 2018	<i>Committee only</i>	7:30pm High Lane Library
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library
Thursday 7 th February 2019	Open meeting	8:00pm High Lane Library

Meeting closed 9:45pm

Next HLRA Meeting: Thursday 5th July 2018, 8:00pm at High Lane Library