

Minutes of the Traffic and Transport Meeting, 1 September 2022, held at the Civic Hall at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Cllr Mr M. Scholes (CH), Cllr B Beeley, Cllr H Bishop

Community members: Mr Paul Sykes, Mrs Joan Sykes, Mr Paul Clegg

1880, Apologies for absence (1)

Cllr. John Battye, Mr Gordon Anderson, Mr Trevor Baxter, Mrs Jennifer Greenwood

1881, Declarations of Interest (2) None declared.

1882, Minutes from 1 June 2022 (3)

Approved and accepted as a true and accurate record by Cllr. Scholes at the meeting.

1882 a, Matters arising, and outcomes from issues raised at last meeting.

List of attendees - K Baxter amended to T Baxter.

BB – flooding in Grotton still ongoing and not resolved; reported a number of times. It needs investigation and a camera survey to find out what the issue is-not just cleared of debris. It was agreed Cllr Scholes to contact OMBC Highways Dept requesting this and that they feed back at the next meeting.

MS – point 1897 White Line Installation, Bradbury Lane – no response received to date.

HB – issue with the car park, it is one way, this has already been raised re the configuration and needs addressing very quickly.

It was agreed that MS would write to NM (OMBC) requesting information on:

- Proposed new cycle routes in Saddleworth
- Vehicle activated signage 20mph limit

The Committee were expecting updates on these issues at tonight's meeting.

HB – clearing and cleaning of road signs. There was some discussion around this issue. BB advised that Highways should notify Parks regarding the maintenance if these and the work should be done.

PS advised the meeting that when he had looked into cooperation between community groups and OMBC he was advised an operating licence was required and residents could be liable for prosecution without proper clearance.

PS asked it to be minuted his thanks to OMBC for their work on the Milestones project.

1883, OMBC Report on cost of electronic signage at Dovestone/Clarence Hotel Roundabout (4)

No update received as no attendees from OMBC

1884, OMBC Report on extra road markings at Bradbury Lane/Dovestone (5)

No update received as no attendees from OMBC

1885, Proposed changes to speed limits in Saddleworth (6)

No update received as no attendees from OMBC

1886, Vehicle activated signs in Saddleworth (7)

No update received as no attendees from OMBC

It was agreed that Cllr Scholes would write to OMBC with all the salient points raised and discussed at the meeting, requesting a response.

1887, Public Questions – submitted remotely (8) None received

1888, Public Questions – in person (9) None received

1889, Community Issues (10)

PS advised the meeting of 3 concerns:-

- Complaints by residents of speeding on the A62 Austerlands/Scouthead area
- Lower Turf Lane junction of A62 – poor visibility to the left opposite Dawson's Field; plenty of near misses! Residents had suggested making it one way. OMBC suggested there were issues with this idea but residents still believe it's a viable option.
- Higher Turf – grass grown over the tarmac and the rain gully isn't visible. It needs clearing in time before the wetter weather.

It was agreed MS would also add these points to his letter to OMBC.

PC advised the meeting of 3 concerns:-

- Dobcross (Sandy Lane in particular) – the yellow lines were all renewed but during torrential rain so that within a couple of days the lines were all breaking up. He understands this was done by a contractor not OMBC and it was suggested we ask OMBC to get them back and put it right.
- Changes to the speed limit in Dobcross
- A road closure sign has been up in Dobcross for about a week advising of a one week road closure from 4/9/22. But which road is it – not clear?

PC said he would email Steve Bird for a response.

HB – advised the meeting of 3 concerns:-

- What has been decided for the Royal George junction? Traffic lights or roundabout. And what is the timescale?
- Carr Lane – between Greenfield and Uppermill – the 20mph limit is not being adhered to – it's a rat run – needs resurfacing. Also there are parking issues at the top of Beech Avenue (Uppermill end) as people are parking fully on the pavement and blocking pedestrian access.
- Manchester Rd at Friezland Lane – overgrown foliage onto the pavement blocking access – needs clearing.

BB – mentioned the junction of Cooper Street, Rivington Rd and Den Lane – it's a nasty junction and the grass is so high at the moment there is no visibility at all.

1890, AOB – TB was unable to attend the meeting and gave his apologies and the day following the meeting, forwarded these concerns to the Clerk to be added to the minutes under AOB:-

- We have tried to engage Transport for Greater Manchester about work on the proposed Bee Network crossing at Royal George junction/Manchester Road. Without any success. So, can OMBC clarify when work is due to start and also work on the other crossing on Well-i-Hole?
- It is great to see one of the historic milestones has been cleaned in Scouthead but what is happening with regard to the other rusty relics across Saddleworth. Why won't anyone take ownership of this issue?
- What is the latest position with the replacement of solar powered warning signs across Saddleworth? Money was supposedly made available for replacement signs but still nothing.
- Can OMBC look at introducing some clear signage to help pedestrians crossing the packhorse bridge at Oakview Road/Ladhill Lane. Impatient drivers are desperate to cross even with pedestrians on the bridge.
- What is the latest position with motorists parking on pavements and blocking pavement access for pedestrians. People are consistently having to step out into the road because pavements are blocked.”

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Next Meeting: It was agreed to hold an additional meeting on Thursday October 20th 2022 at 6pm with the hope we would have some answers regarding the issues raised tonight.

Subsequent Meeting: Thursday 1st December 2022 18.00 hrs.