

# High Lane Residents Association

## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

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**Present:** Exec Committee; Cllr C MacAlister and 10 members. Apologies received from Stephen Price, Alan James and Cllr Thornley

**Minutes of last meeting** were agreed; no matter arising.

### Projects

Canal towpath: Work on the banking booked for 20<sup>th</sup> September, weather permitting. Ian Carpenter to chase paperwork for the adoption of the towpath bridges 9 to 11, agreed previously with the Canal and River Trust.

Former High Lane Station site restoration: Agreed Ian to investigate hire or loan of a strimmer for pre-Christmas maintenance and cost of purchase for next year for this and for general use around village. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of closure of line is 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Suggestion to commemorate this with a walk and maybe refreshment to be considered at a later meeting.

Tour of Britain in High Lane on 14<sup>th</sup> September: a 4metre 'Welcome to High Lane' banner purchased at a cost of £70. Will be hung for the Tour at a point where any cameras will pick it up. Eryl to collect and organise with Barry. Can then be reused as needed.

Artisan Market at Horse Shoe Pub car park 24th August: A HLRA stall was organised. Thanks to Barry for use of Gazebo and to Eryl, Hilary and Ian for staffing. Useful for upping our profile. Some subs and emails collected and logged by Barry. A list of needs for future such events has been compiled by Hilary. Barry and Ian undertook to consider how we could make permanent portable displays of projects.

### Village street scene

Discussion on removal of weeds by council in areas to be resurfaced in next year, which include the 'lake district' estate. Cllr Macalister to get details of the plan when available.

Manhole cover near Bulls Head – needs a major job as the problem is with drainage systems underneath the cover. Will need road closure and there may be an issue as United Utilities usually do not address repairs where the council has resurfaced in the last year. Cllr Macalister to clarify and press for action.

Various road repairs to specific potholes on the cycle route for 14<sup>th</sup> are being addressed by council.

Cllr Macalister will ask council to cut back growth or contact hedge owners where growth is narrowing the pavement on A6 near Middlewood Way and Windlehurst between Andrew Lane and Torkington Rd.

The HLRA twice yearly litter pick will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers welcome. Meeting at 10am at High Lane Library Community Room. Kit provided. Organizer Barry Sequeira – let him know if coming ([barrysequeira@btinternet.com](mailto:barrysequeira@btinternet.com))

### Housing, planning, transport

Planning applications - minor domestic only.

GMSF – Cllr Macalister reported delay whilst it is established what mechanisms the GMCA wishes to and can use. Affects the risk to green belt. Uncertain what will be proposed but we do not expect any further progress before mid-2020. Monitoring continues and any opportunities to keep up pressure should be taken. There is a possibility that the Stockport housing needs allocation can be reduced as Manchester want more than their allocation.

Meeting of residents' groups with Transport for Greater Manchester. This meeting was suggested by the GM Mayor earlier in the year but there has been no date or contact since. As agreed at the last meeting Hilary has contacted the Mayor's office to stress the need for the meeting and to press for prompt action. Response awaited. Cllr Macalister to lobby via Cllr Gribbon of North Marple who sits on the relevant committee.

Peter Stephens raised the issue of the exit from the small business park by the Bulls Head across the pavement. Cllr Macalister is to see what warning on or near the pavement is permissible.

### **Highways and transportation**

Peter Stephens is writing to Sue Stevenson of Stockport Council to follow through on mitigation measures of the A555. He will liaise with Darrell Williams who is monitoring air quality data for HLRA. He will raise the cost breakdown for mitigation measures; the need to take account of the private air quality work undertaken via Save Stockport Greenbelt Group; the placement and reporting of traffic flow cameras as promised; news on cycleway plans; disclosure of monitoring of effectiveness of mitigation measures; full disclosure and updates on air quality results and traffic counts (to include separate figures for goods vehicles).

Air quality – Darrell Williams is working on the figures provided by the independent monitoring but there have been just 3 months and a minimum of 6 months is needed to be meaningful so this is ongoing.

Community speed watch – Alan James has a group of volunteers. The necessary official training is awaited by the police. Alan will continue to press.

Cllrs Thornley and Macalister have held meetings with residents in several areas identified to have specific speeding and rat running issues. Residents' ideas have been collated and the councillors will be meeting to traffic officers to see what would be viable. Since most actions would require specific traffic orders in Council, results would not be immediate.

### **Police items**

It was noted that pavement parking was proliferating. It was suggested that the police be contacted to see if the PCSO could door knock in worst areas to point out it is illegal. This was done a few years ago and proved effective for a while. It was also suggested that the Council be contacted to see if there are any notices that could be put up.

### **HLRA newsletter and AGM**

The twice-yearly newsletter will be available to deliver from approximately 20th September. Volunteers are thanked in advance.

The AGM and talk on the history of the Marple to Macclesfield rail line and local industry will take place on 23rd October 2019 at High Lane Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer submitted a written report showing that the Association was in a stable funding position despite the costs of the Station Project, banner etc. Thanks were given to former residents who had made small bequests which had helped with this and to the Council Area Committee for a donation to the Station Project.

We are still experiencing difficulties in changing signatories on bank accounts with the result that currently we cannot directly access our funds. The meeting agreed to the Treasurer's proposal that we close our account with RBS and seek an alternative bank with a branch nearer to High Lane that will offer a good service.

### **Other organisations**

Neighbourhood Forum – the Forum has open days on 27th (6 - 9pm) and 28th September (1 - 4.30pm) at the Village Hall starting a period of consultation with residents. HLRA is getting the flier printed and delivered with NF help

Carers have a support group that meets at the Library weekly. Details in the library.

Marple Area Committee meets next on 25th September

### ***Next meeting:***

HLRA Open Meeting: **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**, 8pm High Lane Library