**Minutes of the Traffic & Transport Committee Meeting held on**

**6th July 2023 held at Saddleworth Civic Hall at 6.00pm**

**Present :**  Cllr. B. Beeley (Chairman)

Cllr K. Dawson

Cllr M. Powell

Cllr P. Gaul

Cllr A. Marland

Community Members: Paul Clegg (Dobcross Village Community),

**1916 Apologies received**: Cllr H. Bishop, Jayne Gibson (Dobcross Road Safety Group), Joan Sykes (SACG), Paul Sykes (SACG) OMBC Highways Team.

**1917 Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**1918 Minutes of the last meeting**:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**1919 Matters arising:**

Covered in point 1920 below

**1920 Follow on/update on issues raised at the last meeting**

We have received an update from Highways with their comments highlighted in green. SPC responses to these comments are highlighted in yellow. We ask that Highways update us ASAP.

**An update of the proposed review / revision of speed limits in Saddleworth.**

*The Saddleworth Villages 20 mph speed limits that were introduced during the pandemic and were done so on the grounds of road safety particularly in areas with narrow footway.*

*Before and after count data shows that there has been a drop in both average speeds and 85%ile speeds since the restrictions have been in place.  It is Greater Manchester Polices policy that 20mph speed limits should be self-enforcing by means of physical measures i.e; traffic calming. It is proposed to carry out further set of Traffic Counts in February to be able to compare the recorded data now that traffic levels have more or less returned to pre-pandemic levels. A consultation will be held once the data has been examined regarding making the speed limits permanent and how they will be enforced. If it established that favourable outcome is to make the 20 limits permanent, we will need to make a bid for capital funding to install physical measures if that is the agreed way forward. Obviously the schemes would be fairly large and required a considerable funding which is not guaranteed considering the number of other schemes put forward and the limited funding that’s available.*

Councillors request that Saddleworth Parish Council and the residents of Saddleworth will be involved in this consultation process.

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

There’s an “ask” in this year’s Capital Programme for Saddleworth Villages 20mph schemes

**SPC would like clarification that the 20mph limits will stay even if funding isn’t successful. Appreciate not all villages have this speed limit currently. Councillors request again that Saddleworth Parish Council and the residents of Saddleworth will be involved in this consultation process.**

**An update on the installation of Vehicle Activated Signage in Saddleworth**.

*Tender acceptance report complete, this is now with Procurement to award, this award will be completed this side of Christmas, there will be a 10 day standing still, once awarded Oldham can then programme this year’s VAS sign programme according to our own street lighting and the contractors availability. In this first tranche we are expecting approximately 10 VAS installations.*

***Update 06/07/2023 AM***

Contractor awarded programme, new poles and mains supplies (where applicable) planned for mid - late July, VAS to follow afterwards. Tranche 2 VAS list being compiled.

***SPC are asking for clarification where the VAS will be situated, and would like an idea of where is listed under Tranche 2***

**Information on the proposed new cycle routes in Saddleworth**

*Ashbrook crossing is part of the ATF2 Business case which has been submitted, we are awaiting approval, expected delivery in the new Year, 1 x Parallel zebra crossing, this will help future proof the route.*

***Update 06/07/2023 SH***

*The new crossing on Ashbrook Road, Springhead is complete and open for use. The funding was secured and delivered through the ATF2.*

**Thank you, we will monitor this.**

**The most dangerous is crossing at the junction of Oldham Road / Bridge Street on the old railway bridge*.***

*We are still optioneering, there is no guarantee of funding (ATF4) is Ashbrook Road crossing being paid for by Bee Network? No, Part of ATF2*

***Update 06/07/202 SH***

*We've received some funding to create a new scheme, but the location we're working on is quite complex. So, we're currently reviewing and agreeing on a preferred layout. We're not sure when the ATF4 submissions are due, but if they're before Christmas, it's unlikely that we'll be able to submit on time. In that case, we'll look for alternative ways to secure the delivery funds*

**Thank you, we will monitor this and please consult with Parish Council**

**Work at the Royal George Junction is to start**

*Mid-January 2023 due to resources availability.*

***Update 06/07/2023 SH***

*Majority of the civils works are complete an we have vacated the site to allow ENWL to complete works to their infrastructure. We are due to return on the 17th July to finalise the scheme, lining and antiskid, and commission the signals.*

We would expect that by the end of July this will be fully operational.

