Old Glossop Residents Association



Minutes of Residents' Meeting on Tuesday 20th October 2026

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

Andrea welcomed all attendees and thanked them for coming along.

Planning reforms from 31st October: These are being brought in by the Government to speed up housebuilding and infrastructure delivery. Most planning applications will be determined by planning officers rather than councillors. This includes all minor residential applications comprising 1-9 dwellings on a site smaller than 0.5 hectares. There will be no option for them to go before the planning committee. Residents will still be able to submit comments.

What you can comment on

- policies and guidance
- design and visual impact
- living conditions of local people
- planning history
- landscape and ecology
- loss of privacy to others
- light pollution
- traffic issues
- loss of protected trees and hedgerows
- noise, smell and pollution
- open countryside and green belt
- effect on listed buildings and conservation areas
- impact on health and safety
- hazardous materials
- disabled access

What you can't comment on

- loss of view
- land ownership
- property value
- moral issues
- private issues between neighbours
- disruption caused in the construction period, for example, dust or noise

Thorpe Street: HPK/2026/0397 application to build one dwelling. Residents who came to the meeting said they had not received notification letters and no notice had been posted near the site. They should contact either of our local HPBC councillors Adie Hopkinson adrian.hopkinson@highpeak.gov.uk (07863909044) / Paul Hardy paul.hardy@highpeak.gov.uk (07916312593). Concerns raised included the access – Thorpe Street is one-way, very narrow and the 390 bus often has problems getting through – and the steep drop for the proposed driveway for the house. The current deadline for comments is 12th November. It's better for residents to comment individually rather than collectively – as a petition only counts as one comment.

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.



Planning for the Christmas Market – Sunday 6th December

- We will have three entry/exit points – top of Church Street South, bottom of Church Street South and by the church
- We will have more marshalls this year to monitor numbers, restrict entry if needed and evacuate if necessary. We're planning to use walkie talkies so they can be in touch with the control point in Old Cross.
- Fire warden training is booked for 17th November – thanks to Alan Horsfield and Simon Roebuck from Extinguisher Hire Ltd for donating this
- We will have 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
    - Clear up at the end at the Market.
- Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. We will be in touch before our next meeting to confirm. If you haven't already let us know and can help out, please email ograplanning@gmail.com
- Entertainment – Cloggies confirmed, Choir and Band to confirm
- Martin is putting together the Evacuation Plan and looking into walkie talkies
- Stella updated the meeting on stallholder applications – there's a good variety and 4 new applicants. Charity stalls won't be asked to make a donation.
- We will have a First Aid gazebo manned by St John's Ambulance
- Thanks to Old Glossop Clay Shooting who will donate the Christmas tree to go up in Old Cross
- The one thing we can't control is the weather – and there's always the risk that the event could be cancelled at late notice
- Andrea/Stella/Janet will be meeting on 3 November to go through the fine detail.

Coffee & Chat at Shepley's: Around 20 of our senior citizens enjoyed a couple of hours chatting over coffee and biscuits. The winter months can be a lonely time, especially for those who or on their own or struggle to get out. We're planning another Coffee & Chat get-together in November. If you want to be invited, or know of someone in Old Glossop who would like to come along to this or our annual Christmas lunch, please email ograplanning@gmail.com Thanks to Jane and Jude at Shepley's and our helpers.

Environment and Biodiversity

- **Planters** –two half-barrel planters are now in place either side of the Old Glossop stone at the bottom of Church Street South – thanks to Louise Hughes for treating and painting them and filling them with plants**.** We will be replacing the planters on Shepley Street with recycled plastic ones.
- **Stream Clean** on Wesley Street, Saturday 7th November. Risk assessment has been done and participants will be briefed on the day. Skip booked



- **Swifts and Wildlife fundraiser** held at Shepley's café raised over £800
- **Rebecca Bridges** was Highly Commended at the Gloscars for Environmental Impact and is nominated for Individual Community Champion in the **People's Choice Awards**. Voting closes on 30th November.
- **Environmental Group** We were asked it we might set up an environmental group as part of OGRA for local initiatives, including the grass verges. We'll look into this further.
- **Derbyshire Wildlife Trust survey of land in and around Cote Lodge** – still awaiting response from landowner United Utilities. Becca remains in touch with DWT.
- **Wellgate car park** – Becca and Paul Bridges plan to start building a 'dead hedge' in November which will accommodate dead branches and clippings where small mammals and invertebrates can shelter over winter.
- **Nancy Irwin** from Glossopdale Green Network is thinking of putting a website together of all the "green," "sustainable" groups in High Peak. It would enable people to find each other, ask for volunteers, create events. Nancy's asking for feedback. More information here.
- **Barbara Fearnley** and her helpers have made the parish churchyard an incredible wildlife resource. Anyone wanting to help on a Saturday morning is very welcome. It was suggested that it would be good to do an eco survey – Sue Welch to look into this further

Autumn Tips and Hedgehog Update

- In the garden, what may look like dead twigs, flower heads and leaves host life to emerge next year. In January birds will feast on seedheads of flowers like verbena and teasel if you leave unpruned. Butterflies and other insects will have laid their eggs on the underside of leaves and tiny spiders and other creatures will be hiding in hollow stalks and pods, keeping safe until spring.
- Plant some bulbs like crocus that look like jewels in spring and provide important nectar for early emerging queen bumblebees.
- There are healthy hedgehogs in Old Glossop, visiting feeding stations. Please be aware when driving after dusk as they do cross roads – one female is regularly seen crossing Shireway and Bute Street.
- Finnie, the old boy found in the daytime on Shire Way, was in a bad way when he was taken to Hog Manor: he is still there but doing much better.
- Young or small hedgehogs found from October onwards that weigh **under 600g** may not survive hibernation without human help. If you find one, please put it in a cardboard box on a towel with a gently warm hot water bottle or pet heating pad underneath and call Sue at Hog Manor on 07921 529020.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th November (to be confirmed)
Christmas Market Walkthrough: Tuesday 1st December (tbc)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm