

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING NOTES

1st June 2017

High Lane Library

Police Report

PCSO Mark Turner reported that the crime rate in High Lane remains low; a number of local issues were raised by residents and discussed at the meeting. Latest Police Newsletter is attached.

The continuing problem of speeding and consequent safety issues on residential roads was discussed at length with it being noted that no improvement has been seen since introduction of the 20mph signs. Alan James asked that his concerns be formally minuted in respect of the seriousness of the situation on Meadway and South Meadway. MT cautioned residents against challenging speeding drivers themselves however it was generally agreed that a formalised community speed watch presented the only practical way of trying to manage the situation and a response is still awaited from GMP on this.

Next Police Neighbourhood Surgery is at High Lane Library 27th June 2017 14:30 – 15:30.

Councillors

Air pollution measurement: Cllr Kenny Blair advised that this was discussed at a meeting of the SMBC Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee on 6 April where he was told that, contrary to other indications, there was no active measuring station in High Lane; the nearest measuring point is a background measuring station in Hazel Grove and the nearest air quality management area ends at the Royal Oak. It had also been confirmed at the meeting that measurements were intended to be taken before and after the opening of A6MARR. The webcast of the meeting can be seen at https://stockport.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/279673/start_time/5826000
The up-to-date results from the Hazel Grove air quality measuring station can be viewed at: <http://www.greatairmanchester.org.uk/GreatAir/default.aspx>

The following other issues are currently with our Councillors or were discussed at the meeting:

- Confirm future maintenance regime for the new speed cushions/traffic calming (Cllr KB noted that SK Solutions contract with SMBC has been renewed but including tighter controls)
- Concerns expressed at the quality of resurfacing on Alderdale Drive and incomplete repair to surfacing at the junction of Hartington Road / Park Road
- Possible parking restrictions on Windlehurst Road opposite the Methodist church where visibility is impaired by parked vehicles when turning out of Andrew Lane (agreed that the Police will look at enforcement where solid white line markings are in place)
- Various issues with the new weight restriction signage: Residents were reminded to use the online reporting tools on the SMBC website for such matters.
- Cyclists and pedestrians are using the new stretch of A6 avoiding the old A6, contrary to what had been intended. Concerns raised that the new signage is misleading in respect of cyclists.
- Footpath 201 by Doodfield Stores is blocked with field gates and has been referred to the Rights of Way Officer
- Abandoned vehicles: a number of cars without tax and MOT have been left the on the Village Hall car park for 6-9 months

Councillors are trying to arrange for Sue Stevenson/Nick Whelan to attend a future HLRA meeting to discuss air pollution measurement and A6MARR and a representative of United Utilities to discuss issues with ongoing work at the reservoir site.

The next meeting of the Marple Area Committee is 6:00pm on 12th July 2017 at Marple Senior Citizens Hall.

Neighbourhood Forum

The High Plan Village Plan Open Days held at the Village Hall on 26th and 27th May were a success with over 100 people attending and sufficient membership being achieved to exceed the minimum criteria needed to constitute a Neighbourhood Forum. The proposed area plan and boundary statement has been drawn up, a constitution drafted and the formal application for recognition will be submitted this month. It is hoped that, when approved, this will allow a first AGM to take place September/October this year with work then commencing in detail on the Neighbourhood Plan itself.

Community Public Access Defibrillator

Good progress has been made in identifying the most appropriate equipment for our community defibrillator in terms of ease of use, security, maintenance and life-cycle costs. We have also had further discussion with Dr Mathewson concerning positioning the unit outside the Medical Centre and obtaining a power supply. We will be talking again with the funders during the month and should then be in a position to proceed.

A separate application for a part-funded CPAD and CPD training package is also in place with British Heart Foundation.

Around the Village

Canal Bridge at Keswick Road: We have asked the Canals and Rivers Trust to put new hedging adjacent the bridge at the top of the Keswick Road to visually improve the area where the new wire fence has been erected.

Next Meeting

Thursday 6th July 2017, 8:00pm at High Lane Library. All welcome.

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