

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2017

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 26

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor James Grundy, Councillor K. Houlton, G. Houlton, D. Eubank, C. Lowe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (21ST November 2016): The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE OF LOCAL ISSUES:

Winwick Lane: There has been little change from the last meeting with Andy Burnham. A meeting between the three Authorities and Highways England is to take place to determine whether or not a weight restriction on the Lane would affect other areas. Signage for the de-priming hoped to be changed by April. There could be objections from St. Helens regarding the weight restriction in view of the impending Parkside project. Ray Bent reported that having read the proposed plans Winwick Lane would be required for the exit roads planned from the development. Councillor Houlton reported that a meeting of the full Council Executive Committee discussed the continuation of Atherleigh Way to meet up with Winwick Lane beyond Dolly's Bridge. This would significantly lessen the traffic through Lane Head. Alan Woodcock raised his concern that if the weight restriction were put on Winwick Lane this would affect the ability of the by-pass to take traffic to the Lane.

Diggle Green: A further planning application has been put forward by Mr. Broster for another building to be erected on the site for office facilities. If there are any concerns please continue to monitor smells or vehicle behaviour.

HS2: Two exhibitions showing the route for HS2 have been held recently one in Lowton the other in Culcheth. Discussions took place regarding the cut and cover proposed for Lowton. Detailed plans are available on LENDF website.

Delamere/Winton Road: Terry Hewitt has spoken to Richard Beamer. Three possible options have been suggested to resolve the problem. Yellow speed signs have been put up but they have made very little difference. There is now a demarcation lane at the traffic lights on Kenyon Lane for turning right, but it is not possible to put a filter on the traffic lights as they are linked to traffic flow. A letter is to be put together for the residents of Delamere and Winton to ascertain their preferred options.

Parkside/Haydock Point /Florida Farm: Leaflets have been distributed to local residents requesting they object to the removal of greenbelt for the above projects. A public meeting is to be held at Hope Academy on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm. The three Councillors from our area will be attending. Ray Bent spoke to the proposed plan by Langtree Developments for Parkside. Objections should be sent to planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk. It is very important that home addresses are put in the email to be accepted as an objection.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer read out the bank balance.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Darts and Dominoes evening to be arranged in late February. Emails will keep residents informed.

A local walk will be organised from and to the Travellers Rest in late June.
Talk on 'Kenyon Junction Murders' followed by a quiz will be scheduled for Autumn.
Suggestion made for a 'Race Night'.
Suggestions were also made for the formation of a Book Club, anyone interested please contact a Committee member.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litter pick: It is proposed to hold a litter pick in the area on Saturday 11th February – meeting point the Red Lion car park at 10.00am.

Any areas where fly tipping is encountered or where the litter is particularly bad please contact Councillor Kath Houlton.

Overgrown Footpaths: It was mentioned that the footpath to Culcheth is particularly overgrown and needs reporting. Councillor Houlton to be informed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework: Councillor Grundy sent the following message to be read out to the group:

'James has met with Shaun Anstee – a candidate for Mayor. Both he and Andy Burnham seem to have similar ideas and agree that in principle there will be a plan BUT it will be a modified version of the one described in the Spatial Strategy Framework. All the parties in the ten boroughs in Greater Manchester will have needs and will all require some satisfaction. James thinks a meeting may be possible and Shaun Anstee has offered to come to a public meeting of residents.

Red Lion Bowling Green planning application (A/16/83367/FULL): Les Bagshaw spoke to this and gave an update. If you wish to comment please write to r.bartolini@wigan.gov.uk. A suggestion was made to form a Ladies Bowling Team.

Civic Hall: A planning application has been put together to build 36 houses but the Hall is a community asset. We believe that Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust has shown an interest in purchasing the site.

Mount Tabor: The application for Village Green status is still being processed.

Five Acres: A planning application is being put forward for 6 or 7 houses to be built on the land.

Bangladesh Wells: An evening raising funds for Bangladesh is to be held at the Raj restaurant in Culcheth on 23rd February, tickets are £20 available from Gill Dickinson.

Newton Road Resurfacing: Repairs to surface is inadequate and needs attention. Letter to be sent to Councillor E. Houlton.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 20th March 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub, commencing with the AGM.

Monday 15th May 7.30pm

Monday 17th July 7.30pm

Monday 18th September 7.30pm

Monday 20th November 7.30pm