**Lower Turf Lane junction of A62 – poor visibility to the left opposite Dawsons Field**

*Topographical Survey is now complete, over the coming weeks one of our highway engineers will be looking at this to see what if anything can be done.*

***Update 06/07/2023 RT***

*Design proposal has been drawn up and reviewed. It is proposed to have Lower Turf Lane a one way out onto Huddersfield Road. We will engage with the ward councillors on the proposals before consulting with affected local residents and businesses.*

**Please include Parish Councillors in the consultation. Can we suggest that it would be safer going one way down into Lower Turf Lane from Huddersfield Road (opposite to your recommendation).**

**Ongoing problem of flooding on Oldham Road, Springhead, Grotton, near the Grotton Co-Op be investigated with a camera survey of the drains and gulleys, rather than just clearing the debris? Could OMBC respond to this?**

*This is now with the drainage team to assess; we are still awaiting a full report.*

***Update 06/07/2023 JD***

*There is severe surface water ponding at this location. There are 2No. gullies that are heavily silted up annually. Both Gullies are usually at 75%+ silt by the time the annual clean is due. There is also an issue with parked cars at this location. Both gullies have been cleaned and running for several years according to the Karrbontech (the system used to log cleans) but one of them was unable to be cleaned due to the parked cars. My recommendation is that the lines need to be jetted the next time that the gully wagon attends.*

**We will monitor. Has a camera been used to check that silting is all that’s causing it as it has flooded twice in this last week**

**It was also pointed out that on Higher Turf Lane – grass has grown over the tarmac and the rain gully isn’t visible. It needs clearing in time before wetter weather. Could this be actioned please?**

***Update 06/07/2023 DM***

*The statement below still stands, with regards this issue it has now been risk assessed and will be actioned when resources become available.*

*This is a problem all over on lanes and due to budget constraints and resources any ditching is only carried out on a risk-based approach.*

**Please can we have more clarity on this statement**

**Carr Lane, Uppermill, needs resurfacing and action taken over parking and speeding.**

*Still carrying out investigations, update to follow*

**Please will you update us on progress ASAP?**

**Friezland Lane, Greenfield is narrowed by overgrown vegetation near Robert Scott’s and needs clearing (not sure private or public).**

*Still carrying out investigations, update to follow*

**Please will you update us on progress ASAP?**

**Problems for school children crossing near roundabout to walk to Dobcross as there is no crossing near the roundabout. Some pupils don’t use crossing near the school as they reckon it is too far away.**

**Update 06/07/2023 NM**

*Still carrying out investigations, update to follow*

**Please will you update us on progress ASAP?**

**Petition to reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph on the road between Delph and Denshaw has been submitted to Borough some time ago but heard nothing**.

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

*We are aware of the petition with regards the change of speed limit and are looking into this along with many more throughout the borough. We will update appropriately once further investigations have been carried out.*

**We will monitor and ask for an update ASAP**.

**Complaint from a resident on Roebuck Lane that since the camber of the road was altered the water is running off the lane onto his property. Resident approached local councillor and a site visit was made by Jason Dennison. It was agreed that a camera investigation would be done and some rubbish removed. This has not happened.**

*Jason is now back in work and will re-visit this.*

***Update 06/07/2023 JD***

*Notice has been served on a resident to ask him to remove debris for the PROW. This has been completed. with regards the water, I do not believe that any water is running to Mr Jakemans property. Cllr Lancaster has been discussing this situation with the drainage team for over 12 months now and even he has stopped liaising with Mr Jakeman. He sent a picture in on the 05.06.23 showing the ACO system unable to cope with the volume of water. All investigations are complete, and all issues are resolved as far as the drainage team are concerned.*

**Noted, thank you.**

**Garden wall knocked down on Ladcastle Road and barrier round it forcing people into the road. What is the reason that it has not been repaired?** *Structures team looking in to who is responsible and if it is the councils then a costing and funding may need to be made available.*

***Update 06/07/2023 JD***

We think the damage has been repaired. And it was private, Steve Jones to Check today and update Karen Allott.

