

## LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 24

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from D. Eubank and R&S Guest. The Chairman had invited PC Mayo who had agreed to speak to the Group but he did not attend, possibly due to the recent meeting which had been held last week with local residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (16<sup>th</sup> January 2017): The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

A number of social events have taken place which proved very popular and successful. The Darts and Dominoes was well attended and it is proposed to hold another later in the year. The talk by Alec Hughes and quiz will be followed this year by a talk on the 'Kenyon Junction Murders'. A successful charity evening was held at the Raj in Culcheth this raised £2,500 for creating wells in Bangladesh. A litter pick took place along the East Lancs Road which resulted in 27 bags of litter being collected, a big thank you to all those who volunteered their time.

### **UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:**

**Burglaries:** A meeting was held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March chaired by Councillor Ed Houlton, the two representatives from the Police were Sgt Justin Topping and PC Dave Mayo plus LHSRG and LENDF Chairpersons. Over a hundred local residents attended and their feelings were expressed. The Police were left in no doubt that the residents will support them but a better service is expected. There is no doubt that the vulnerability of the area was highlighted by the small number of police that cover such a huge area. A pro-forma letter will be issued via email and it is requested that residents submit their responses to the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police. Replies to be collated and delivered please put your response through the letterboxes of either Ed Thwaite (15 Springmount) or Councillor K Houlton (342 Newton Road). A further meeting is to be arranged at a larger venue.

**Winwick Lane:** Gill Dickinson reported that the signage had now been changed however it may take a few years before the maps and satellite navigation systems change. A further meeting with Andy Burnham has been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> April. The Croft, Culcheth and Winwick Parish Councillors have been invited to attend. Surveys of traffic in the area are to be carried out. It was suggested that data on traffic flows can be obtained from the mobile phone companies and information on how this can be accessed will be given to Gill. It is proposed to implement a Permanent Traffic Order on the Lane. A question was raised regarding the permanent traffic order which Gill will find the answer to. {Post-meeting clarification regarding PTO:

1. Wigan is currently consulting with Warrington/St. Helens and the Police.
2. A notice explaining the PTO will be placed in local newspapers and can be publicly advertised.
3. Objections can be lodged within 21 days.
4. If objections are received and overruled, the Council will publicise decision in local press.
5. The HGV restriction signs will be installed.
6. If the objections are accepted then no further proposal will be made.}

**Diggle Green:** The smells seem to be on the increase from the Farm, even though they are reported to the Environmental Agency nothing seems to be done. It was noted that the number of large lorries going to Diggle Green has also increased. Tractor tyre tracks were seen on the pavement and photographic evidence of this has been taken.

**HS2:** Ed Thwaite reported that Raj from HS2 will be attending the LENDF meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April when he will talk about compensation or if any funding can be obtained for the community. Further meetings are to be arranged on a personal basis with residents whose houses are affected. It was commented that in the Culcheth Life magazine an article had been written regarding problems at the Lymm section of the spur and it was hoped this might have an impact on the final decision. A meeting had been held with the conservative candidate for the Mayor of Manchester, he is currently the Head of Trafford Council, and they are trying to stop the spur line for HS2. Ray Bent gave an update stating that the line from London to Birmingham will commence within twelve months, the next section is from Birmingham to Crewe.

**Delamere/Winton Road:** Terry Hewitt reported that the informal questionnaire results had been forwarded to Wigan. A formal questionnaire of the proposal will be put to residents. It will either be restricted access or a permanent barrier erected to split the two roads. Councillor Grundy reported that a lot of resident's projects have been approved by the Council.

**Manchester Spatial Framework, Florida Farm, Parkside and St. Helens Strategy:**

Of all these projects only Manchester is in our area, however, the Chairman reported that we need to give as much support as possible to the action groups. Discussions took place on the amount of greenfield land being appropriated by Councils. Ed Thwaite read out a letter which reaffirms the Government's commitment to give Councils the power to make decisions in local issues. The question was raised as to how much brownfield land Wigan Council has. Councillor Grundy to look into this. Councillor Houlton commented that a request be made to the Government to put a limit on the length of time for which developers can bank land, as the Council is required to have a certain number of houses built in any one year. If objections cannot be raised regarding greenbelt land, the problem of air quality is very important and the figures for air quality in the affected areas should be looked at. Transport for Greater Manchester produces maps giving data on air quality and Councillor Grundy will request an updated version.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Treasurer informed the group of the income and expenditure and the amount in the bank.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

**Traffic Noise from East Lancs:** A request was made for trees to be planted along the road to lessen the noise of the traffic.

**Overgrown Footpath to Culcheth:** The Council appear to have only done a partial clearing of the footpath and the rest needs to be completed. Councillor Houlton to pursue.

**Winton Road Play Area:** Trees at Winton Avenue - Councillor Houlton said that hopefully they will be replaced but clearing up after storm damage has to be completed initially.

**Litter pick:** On 7<sup>th</sup> April LENDF has arranged a litter pick (10.00am – 12noon) volunteers required meet at the entrance to the field on Hesketh Meadow Lane opposite the junction with Oaklands Road.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

31<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm at the Social Club, Golborne Brass Band, tickets £2 pay at the door.

Ladies Bowling – a regular day is being organised with the Bowling Team at the Red Lion

Book Club – currently being organised.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Lowton Civic Hall:** A response from the Council is still awaited.

**Red Lion Planning Application:** The application to develop the bowling green has been withdrawn.

**Village Green Status:** This is actively being pursued.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in the Red Lion.