

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 4th April 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

H Stephenson (Chair), B Sequeira, A Sequeira, P Stephens, I Carpenter, D Williams, S Price, Cllr K Blair, Cllr C MacAlister, R Jones and C Porterfield (HLVNF) and 8 other members

Apologies

E Hughes, T Lambert, A Walker

1. Projects

- 1.1 *Canal towpath*: monthly maintenance sessions ongoing. IC advised there is now a possibility of a timber bench being donated by C&RT at some future stage. IC and RJ to discuss re-use of the slate bench/material. It is understood that C&RT are entering the Macclesfield Canal for a Green Flag award.
- 1.2 *Former High Lane Station site restoration for 150th anniversary*: IC and team continuing with groundworks and Stuart Richardson has now laid the flags on the old platform area. The plan is to provide picnic table(s) and interpretative panel, subject to funds. Application being made to the Area Flexibility Fund and £150 allocated from the donation from the late Lucy Bailey. Agreed that up to £350 funds would be supported by HLRA in the interim to allow Ian and Stuart to purchase material to construct the benches to achieve completion for the 6th/7th July anniversary events.

2. Village street scene

- 2.1 *Overgrown hedges*: IC confirmed liaison ongoing with Public Realm with good support being provided by Karen Barnes. Noted that there were reports from drivers of the 199 bus that visibility is restricted by hedges overhanging the land behind 2 Brookside Lane.
- 2.2 *Pavement weeds*: reported that the council is to resurface the pavements on the Lake District estate this year.
- 2.3 *HLRA Litter Pick*: successfully carried out Saturday 30th March 2019; big thanks to Barry Sequeira and the 25 volunteers, 36 sacks of rubbish collected.
- 2.4 *UU Water treatment works*: PS reported on his dialogue with Simon Oldfield, Environment Agency local officer, and the explanation relating to run-off and waste/contamination in Daisy Brook. The EA advises residents to report every instance of seeing waste products/contamination direct to the EA via phone or email (details will be put on HLRA website – *action PS*) who can then trace this back to the offending properties so clean up by polluters can be enforced.

3. Housing and planning

- 3.1 *GMSF*: consultation now closed, next draft due for release Summer 2019

- 3.2 Cllr Blair confirmed he is following up on the TfGM/Community Transport Group proposed at the meeting with Andy Burnham and Anne Morgan of GMCA on 5 March. HLRA's representative on this is Peter Stephens.
- 3.3 *Planning applications*: HS read out a report of current local applications in EH's absence (details can be found on SMBC planning portal):
- 3.4 *Station Farm*: Cllr KB has been advised by officers that the enforcement has been complied with, therefore new evidence will need to be presented if there are new or further violations

4. Highways and transportation

- 4.1 *Impact of opening of A555*: noted that changes to traffic signals have not alleviated problems at Norbury Hollow or Windlehurst Road junctions, this therefore requires further monitoring and adjustment. PS noted no response has been received to emails sent to Sue Stevenson; Councillors to be copied in.
- 4.2 *Air quality monitoring*: the monitoring stations fundraised by Save Stockport Green Belt Group are in place at 10 locations through the village and are collecting data over a period of 3 months, expiring May 2019.
- 4.3 *Community speedwatch*: Alan James updated the meeting on progress and confirmed that having secured 18 volunteers, the officer involved at GMP has advised she is no longer carrying out training and this is being referred back to local officers. HS thanked Alan for leading and persisting with the matter. Councillors asked to assist in lobbying GMP for action to provide the training.
- 4.4 *Cycle ways*: no change

5. Councillors

- 5.1 Reports given on various items including quality/deterioration of new surfacing on the A6, repairs at Andrew Lane/Windlehurst Road junction and pot hole on A6, Carr Brow lamp post and potential fencing replacement on Parkside Close.

6. Police

- 6.1 No report. [Post meeting note: the Windlehurst HGV Group has met with the new local Police Inspector Shaun Flavell, who was made aware of the local speeding problems and lack of enforcement, together with the desire for more visible local police presence and community engagement.]

7. High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

- 7.1 RJ updated the meeting on HLVNF's progress and response to last month's consultation on the first draft Neighbourhood Plan. HLVNF are meeting with Brookside Primary School in relation to potential plans for a community woodland which could be run as a joint project between HLVNF and HLRA.

8. Treasurer

- 8.1 BS reported transactions as follows:

Income (subscriptions/donations) £110.00
Outgoings (materials for station project) £109.20
Balance £2,077.10

- 8.2 BS to meet with Steve Williams, HLVNF Treasurer, re statement for HLVNF grant process
- 8.3 HS and BS recorded HLRA's gratitude for the donation of £1,000 received from the estate of the late Mr Henshaw of Keswick Road.

9. Other business

- 9.1 Concerns expressed about the late issue of details concerning the changeover to the Open + system at the Library, similar concerns were recorded at the Marple Area Committee Meeting.
- 9.2 PS asked Councillors for support in reviewing further mitigation measures for Torkington Lane which is unsuitable for the increased amount of traffic and is now showing signs of damage to the road surface and verges.

Next meetings:

HLRA Open Meeting: Thursday 6 June 2019, 8pm High Lane Library

***PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO HLRA MEETING IN MAY 2019**

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

Marple Area Committee: Wednesday 12 June 2019, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall