

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

7th March 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

H Stephenson (Chair), I Carpenter, D Williams, P Stephens, A Walker, S Price, Cllr C MacAlister, Cllr K Blair, R Jones (HLVNF) and 12 other members

Apologies

B Sequeira, A Sequeira, E Hughes, T Lambert

Correction to last meeting minutes: apologies were received on behalf of T Lambert

1. Projects

- 1.1 *Canal towpath*: monthly maintenance sessions ongoing. IC confirmed that the bench will not now be installed due to health and safety concerns raised by C&RT. IC and RJ to discuss re-use of bench/material.
- 1.2 *Former High Lane Station site restoration for 150th anniversary*: IC and team continuing with groundworks and investigating funding which is now becoming critical to achieve the July completion date in time for the 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 Carr Brow corner is still a problem. HS noted that where hedges are in private ownership, getting them cut back is not straightforward and enforcement will take time.
- 2.2 *Pavement weeds*: ongoing - the council is still looking for an effective solution to the excessive growth of weeds and mares tail on the estate roads, having trialled various pesticides. Councillors reported that Marple South and High Lane has now been included in the Highways Investment Programme for the next fiscal year.
- 2.3 *Road safety problem Park Road/Hartington Road junction*: IC and Cllr MacAlister updated the meeting on the problem and the fact that any intervention to resolve it would likely cause other consequences to road users and residents. It was agreed this matter should be left with Councillors/Traffic Engineers including Cheshire East.
- 2.4 *High Lane Litter Pick*: this is taking place Saturday 30th March 2019; contact Barry Sequeira, HLRA, for more information.

3. Housing and planning

- 3.1 *GMSF*: HS reminded the meeting that the consultation on the revised draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework closes on 18 March 2019. **Everyone is strongly urged to submit their own individual responses before the closing date of 18 March 2019**, as this is vital to ensuring that High Lane's views are heard.

- a) It was emphasised that the quality as well as quantity of responses is important and reasons or alternative suggestions should be included where possible.
 - b) HS noted that documents with the key points to include in individual responses are on the HLRA website and others are in circulation to help residents respond. Post meeting: a copy of a generic response form prepared by SSGB is attached to these Minutes which is a quick and easy way to respond if you wish, if possible add comments to strengthen your case.
 - c) There is a parallel consultation on GM's Transport Strategy so comments relating to lack of public transport and traffic congestion/air quality in High Lane should also be clearly linked to Transport as well as GMSF as part of the key messages to include in your responses.
- 3.2 Cllr Blair reported on the meeting with Andy Burnham and Anne Morgan of GMCA on 5 March where HLRA, HLVNF and Save Stockport's Green Belt Group were all represented. As part of the meeting the Mayor was shown a video illustrating the impact of traffic congestion on the village in the context of the proposed site for future development under GMSF. It was noted that the meeting had allowed High Lane's concerns on GMSF to be heard at the 'top table' unlike other communities and it is now important that individual residents submit their responses to GMSF to follow this up and evidence the extent of those concerns.
- 3.3 A full copy of HLRA's response to GMSF will be made available on the HLRA website.
- 3.4 *Development plans for Disley*: it has now been clarified that Disley's spatial allocation as part of the Cheshire East/Disley plan was for around 255 new dwellings with around 40 of those yet to be allocated, so not as large as previously suggested.
- 3.5 *Planning applications*: HS read out a report of current local applications in EH's absence (details can be found on SMBC planning portal).

