

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 6th June 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

H Stephenson (Chair), WB Sequeira, A Sequeira, P Stephens, E Hughes, I Carpenter, D Williams, S Price; J Burks (for HLVNF) and 7 other members

Apologies

A Walker, A James, T Lambert, Cllr C MacAlister, PSCO M Turner

Correction to Meeting Minutes 4th April 2019: Item 8.3 should have read 'donation received from the estate of the late Mr Henshall of Keswick Road', apologies for this error.

1. Projects

1.1 *Canal towpath:* IC advised that the largest item of work to be completed was the wash wall near Andrew Lane which required access from the water and would likely take place in July. A wooden bench has now been provided, courtesy of Canal & River Trust. HS to send a 'thank you' card to Ashleigh Carden who is leaving CR&T to return to New Zealand.

1.2 *Former High Lane Station site restoration for 150th anniversary:* we are on programme to complete work ready for the events in July. Paving has been laid, turf is expected 7th June, picnic bench and interpretative panel in hand. Thanks recorded to Ian Carpenter and the volunteers, to Stuart Richardson for all his hard work throughout, to Wayne Bardsley for his support and to Helen and Stuart Richardson for the background history and photos for the display board.

Funding: HLRA has committed £350 funding in the interim and an application for £1,000 has been submitted to the Area Flexibility Fund, together with £150 allocated from the donation from the late Lucy Bailey. IC noted that funding will be required for future maintenance and decisions will need to be made in relation to the purchase or hire of tools and equipment for this going forward.

PS raised the future risk of litter from the finished site. It was agreed that the council would be approached about providing and emptying a litter bin and the alternative being signage to direct people to take litter home or the nearest bins in the layby at the A6 bridge.

AS noted that there is no access for people of all abilities from the A6 adjacent the site and this should be reported back to the council in connection with the promised improvements to access to Middlewood Way as part of the mitigation measures.

Helen Richardson advised that the WI were intending to purchase a tree and would like it planted at the site; this was agreed.

Events: 5 July – unveiling of plaque (time TBA)

6 July – cycle ride from Rose Hill to Bollington and back 10am - 1pm

7 July – walk from Rose Hill to Bollington return by bus (start Rose Hill 10:30am)

It was agreed an interim committee meeting would be held at 7pm 13 June at the site to agree arrangements for refreshments etc. for the event

Publicity: notices to be placed on website and posters around the village; IC to arrange post on Facebook group

2. Village street scene

- 2.1 *Overgrown vegetation, weeds, hedges, verges, etc:* various reports of excessive overgrowth including corner of Alderdale (which has been tackled by residents in the short term), haphazard mowing of verges (e.g. Brookside) and litter blackspots (e.g. the embankments of the new A6 and back of the surgery car park). HS to speak to councillors and consider raising as an item at Marple Area Committee.
- 2.2 *Pavement weeds:* HS to ask councillors on date the promised resurfacing of the pavements on the Lake District estate.
- 2.3 *War memorial:* CS reported that the planting beds had now been dug out and would be planted with perennials.
- 2.4 *UU/EA outflow into Daisy Brook:* HR reported that wipes/waste material were still accumulating in the brook and there had been no attendance by the EA as previously promised. PS advised from his dialogue with Environment Agency local officer that residents report every instance of seeing waste products/contamination direct to the EA via phone or email (details on HLRA website) and retain the evidence so EA can then trace this back to the offending properties so clean up by polluters can be enforced.

3. Housing and planning

- 3.1 *GMSF:* awaiting next consultation, expected later in 2019
- 3.2 *Planning applications:* EH reported on current local applications (details can be found on SMBC planning portal):
DC/073077 land to rear 27-33 Buxton Road, 4 three-storey terraced houses and parking
DC/073210 3 Meadway, side extension
DC/073187 49 Buxton Road, rear extension
DC/073303 5 Chatsworth Road, extension
DC/073448 30-36 Fairaces Road, change of use from office to 4 two-bed apartments
EH advised on the imminent changes and relaxation of requirements for planning permission

4. Highways and transportation

- 4.1 *Impact of opening of A555:* the same problems prevail in terms of timing and frequency of traffic signals at Norbury Hollow, Windlehurst Road junction and the pedestrian crossing at the surgery, all causing tailbacks. Additional issues associated with poor design of A555 drainage, the confusing layout at Windlehurst Road leading to several near-accidents. PS reported a limited response received from Sue Stevenson's team indicating that the council intends to stick to its original review timescales and are not offering any intervention in the meantime. For example, gully maintenance on the A555 is on an 18-month programme yet debris is already accumulating around these and likely to lead to flooding again. HS to speak to councillors about action and a plan to raise all previous concerns collectively ready for the end of the 12-month review period in the autumn.
- 4.2 *TfGM/Community Transport Group:* HS to speak to councillors to try to move this along.
- 4.3 *Community speedwatch:* volunteers have been organised by Alan James, now awaiting feedback from Inspector Flavell of GMP regarding training.
- 4.4 *Cycle ways:* no change

- 4.5 *Park and Ride*: people have been advised that access to the park and ride car park from the A6 in Hazel Grove is to be closed until sometime in September, with the Macclesfield Road access remaining open.

5. Councillors

- 5.1 No report, actions noted in these minutes.

6. Police

- 6.1 No report, apologies received from the PCSO. The new Inspector at Marple, Shaun Flavell, has been invited to attend future HLRA meetings but is unavailable. PCSO M Turner is due to attend the next meeting and it was reported that there had been some noticeable improvement in visibility of policing recently. SP to write to SF acknowledging this and re-inviting to a future meeting to meet the community.
- 6.2 We have been asked to share the following social media contact details to keep up to date:
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GtrManchesterPolice
Twitter: www.twitter.com/gmpolice
Instagram: www.instagram.com/gtrmanchesterpolice/
Flickr: www.flickr.com/gmpolice1
YouTube: www.youtube.com/gmpolice
Pinterest: www.pinterest.co.uk/gmpolice/

7. High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

- 7.1 Janet Burks (Vice Chair of HLVNF) updated the meeting on progress. Feedback on the draft Plan has now been received from SMBC. Two new sub-groups have been formed: (1) relating to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report coordinated by Richard Jones and (2) Design Codes coordinated by Janet Burks. A new grant request has been submitted to Locality to support the next stages of preparing the Plan, including the R.14 Consultation due August/September and the referendum March 2020. An open day to share progress is planned for late September – to be confirmed at next meeting.

8. Treasurer

- 8.1 Transactions reported as follows:

Income	(subscriptions/donations)	£232.00
Outgoings	(plants and shrubs)	£283.86
	(litter pick equipment)	£21.83
Balance		£3,003.41

- 8.2 *Change of authorised signatories to the Neighbourhood Forum Bank Account*: in order to ease admin associated with payments from the grant monies held by HLRA on behalf of HLVNF, changes to the authorised signatories on the Neighbourhood Forum account have been proposed. Officers of HLRA and HLVNF attended the Macclesfield Branch of RBS in connection with this on 3 June 2019. The following motion was put to the Executive Committee and members at the HLRA meeting tonight:
- (a) That the names of Hilary Stephenson, Robert Taylor and Tom Lambert be removed as authorised signatories on the Neighbourhood Forum account, and
- (b) That the names of Richard Jones (Chair) and Janet Burks (authorised signatory) be added to the account, and
- (b) That on a future date to be agreed (within the next two months), the name of William Barry Sequeira be removed from that account and be replaced with Stephen Williams (as Treasurer for HLVNF).

The above was unanimously approved and carried.

9. Other business

- 9.1 The date for HLRA's AGM has been fixed – Wednesday 23rd October 2019, 7:30pm at High Lane Village Hall.
- 9.2 It was proposed and agreed that a note of thanks be sent to former councillor Kenny Blair in appreciation of his previous support for HLRA, for all he had done for the community and in particular his efforts to safeguard the local green belt from development.

Meeting closed: 9:40pm

Next meetings:

HLRA Open Meeting: Thursday 4 July 2019, 8pm High Lane Library

HLVNF Meeting: 26 June 2019, 7.30pm, Windlehurst Church Meeting Room

Marple Area Committee: Wednesday 12 June and 17 July 2019, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall

150th Anniversary Events at Former High Lane Station: Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2019