

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

5th July 2018 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

Committee: Hilary Stephenson, Eryl Hughes, Angela Sequeira, Barry Sequeira, Anne Walker, Helen Gee, Stephen Price; Cllr Kenny Blair, Cllr Colin MacAlister, Claire Porterfield (HLVNF) and 10 Residents

Apologies

Robert Taylor, Tom Lambert, Peter Stephens, Richard Jones (HLVNF)

1. *Canal Towpath Repair Project*

- 1.1 Work on phase 2 of the towpath repairs between Keswick Road and the Bulls Head has now commenced. Thanks again to Ian and the team of volunteers, all feedback has been complimentary.

2. *Public Realm Update*

- 2.1 Karen Barnes has issued an update on the rolling list of current public realm issues and a copy will be available on the HLRA website. New item logged concerning overgrown hedge at 79 Windermere Road and reports on the poor quality of grass verge mowing and lack of strimming around the village. It was also noted that verge mowing had started late due to the wet Spring and still needed catching up. Ownership of the overgrown strip of land between the A6 and the back of the houses on Middlewood Road to be investigated.
- 2.2 Cllr Blair noted other items he has raised with Public Realm including overgrown vegetation blocking the path at the back of the tennis club, and a pavements inspection has been carried out.

3. *Highways and Transport*

- 3.1 SEMMMS Strategy Refresh Consultation had been extended until 16 July 2018, and residents were encouraged to have their say online with the main issues for High Lane being to encourage better public transport connections for the village, air quality, a rail station closer to the Disley end of the village (as opposed to Simpsons Corner) and the fact that a High Lane/Disley bypass is the only way of really alleviating the traffic problem through the village.
- 3.2 Cllr Blair reported that funding for the strategic business case into the M60 Bredbury/A6 Relief Road was currently unavailable with the Dept for Transport not agreeing to fund feasibility work. This is to be reviewed as part of the SEMMMS Refresh.
- 3.3 The Buxton to Manchester section of the Transpeak bus service (i.e. the Derby to Manchester route) is being withdrawn from 22 July 2018 due to low revenues. As this is the only public transport service providing a direct connection between High Lane and Manchester, HLRA is writing to TfGM making a representation that this is a further example of the High Lane community losing its public transport links.

4. Planning

- 4.1 The next stage of the GMSF consultation has now been postponed to October 2018 to enable new population forecasts to be taken into account (it is understood these are expected to show a lower predicted population growth and hence a reduced housing need across Greater Manchester than the previous).

5. HLVNF - Neighbourhood Forum

- 5.1 The Issues and Options Paper consultation is now open and runs to 1 August 2018. Questionnaires are being distributed to all homes in the village. Everyone is urged to take part as this is a key stage in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan 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.

- 5.2 The full version of the Issues and Options paper can be seen at High Lane Library, the waiting room in the Medical Centre, Blueberries Cafe, Carve Cafe and online at the HLVNF website www.ourforum@hlvnf.org.

Completed questionnaires can be dropped off in the Library (post box), to the staff at the Medical Centre, Blueberries, Danny's Deli, Carve, Co-op Funeral Services.

- 5.3 In the period, HLRA has made a further loan to HLVNF of £372 for printing costs and has now agreed to extend this by a further £162 for additional printing costs.

6. Police

- 6.1 Inspector Cantrell has been re-invited to HLRA's next meeting to update on actions from his previous visit (HG)

7. Treasurer

- 7.1 RT had provided the following report:

Income in period: £97.00 (subs)

Outgoings in period: Nil

Balance: £2,233.04 (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. United Utilities Service Reservoir

- 8.1 Still no report received from UU following the meeting on 8th February 2018. PS to contact David Schofield of UU for a further meeting.

- 8.2 Cllr Blair advised that he understood the carriageway repairs to Andrew Lane due to damage by UU construction traffic would be in the form of patching repairs and not full resurfacing.

9. Other business

- 9.1 *Friends of High Lane Park and Brookside Park.* No representative of the proposed Friends group was present but Cllr Blair reported that he understood that it had now been recognised in principle by SMBC. EH agreed to attend one of their meetings on behalf of HLRA in relation to the proposed adult physical training circuit/equipment he has been working on. Potential funding for this was discussed, including reference to the Manchester Airport Community

Trust Fund that had been previously researched in connection with the aerial cableway resurfacing but found to be ineligible due to High Lane being out-of-area. This to be revisited <https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund>

- 9.2 *1st High Lane Scouts 50th anniversary.* Thanks to the Scouts for their Celebration Day in High Lane Park last month which also gave HLVNF the opportunity to launch the Issues and Options Paper.
- 9.3 *Parking of vehicles opposite Windlehurst Church.* Continues to be a problem, causing safety issues for drivers turning out of Andrew Lane. This has already been put to Inspector Cantrell but Cllr Blair to raise with police hierarchy.
- 9.4 *Windlehurst Rd/A6 junction.* The need for a right-turn arrow signal on the traffic lights to control vehicles turning right from the Disley direction was raised due to safety concerns.
- 9.5 *Traffic calming.* The road humps on Windlehurst Road continue to be a source of concern and frustration. Agreed this will be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- 9.6 *Future role of HLRA.* HG raised the concern about the lack of interest and enthusiasm from the community to get more involved and the impact this will have in trying to sustain a residents association and a neighbourhood forum going forward. Views were discussed on potential increased interdependence and common ground between the groups and how to best represent what the people of the village want in the future.

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Next HLRA Meeting: Thursday 2nd August 2018, 8:00pm at High Lane Library