

# High Lane Residents Association

## Meeting Notes & Updates

Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

High Lane Library

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### ***Actions and Updates since Last Meeting***

- 1.1 *Withdrawal of 303 Local Shopper Bus Service:* we have had further correspondence with TfGM and users of the service but there has been no change in TfGM's position so far. Together with our Councillors, HLRA will continue to press for the service to be reinstated or a suitable alternative provided.
- 1.2 *Village Hall Car Park and Recycling Centre:* we have written to the council in support of HLVA's request for increased car parking capacity at the Village Hall and removal of the recycling centre which continues to be abused by fly-tipping. Councillor Blair advised that removal of the bins is to be recommended at Area Committee and there is no current intention to move these to an alternative location.
- 1.3 *A6MARR Complementary/Mitigation Measures:* we have received a progress update from Highways on completion of the remaining works (copy at page 4 of these notes) following our request for clarification on changes to the schemes since these were approved at Area Committee. We have asked for more information on items 1, 5, 7, 8 and 9 on the attached report. There is continuing dissatisfaction from some Residents as to the effectiveness and value for money of the speed cushions, the 20mph speed limits and weight restrictions. The current work on Windlehurst Road has generated a fresh round of complaints. Alan James asked for it be recorded again that nothing was being done to tackle excessive vehicle speeds on Meadway/South Meadway with drivers continuing to ignore the 20mph limit. Cllr Blair reported that the council was aware of defects in the material used in some of the new speed cushions and these are to be repaired. The longer-term action remains to monitor and review the effectiveness of the measures overall once the new road is open and then revisit the matter with the council as appropriate.
- 1.4 *Community Defibrillator:* we arranged an awareness session to be led by NWS on 28 November 2017 and this was well attended. A further session will be organised for anyone interested in the New Year, please contact Helen Gee at [helen.gee@zen.co.uk](mailto:helen.gee@zen.co.uk)
- 1.5 *War memorial:* this year's Remembrance Day Service was very well attended and the war memorial and planting were in excellent condition for the occasion and a credit to our volunteers. The surfacing around the memorial will shortly be power-washed and then re-sealed. We have also obtained a plaque recording the reconstruction of the new dry stone wall and this will be fixed in place soon.
- 1.6 *Alderdale Drive:* a commitment has now been received from the council that they have agreed a list of outstanding repair/snagging items with the contractor that should address the issues with the poor quality resurfacing and these repairs should be attended to as soon as the necessary permissions are obtained.
- 1.7 *Overgrown hedges/road safety:* we have now established a new point of contact at Public Realm who has undertaken to adopt a pro-active approach to this problem in future years. We have invited the Public Realm Inspector to address a future HLRA meeting on this issue and other matters in their area of responsibility, more details to follow when this is confirmed.

1.8 *High Lane Park*: the embankment slide has now been resurfaced with new material following our negotiations with Greenspace.

1.9 *Public consultations*: Darrell Williams updated us on the Boundaries Commission England third and final consultation and its effect on the proposed constituency boundary for High Lane.

## **2. *Police Report***

Our local PCSO Mark Turner has provided a report for the meeting, copy at page 5 of these notes.

## **3. *Councillors***

3.1 Cllr Blair reported that it had been recommended at council that the A6-M60 link road should progress to the next stage of the strategic business case/decision making process although it was noted that this remains a contentious issue. The potential impact on High Lane in terms of traffic volumes if this road were to be constructed is unclear and the process will need to be monitored.

3.2 We tabled a suggestion to extend the designated parking bays outside the shops on A6 Buxton Road (between the canal bridge and Spar, removing the double yellow lines to the extent that road safety allows) to promote trade for the local shops. This work could be carried out at no cost when the next phase of resurfacing is carried out as part of the current roads investment programme. Cllr Blair has agreed to speak to colleagues at Traffic about this.

3.3 Next Marple Area Committee meetings: 6:00 pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## **4. *Neighbourhood Forum***

HLVNF held its first AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 following its formal recognition by the council. The meeting was well attended. A permanent committee and constitution has now been established, a planning consultant appointed, grant application made and work on the Plan is now starting which is excellent news for the High Lane community. More information and to get involved visit <https://www.hlvnf.org>

## **5. *Potential Projects for 2018***

5.1 *Improvements to canal towpath*: we are pleased to say that Ian Carpenter has agreed to take the lead on this for us and is investigating what might be done in liaison with Canal and River Trust and learning from previous local schemes

5.2 *High Lane Park*: the idea to provide all-weather surfacing below the aerial cable way is still on the table if we can find volunteers to lead the project and the fundraising

5.3 *Library Car Park*: the first phase of work to reclaim the overgrown planting beds outside the Library entrance and to clean up the drainage gulleys and car park has now been carried out thanks to a team of volunteers. We will arrange a further work day to clear the remainder and then put in new planting next year. *Post-meeting note*: we are very grateful to our Councillors and Marple Area Committee for supporting our application to the Area Flexibility Fund for the cost of materials for this work.

5.4 In terms of other projects, the meeting discussed the question of “*what are the priorities for the village?*” It was agreed that proposals should be brought to the next meeting but ideas discussed included:

- 2019 village calendar: local photo competition, month sponsorship by shops/businesses, with targeted fundraising at a particular project
- Competitions: involving shops and schools, and showcasing creative hobbies
- Asking a wider audience, including kids, what they want for the future in the village: approach schools, flyer in school bags, Facebook/social media polls
- Adult physical education facility in High Lane Park
- A one-off village information magazine

***Next Meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, 8:00pm at High Lane Village Hall (in the large hall)***

*Please note change of venue due to a temporary closure at High Lane Library 5<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

**SMBC Highways Progress Report on Mitigation/Complementary Measures – 29 November 2017**

<b>A6 MARR Complementary and Mitigation Measures - Marple</b>		
	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	A6 (between Wellington Road and Borough Boundary) - Cycle facilities	At feasibility design to address the feedback from the public consultation. Scheme still in development and therefore not currently approved by the Cabinet Member.
2	A6/Windlehurst Road Junction Improvements	<p>Two options for the design of the junction have previously been considered by Area Committee. The first option was presented to Area Committee in November 2016 and this provided a left turn lane and improved the existing pedestrian facilities but retained the all red phase of the traffic signals for pedestrians to cross.</p> <p>It was then identified that further operational efficiency could be achieved if SMBC were able to acquire more land at the junction for additional widening and the provision of a 'walk with traffic' pedestrian facility. This second option was approved in April 2017. Unfortunately the high cost of this scheme along with issues obtaining the additional land to achieve this option means that we are now reverting to a development of the first option. In addition to the left turn lane and improvements to the pedestrian facilities this option now also provides widened footways and a larger central pedestrian island.</p>
3	A6 St Thomas' Church Puffin Crossing	Scheme completed as approved by Area Committee.
4	Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming – Southern section	Scheme under construction as approved by Area Committee.
5	Windlehurst Road Traffic Calming - North Section	Scheme under development at detailed design.
6	Andrew Lane Traffic Calming	Scheme completed as approved by Area Committee with exception of two locations where triple sets of speed cushions were approved but reduced to double sets of speed cushions at residents/Members request.
7	Threaphurst Lane - Quiet Lanes	Scheme under construction as approved by Area Committee, with the exception of the relocation of one 'Quiet Lane' sign and removal of the advisory 20mph signage on each of the gateway features. Advisory 20mph speed limits at bends within the proposed 30mph speed limit order to remain.
8	A6 High Lane Decluttering	Scheme under development at detailed design.
9	Middlewood Way Surfacing and Access Improvements	Scheme under development at detailed design.
10	20mph/ 7.5t Weight limits	Scheme completed as approved by Area Committee.

**Police Report from PCSO Mark Turner, 7 December 2017**

I am not able to attend tonight I am on earlies and I have a prior commitment tonight please give my apologies

In relation to Police update I know I have not managed to give one for some time but these are the figures for the past 2 months

Incidents

07/10/17 – 07/11/17

Burglaries 6

Robberies 0

Vehicle crime including Damage and theft 4

ASB 3

Total of 54 calls to service in this period

08/11/17 – 07/12/17

Burglaries 4

Robberies 0

Vehicle crime including Damage and theft 0

ASB 2

Total of 51 calls to service in this period

Last year

07/10/16 – 07/12/16 total calls 84 to service in this period

Burglary 3

Robberies 0

Vehicle 2

ASB 6

As you can see there is a small increase on Burglaries. There has been many a social media comment/post that there has been a MASSIVE increase in Burglaries, That High Lane has been a target which is not the case, yes there have been some but this is and I hate to say normal for the time of year increase coincides with the changing of the clocks 29/10/17 and an increase of the hours of darkness.

Advice is to make sure your property is secure and that you make it look occupied when you are not there such as timer switches etc. remove temptation remove car keys from the front door or near the front door.

There has been someone on the Lakes estate suggesting a private security firm to patrol the area, I will say this is a bad idea

1, The security firm will have no powers what so ever when it comes to dealing with an incident

2, Cost would be better invested into personal security

3, Liability will be on the ownership of customer

4, Security firm may pressure individuals to sign up and increase concern unnecessarily

I will make one observation that I have seen recently because of the increased awareness by Facebook and WhatsApp there does seem to be a better community connection, people are becoming more vigilante and being aware of their surroundings, noticing vehicles acting suspiciously, some may think that this goes un noticed and Police don't do anything about it but I can assure you that we are aware but we cannot be everywhere all the time and we rely

on information to be passed to us, continue to report to me via my email address [62649@gmp.police.uk](mailto:62649@gmp.police.uk) via 101 or Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

I have made some WhatsApp groups aware of my email to contact me to set up Neighbourhood Watch schemes but I have not had a single email.

#### Speeding

A few complaints regarding vehicles not adhering to the newly implemented 20mph, this is a UK wide issue with speeding and we don't have the resources at this stage to take action, it has reduced somewhat but I know it does concern residents and myself included.

#### Weight restrictions

I have seen a decrease on the amount of vehicles overweight but again not got the resources to action them

Can I ask residents to continue to report anything either on the 101 or my email.

Merry Christmas to you all see you round

Kind Regards

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