

High Lane Residents Association

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 1st August 2019 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Present

Committee members: Hilary Stephenson (Chair), Barry Sequeira (Treasurer), Eryl Hughes, Darrell Williams, Anne Walker; and 10 members. Apologies received from Stephen Price, Angela Sequeira, Ian Carpenter.

Projects

Canal towpath: Volunteer sessions continue monthly. Ian attended the presentation to the Canal and River Trust of a Green Flag Award for work with volunteer groups along the canal including the High Lane group.

Former High Lane Station site restoration for 150th anniversary: The work was completed in time for the anniversary of the opening of the rail line and a weekend of activities along the route including HLRA's refreshments stall, ticket stamping and information displays on 5-7 July were very successful as well as being a learning experience for our team. Two residents recently made kind bequests to HLRA and it is intended to recognise these with a small plaque on the site as some part of their donation contributed to the project. We are in discussions with the Rose Hill Group about a potential walk in January on the 50th anniversary of the closure of the line and are likely to participate in a bid for funding for some further signage and profile raising. Cllrs MacAlister and Thornley complimented the volunteers and expressed the view that the Council Area Committee's donation toward the work had been well spent.

Tour of Britain in High Lane on 14th September: a discussion was held about possible welcoming activity in High Lane. The possibility of a prominent banner and some activity for local leisure cyclists is being investigated. Liaison with Jamie Beecham who may have plans but was not at the meeting will be undertaken.

Artisan Market at Horse Shoe Pub car park 24th August: HLRA has been offered and will take up a stall to recruit, raise profile, publicise our AGM and display some photos of our project work.

Village street scene

Weeding and pruning: The council is 6 weeks behind their schedule due to bad weather. Councillors will keep ensuring we are not forgotten.

Bouncing manhole cover at Bulls Head: Cllr MacAlister explained that to do a permanent job, night closure is needed on the A6. Will keep us informed.

September litter picking: Barry Sequeira and Cllr Thornley will liaise.

Housing, planning, transport

GMSF: Cllr MacAlister reported that there was unlikely to be further announcement before next May and some significant changes of approach may be happening.

Meeting for local community groups with TfGM as suggested by Andy Burnham: No dates yet forthcoming. Chair to write to Andy Burnham to push this and Cllrs Thornley and MacAlister to raise with Marple and High Lane Area's transport spokesperson Cllr Steve Gribbon. On the agenda would be public transport services and the issue of the senior citizens travel pass being charged.

Current planning applications: Domestic only. The issue and enforcement of Tree Preservation Orders was to be followed through by Cllr Thornley. Eryl will take up a resident's offer to view the recently reported incident from his garden.

Highways and transportation

Cllr Thornley reported that a series of meetings has been arranged on 15th, 22nd and 29th August at 3.30 in the Library Community Room to outline and discuss work on roads and pavements in roads including Hartington, Park, South Meadway, Meadway, Thornway, Russell and Lynton. Further details will be communicated to affected residents by the councillors.

Pollution levels: The recent monitoring sponsored by Save Stockport Green Belt Group to which HLRA contributed showed NO₂ levels to be within permitted margins. Darrell Williams who has been overseeing this issue for the Residents Association pointed out that the longer term figures produced earlier had been worse and agreed to look at the materials produced recently in more detail. It is possible that cleaner engines may partly explain the discrepancy but the short term nature of the current monitoring so far may also be an issue.

Other Councillors items

Cllrs are working on finding areas for wildflower verges and meadows in the area. The stretch of rough land between the Cruising Club and Middlewood Rd on the A6 was suggested. Cllrs agreed to add this.

Lynton Drive demolished post box will be replaced. Cllrs are following through to ensure this happens.

Police items

None reported. Alan James is continuing to liaise on developing the Community Speed Watch project.

Other organisations

Neighbourhood Forum will have a stall at the Artisan Market and Open Days on 27th/28th September at the Village Hall to appraise residents of progress and consultation timetable.

Friends of High Lane Park have a Dog Show in the main park on 7th September.

Treasurer

The Treasurer presented a draft of the annual accounts.

The meeting agreed to the motion that the authorised signatories on the HLRA bank accounts should now be Barry Sequeira (Treasurer) Hilary Stephenson (Chair) Stephen Price (Secretary) and Eryl Hughes (committee member), and that Tom Lambert should be removed at his request.

Next meetings:

HLRA Open Meeting: **Thursday 5th September 2019**, 8pm High Lane Library

HLVNF Meeting: 3rd September 2019, 7.30pm, Windlehurst Church Meeting Room

Marple Area Committee: Wednesday 14th August 2019, 6pm Marple Senior Citizens Hall (future dates on SMBC/Democracy website)