

Old Glossop Residents Association



Minutes of Residents' Meeting on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Present: Andrea Heathcote (Vice-Chair), Stella Jones (Treasurer), Janet Bingham (Secretary), Tony Bingham, Martin Creasey + approx 15 residents.

Andrea welcomed all attendees and thanked them for coming along.

Planning applications

Shire Hill Hospital (40 homes): Cube Homes have yet to submit a fresh application.

Land east of Bute Street (outline permission for up to 56 homes) The land, and the adjoining piece where planning permission was refused, remain [for sale](#).

Seven houses to be built on Bute Street: No date yet for building work to begin **Old Cross** [HPK/2026/0339](#) Application to convert 8 Old Cross into two properties. Public consultation ends 8th October.

Plot of land on Thorpe Street that was recently sold: We were asked if planning permission had been applied for. It hasn't but we've had an email from the Hazel and Grant Armstrong. They bought the plot and would love to build a single house set low down to avoid spoiling anyone's view. They thought they would contact us before the meeting and invite feedback. Grant is a stonemason and would build in traditional methods with natural stone and grey slate roof. They appreciate that getting planning permission is another matter but wanted people to know their intentions.

As an association we wouldn't express a view on a potential application for one property as residents will have differing views. Happy to forward details of any residents who wish to be put in touch with Hazel and Grant.

Planning for the Christmas Market – Sunday 6th December

- We have applied for the road closure for Church Street South
- Our insurance cover is for 500 visitors at any one time
- To ensure we meet this, we will have three entry/exit points – top of Church Street South, bottom of Church Street South and by the church.
- We will need a number of marshalls to monitor numbers, restrict entry if needed and evacuate if necessary. They will be provided with walkie talkies so they can be in touch with Andrea/Stella/Janet who will be manning the control point in Old Cross. If you're not able to commit for the full day, could you commit for the busiest period – 1-5pm? If you're interested and want a chat to find out more, please email ograplanning@gmail.com and we'll give you a call
- At least 2 marshalls will need fire warden training. Alan Horsfield, who owns Extinguisher Hire Limited, Glossop, has kindly offered to provide the necessary training and extinguishers for the day
- We will also need at least 1 volunteer to man the car park barrier at Howmet, where stallholders – and residents affected by the road closure – can park
- Other tasks we need volunteers for:
 - Street clean day before, on the morning and day after
 - Set up stalls in Old Cross (stallholders have to put up their own stalls and gazebos)
 - Set up extension leads, power and lights

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- Clear up at the end at the Market.
- **Martin** is putting together the Evacuation Plan
- **Stella** will be sending out letters to potential stallholders.

Environment and Biodiversity

- **Planters** – we have bought two half-barrel planters from Glossop Stone Sales to go either side of the Old Glossop stone – Louise Hughes is treating and painting them and they will be set up shortly. We will be replacing the planters on Shepley Street with recycled plastic ones.
- **Stream Clean** of Shelf Brook on Wesley Street will be on Saturday November 7th. Anyone taking part will need to be briefed before taking part to meet the terms of our insurance. Last year the Environment Agency unexpectedly cleared a lot of the vegetation before the stream clean. We were asked whether this will happen again? **Andrea/Stella/Janet** will look into this.
- **Wellgate car park** – Becca Bridges plans to start a dead hedge in November at the rear of the car park near the bug hotel. It would be similar to the ones in the churchyard. Becca and Paul will dig in wooden poles to create the frame and residents will be able to fill in with cuttings.
- **Church graveyard** - Barbara Fearnley and volunteers have been clearing soil and vegetation covering graves and making flower beds that Barbara is planting up. It's enhancing the churchyard and revealing the history. It's resulted in a lot of surplus soil and mounds of earth. We were asked by a resident if OGRA could help in any way. **Becca** will contact Barbara and find out how we can help.
- **Swifts and Wildlife fundraiser** – Shepley's café are hosting a fundraiser on Sunday 27th September, 1-4pm. Becca told the meeting that there's been a good colony of swifts around the Blackshaw Road area this year and they've shown interest in the boxes that have been put up around the village. More boxes are on order.
- **People's Emergency Briefing** – film and discussion on climate and nature crisis – Sunday 13th September, 1.30-3.30pm, Victoria Hall, hosted by Becca. There will be cake – and also scones from Shepley's!
- **Becca and Barbara Fearnley** are both finalists in the Gloscars, which is on 3rd October, for environmental impact.
- **Bat Walk** – Becca is planning to run one in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.
- **Japanese Knotweed** – we were asked how to report it – it's been seen near the scout hut and also on the farm track at Mossy Lea. Legally, landowners are not required to treat it while it is on their land. The relevant contacts are:
 - Footpaths – High Peak Council [Harmful weeds and non native plants - High Peak Borough Council](#)
 - Roads – Derbyshire Council [Report a road fault or ask about a road issue - Derbyshire County Council](#)
 - Streams – Environment Agency [Report an environmental problem - GOV.UK](#)

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- When reporting, it's always worth emailing the details to HPBC Councillor Adie Hopkinson adrian.hopkinson@highpeak.gov.uk and DCC Councillor Jean Wharmby Jean.Wharmby@derbyshire.gov.uk, who will help push for action.
- **Environmental Group?** We were asked if we might set up an environmental group as part of OGRA for local initiatives. We'll look into this further.
- **Mowing regimes** – Carole Hallam reported that we got Year 1 underway but the hot summer had an impact. Of 5 verges, 2 are now removed, leaving 3 verges – 1 on Blackshaw Road and 2 on Shire Way. Any comments received by the council will be sent to the the ogra planning mailbox so any issues can be dealt with promptly. Carole has a date for the final cut next year when we can do a survey.

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- **Scout Hut:** We have a lot of items stored there that we no longer need so need a good tidy up. **Andrea/Stella/Janet** will fix a date.
- **Plans for unitary council put on hold:** Plans for a major shake-up of local government are on hold, after the government launched a review in light of new legal advice. DCC and HPBC would have been scrapped and Glossop would have been part of Derbyshire North
- **Incident on Bute Street:** Over the summer there have been occasions where drivers/riders have speeded along the road. When asked politely to slow down, most have been receptive. However, a couple of weeks ago, one driver became aggressive and tried to run over a resident. The driver ended up having an altercation with another resident and came back later with another person, looking to carry on the altercation. The police were involved. Fortunately, this was an isolated incident, raised to make us be aware.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th October in the Bull's Head at 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm