**MINUTES OF LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS’ GROUP 15.05.23**

1. Kathleen reiterated her welcome to everyone and thanks to Councillors present and past.
2. Present 25 members.
3. Apologies for absence received from Terry Hewitt, Liz Brown, Marie and Howard Cooper, Jeanette Reffell, Gerard Houlton. Kathleen sent the best wishes of the group to Peter Hatfield.
4. The minutes of the last meeting March 20th 2023 accepted as a true record.
5. Update of local issues.
6. **S106 money** (East Lancs. Service Road extensions to carriageway) Any communication from Wigan Council to the residents of the service road is yet to be received. Colin Disley outlined current problems of standing traffic and noise/vibration before any changes were made to potentially bring the East Lancs. closer to their doors. Graham Wardle explained that Wigan had refused to accept the complaint made to them on 28.04.23 jointly by the 5 Lowton Residents Groups. A further Stage 1 complaint letter to be sent. He is liaising with potentially affected residents to complete Stages 1 and 2 Complaints and, if necessary, take it to the Ombudsman.
7. **Completion of Atherleigh Way.** A joint meeting to be held on June 19th with TfGM, Warrington, St Helens and Wigan Councils, National Highways, James Grundy MP, three reps from LHSRG and Chaired by Andy Burnham. Graham pointed out the considerable cost to drivers who are delayed daily by the congestion. MoT to be consulted to confirm figures to assist Business Case for bypass. Kath Houlton had received 24 letters in support of the bypass which James Grundy MP had taken to Westminster. (Post meeting James Grundy confirmed that 700 letters had been received by MoT in support of bypass from local residents.) Warrington are not in favour of the bypass. Julia Rigby pointed out a water pipeline running alongside the railway and there is erosion at the side of the rail track which may have implications to the route.

Emma Fox suggested a street survey be conducted to ascertain driver/public opinion. Letter to be written to the Minister to reinforce residents’ views.

1. **Air quality.** Still awaiting confirmation of 2022 NO2 levels from DEFRA due shortly. Christine Hill expressed concern over toxic air on walking route to St Luke’s school on Church Lane. The current monitor is adjacent to East Lancs, but we could ask for it to be moved. Ed Houlton explained that Lowton had the greatest number of monitors in the Borough. Wigan had rejected children carrying monitors on the school run as the results could not be bias adjusted.
2. **Moving traffic powers** for an effective ANPR camera on Winwick Lane have been accepted by Parliament. This should come into force on 22.07.23. This will enable miscreant drivers to initially receive a warning letter from the Council rather than the Police. A prosecution letter will be sent for a further offence.
3. ‘**Dolly’s Stud’** Winwick Lane is a waste management operation. Two Enforcement notices have been served on the landowner and site operator for operational development and change of land use. The landowner lodged an appeal on 12.04.23. There will be Planning Inquiry. LHSRG have asked to be kept informed by the Planning Inspectorate. We await a start date.
4. **Airfield** Planning Application. The application for 4 hangars initially turned down has been appealed. We await a planning decision from the Planning Inspectorate, due imminently.
5. **Highfield Moss.** Considerable damage has been carried out by adults as well as youths. Kathleen read out a summary of the damage being perpetrated as described by a local resident, see attached. Photos were circulated of the damage. The following agencies are aware of the ongoing situation – Greenheart, Network Rail, British Transport Police, Greater Manchester Police, Wigan Council Footpaths Officer.
6. **Coronation** Celebrations. LHSRG ran a competition for the best decorated properties to enhance community. Many houses bedecked with bunting and flags. 4 Decoration Awards (£25) were made by independent judges from Kenyon Hall. Two ‘Coronation’ Trees to be planted on Mt Tabor. Thanks to Andy and Christine. A most enjoyable Street party was held on Newton Road.
7. **Wigan Local Plan.** This sits beneath the Greater Manchester ‘Places for Everyone’ being considered by the Planning Inspectorate**.** Gareth Edwards and Grahamurged residents to carefully read the plan and comment when it is published later in the year. The results of which will last 20 years. Once something is in Local Plan it cannot be objected to. The new homes along the East Lancs. were in the 2006 plan.

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1. Emma Fox informed the meeting of a spate of **break ins** in the Delamere Avenue area. Residents should be on their guard. A WhatsApp group already formed. If you are interested in joining contact murray.jason@outlook.com Also a neighbourhood Watch scheme is being considered in St Catherine’s Gardens.
2. **Diggle Green.** Emma also reported thatvehicles accessing Diggle Green recycling site continue to operate outside licensed hours 8.30am to 5pm. Residents should report this to Warrington Council on 01925 443322 /Environment Agency on 03708 506506. Flooding issues have been reported on Kenyon Lane possibly due to debris falling from vehicles and blocking drains.