

High Lane Residents Association

Meeting Notes, News & Updates

HLRA Meeting 6th July 2017 8:00 pm

High Lane Library

Police Matters

Our PCSO was unable to attend our last meeting but has provided the latest Newsletter, copy attached. Marple Police Station has now re-opened (contact telephone 0161 427 0115). The next Police Neighbourhood Surgery is at High Lane Library 25th July 2017 14:30 – 15:30.

Councillors

Stockport Local Plan: a consultation on the new Stockport Local Plan is to take place 28th July to 8th October 2017; Residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation due to its relationship with the prospective High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan and GMSF. Steve Johnson will be making a presentation on the Local Plan at Marple Library on 15th August 2017, 4pm.

Marple South Ward proposed change of name: to 'Marple South and High Lane Ward' to better reflect the whole community it represents. This could help raise the profile of High Lane, having been historically neglected, and so all Residents are asked to participate in the Consultation which runs until 11th August 2017 using the following link <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/marple-south-ward-name-consultation> or by completing the questionnaire at the Library. The results will be put to a council meeting on 26th October 2017 for a decision.

Travellers: a group of travellers recently removed from a site in Heald Green are thought to be scouting the area for alternative sites. Anyone aware of suspect behaviour should take a note of vehicle registration numbers, description of occupants and report to Councillors and PCSO.

Neighbourhood Forum

High Lane's application has been submitted and accepted by the Council and is now in the consultation period. The submission is available to view at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/high-lane> and a copy is on display at the Library. Target date for approval is 14th September 2017.

A copy of the minutes of HLVNF's meeting held on 27th June 2017 is attached for further information and includes the analysis of the questionnaire data from the recent Open Days, from which the following 4 priority focus areas emerged:

- Protection of environment and green spaces
- Protecting our heritage
- Improving transport (cleaner air and better public transport)
- Proportionate and affordable housing

The Forum needs an Interim Treasurer; for more information, please contact Richard Jones at jones@richardelaine.plus.com

Highways

SMBC's Head of Highways and Transportation, Sue Stevenson, is scheduled to attend HLRA's meeting on 7th September 2017. Any Residents wishing to raise matters at the meeting should address these to Peter Stephens **in advance of the meeting** by email at peter.stephens743@ntlworld.com. Please

note we are adopting a strict approach to questions only in advance to make the meeting productive and allow time for answers to be brought to the meeting.

Roadworks communications: our area continues to be affected by roadworks and concerns have been raised about finding out details of forthcoming works and road closures. Mike Moran has offered to compile a directory of the contact details for the various highways/utilities authorities so that Residents can check or subscribe for updates as they wish. Details will be included in our next Newsletter and a copy displayed at the Library. Anyone wanting to contribute with information they believe should be included, please contact Mike at moranmp20@gmail.com

Air quality monitoring: there was discussion concerning SEMMMS commitment to measure air quality before and after the construction of A6MARR and whether or not benchmark measurements had already been taken in High Lane. Cllr Blair contacted Council Officers during the meeting and a copy of the pre-development air quality monitoring report has since been provided. HLRA now holds a copy of the report; any Residents wanting a copy please contact stephenprice810@btinternet.com

Community Defibrillator

Negotiations on the purchase, installation and registration of the Dr Barber Community Defibrillator are almost complete meaning that High Lane will soon have its first round-the-clock public access defibrillator. Our thanks to Audrey Jones for the key role she has played in making this happen and to our donors for their generosity.

Meanwhile, HLRA's application to British Heart Foundation for partial funding has now also been approved, thanks to Yvonne Collier, giving the opportunity for High Lane to have a second community defibrillator at a different location and so give the village wider emergency coverage. The offer of funding comes with a number of conditions and we now need to see if we can make this work practically and find ways of raising the remaining funds through the community. This will be an agenda item at next month's meeting and anyone interested in helping with this project should please come along.

Around the Village

Volunteers needed:

We have a small team of dedicated volunteers who, each year, plant and take care of the planting boxes around the Village and the planting beds at the War Memorial. We now need additional volunteers to help us take on other projects to improve the upkeep of the Village including:

- Jubilee Gardens – we need a small working party of 4-6 volunteer residents to clear weeds and cut back overgrown shrubs
- High Lane Park – we are continuing to talk to Greenspace about improving the facilities at the playground but need a small team of residents to join us and be Friends of the Park

If you can give a few hours of your time to help with these and other projects to improve the Village, then please contact Tom on 01663 764521.

Next HLRA Meeting:

Thursday 3rd August 2017, 8:00pm at High Lane Library.

This year's HLRA AGM will be on Wednesday 18th October 2017, at High Lane Village Hall.