

High Lane Residents Association

Meeting Notes & Updates

Meeting 5th October 2017 8:00 pm
High Lane Library

Neighbourhood Forum

Following approval at the Full Council Meeting on 14th September 2017, High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum has now been formally designated, which is excellent news for our Village and is thanks to the hard work done by Richard Jones and his team. Work can now start on the Neighbourhood Plan.

HLVNF will be holding its first AGM on Thursday 16th November 2017 at the Village Hall, 7:30pm with all High Lane residents, clubs and businesses etc welcome.

Police Report

Our PCSO could not attend our last meeting but a number of issues were raised by Residents and have been passed on, including:

- Request for enforcement of parking restrictions opposite the Methodist Church on Windlehurst Road where parked vehicles continue to cause safety problems by obstructing visibility when turning out of Andrew Lane
- Recurrent problem of youths skateboarding on the roof of the Scout Hut and an associated vehicle break-in at the time of the last incident

Council and Highways/Transportation Matters

A number of matters were discussed at our meeting and some new items added to the ongoing action list (which will be put on our website). Matters discussed include:

- *Withdrawal of the 303 Local Shopper Bus service from 29th October 2017.* Concern was expressed at the lack of consultation and the impact that the loss of this service would have in being the only bus that actually serves the estate and, for a number of Residents, is the only viable way of getting to the shops and other facilities in Marple. HLRA has written to TfGM making a strong representation to retain this service.
- *New 20mph zones on residential roads:* continuing problems where the new speed limits are consistently ignored by drivers. Alan James has met with a representative of the council to look at the suitability of the signage in the Meadway area. The council advised that no further work was to be done and that the signage complied with the relevant statutory standards. The request for a community speed watch is still outstanding with GMP. Cllr Ingham will ask for Marple Area's mobile speed indicator to be set up in the worst affected area.
- *A6MARR mitigation measures generally – effectiveness and value for money:* this continues to be a cause for concern in particular the effectiveness/suitability of the speed humps and tables and the 20mph zones referred to above. We will continue to record these concerns but a reasonable

period ought to be allowed after all the work has been completed in order to fully judge the overall impact and we are asking the Council to monitor this closely.

- *Withdrawal of Stepping Hill Hospital stop on 192 bus service:* HLRA is in dialogue with Stagecoach to press for this to be reinstated.
- *New A6 – continuing issues with street lighting and traffic controls:* has now been reported direct to SEMMMS
- *Referral of longstanding problems to Area Committee:* HLRA is taking the following two longstanding matters to the Marple Area Committee Meeting on 8th November 2017 because our previous efforts and the efforts of our Councillors have not yet achieved the required results:
 - the problems with the poor quality surface dressing on Alderdale Drive, and
 - the safety problems for pedestrians, pushchairs, etc caused by the overgrown hedges and contractors' signage on A6 Buxton Road

Stockport Local Plan

HLRA's response to the Issues Paper Consultation has been sent and a copy is on the HLRA website.

High Lane Service Reservoir

We have been in touch with United Utilities to voice residents' concerns about previous/ongoing work and dust from this site. United Utilities have advised that work is complete except for a final test and the final phase of tree planting, for which a contract has now been let for the winter planting season. There would be no more muck-shift required therefore dust should no longer be a problem.

Although UU is in direct liaison with a number of Residents on Meadway and other adjoining roads concerning planting and making good at boundaries, the problem of the new buildings being in the line of sight for some residents could unfortunately not be overcome due to the geography of the site. It was still felt that attendance by a UU representative at a future HLRA meeting would be of benefit and we will continue to ask for this.

Future HLRA Meetings

It was agreed that our meetings cycle be changed to bi-monthly for a trial period of 6 months. The next meetings will therefore be as follows and there will be no open meeting in November.

Next HLRA Meetings: **Thursday 7th December 2017**, 8:00pm at High Lane Library

Thursday 1st February 2018, 8:00pm at High Lane Library

Thursday 5th April 2018, 8:00pm at High Lane Library