**Thankyou. Steve Jones advised Clerk that wall has been repaired and barriers removed. However, he stated he had noticed another couple of issues which would need Highways to investigate.**

**Has any progress been made with plans to alter the junction of Stamford Road and Huddersfield Road after the fatal accident?** *Full signalisation of the junction is no longer a viable option after independent modelling by TFGM was carried out, we still feel that there are several options that will have an impact to making this junction safer in* the future and we are currently exploring these options.

***Update 06/07/2023 RT***

Pre consultation undertaken in early June on traffic calming measures (speed cushions and build outs) along Stamford Road, and proposed changes to the junction of Stamford Road and Huddersfield Road to improve the visibility and general flow of traffic (relocating the bus stop, providing a pedestrian refuge for crossing Huddersfield Road, restricting movement out of Dunham Street onto Huddersfield Road). Due to the varying levels of support and objections, most notably around loss of parking spaces due to the traffic calming, we are engaging with ward councillors before proceeding.

**Noted thank you. Cllr Marland as ward Councillor will be able to provide a further update on this.**

**Why did Highways object to Cooper Street, Springhead becoming 20mph?** **There are 2 schools and a nursery on its length and many of the residents are in favour of the reduction?**  *Passed this on to traffic to investigate further, will update at next meeting*.

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

Permanent 20 mph scheme’s aren’t introduced without the support of physical measures (traffic calming). The traffic Team work ed with Ward Members and drew up a scheme for Members to submit in a LIF bid, however the bid was unsuccessful.

**SPC are extremely disappointed in this decision given the fact that there are 2 schools on Cooper Street, plus a Nursery. It is a very difficult junction with a narrow pavement on one side and no pavement on the other.**

**Shaw Hall Bank Road - concerns regarding speeding and parking issues.**

Would it be possible to install double yellows to make exits safer?

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

Detailed location, required assessment of site will need to be added to the service request list for Traffic – contact [Alister.story@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:Alister.story@oldham.gov.uk) directly

**It was agreed Cllr Bishop would send additional information to Alister.**

**Ladhill Lane/Greenbridge area near Old Pack Horse Bridge.**

This is now 20 mph but signage needs to be more visible. Could one way/traffic calming measures be considered?

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

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**Thank you. Please could you also respond on the one way/traffic calming measures suggestion.**

**Top of Oaklands Rd where it joins Oldham Rd**

Concerns for safety at this junction. Please can it be looked at?

***Update 06/07/2023 AS***

More details of issue required – contact [Alister.story@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:Alister.story@oldham.gov.uk) directly

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**Hollins Rd, off Holmfirth Rd**.

The yellow lines installed are crumbling and fading, need replacing. Suggest traffic enforcement will be needed over the summer months.

***Update 06/07/2023 NM***

We will arrange for these to be inspected.

**Thank you. Please keep us informed.**

**Bottom of Church Rd, Uppermill**

Can the team please look into the implications of this road being made one way right up to where it meets New Street? Car park would then only be accessible from High Street.

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**1921 Public questions – submitted remotely**

None received

**1913 Public questions – in person**

**1914 Community issues**

Concern was raised over the 184 bus timetables. Cllr Marland, as Ward Councillor, has shared an email received from TfGM.

**“**Further to the multiple representations that you have all made, I have had further dialogue with First West Yorkshire; they have confirmed that they are reviewing the timetables as we speak for the services between Huddersfield and Marsden, and by extension to Oldham.

In terms of the arrival time of the college time journey into Huddersfield, I’m not certain that it will be possible to go back to an 0816 arrival, but it certainly sounds like an earlier arrival will be achievable.

I haven’t yet got sight of a timetable, but I’m assured that one will be with me early next week and once I receive then I will share the details to give you all reassurance”.

It was agreed that Cllr Beeley would prepare a letter for the Clerk to send to First Bus asking for further updates/clarification.

**1915 Date of Next meeting: Thursday 7th September at 6pm**