4. Highways and transportation

- 4.1 *Transport Action Group*: Cllr Blair reported that at the meeting with GMCA (item 3.2 above) Andy Burnham had made an offer to facilitate the setting up of a working/action group involving the three High Lane Groups (HLRA, HLVNF, SSGB) and TfGM/SMBC Highways with the aim of identifying the sort of public transport requirements the community see as necessary for the village to be sustainable and to support future development. This was seen as a positive opportunity to take up.
- 4.2 *Impact of opening of A555*: following the various representations and synchronising of traffic lights it was noted that there had been some improvement in traffic flow around Norbury Hollow junction. Reported that traffic surveillance cameras are going in at the A555 junctions at the end of this month. Cllr MacAlister reported that a traffic order for 'Residents Only' access and signage for Meadway/South Meadway/Thornway/Beechway is being processed to alleviate rat-running.
- 4.3 *Air quality monitoring*: the monitoring stations fundraised by Save Stockport Green Belt Group are now in place at 10 locations through the village and are collecting data over a period of 3 months. HS confirmed that HLRA had contributed £100 towards this. AW reported that SMBC has also now installed its own monitoring equipment; but it has been noted that at least one of their tubes had been obscured by a road sign and may not be giving representative readings.
- 4.4 *Community speedwatch*: Alan James updated the meeting on progress and confirmed that he now has 17 volunteers and is processing paperwork for training, etc with GMP.

4.5 *Cycle ways*: no change

4.6 *Signage for Middlewood Station*: no change

5. Councillors

5.1 Cllr MacAlister confirmed that he raised the feedback on quality/performance of the Councils' term contractor, Cox, with officers as requested and was awaiting a response.

6. Police

6.1 No report. The meeting was reminded to continue to raise policing concerns even though funding cuts were at present preventing officers from attending our meetings.

7. High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum

7.1 RJ updated the meeting on HLVNF's progress. The first draft Neighbourhood Plan is now published and is open for consultation until **30 March 2019**. The Plan can be viewed and comments made at www.hlvnf.org and a printed copy of the Plan and the short questionnaire is at High Lane Library. A copy of the questionnaire is attached to these Minutes which can be completed and left at the Library.

7.2 Residents are strongly encouraged to complete the questionnaire so that the final draft Plan reflects the views of the community.

8. Treasurer

8.1 No report this month.

9. Other business

9.1 A discussion took place about the timing and collection of HLRA Subscriptions, annually or twice-yearly with the Newsletters. It was agreed that this would be discussed with BS with a view to changing to voluntary donations rather than subscriptions. HS emphasised that this was HLRA's only form of income and financial support from the community was needed so that the Association can continue the village upkeep and planting and undertake projects such as the old station site restoration.

9.2 There is a clean-up of St Thomas's Churchyard taking place Saturday 16 March 2019, 9:00am to 12:00pm, volunteers welcome.

9.3 PS advised that the United Utilities tractor and bowser frequently using Andrew Lane is due to UU having to make alternative arrangements for waste treatment following an incident at the Wybersley works.

9.4 DW reminded the meeting that the Mayoral Development Consultation for Stockport Town Centre Development closes on 10 March 2019.

Next meetings:

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

HLVNF Meeting: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7:30pm, Windlehurst Church

Marple Area Committee: Wednesday 10 April 2019, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall

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RESPONDING TO GMSF

There are 3 ways to respond:

1. **Online** at <https://www.gmconsult.org/>

or

2. **Email** to planningandhousing@greatermanchester-ca.co.uk

or

3. **Post** to: Planning Team Consultation,
GMCA,
Churchgate House,
56 Oxford Street,
Manchester M1 6EU

If not responding online please be sure to include:

- **Your name and contact details**
- **What you are commenting on** (which part of the plan you are writing about - include the question, chapter names, and the reference number of the policy you're referring to. If known, also give page numbers and paragraph numbers.
- **Your comments** with reasons or suggestions/alternatives.

A full copy of the draft GMSF can be read or downloaded at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing/greater-manchester-spatial-framework/gmsf-full-plan/>

A printed copy can be seen at High Lane Library

The High Lane Allocation is "Policy GM Allocation 38: High Lane"

Other supporting documents (including the draft transport plan) can be found at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing/greater-manchester-spatial-framework/gmsf-documents/>

SSGB's generic response form is attached which you can use if you wish

**** LATEST DATE for responses to be received is Monday 18th MARCH 2019 ****