

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2018

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

Number of attendees: 19

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillor Ed Houlton, Ann and Colin Lowe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 which had been circulated by email, were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Parkside: Currently planning applications for Phase 1 and the Link Road have been submitted. A number of representatives attended the Warrington Council meeting in the hope that they would object to the proposal of the link road, which they did, after listening to the objections of local people and taking into consideration the number of written objections. A meeting has been arranged with Andy Burnham in August to request his support in objecting to the proposals and to ascertain what course of action we could take also to inform him of the effect this development would have on Lowton. Connor McGinn MP has written suggesting that the site should be on brownfield land and not greenbelt.

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson reported that there has been a significant decrease in HGVs travelling down the Lane. Hauliers whose lorries continue to use the lane have been written to. The results of the experimental survey will be available after August as well as the NO2 levels after which we await Warrington's response. Councillor Houlton reported that on the 22nd June the Police monitored the traffic and a report was received which showed that the signage is not adequate and should be on both sides of the road. The signs should say 'No Access to HGVs' they currently say 'Access only' when the lorries are stopped the drivers respond that they are accessing the M6. There is to be a meeting at the Town Hall with Paul Barton to correct the signage. There are also a number of incorrect signs in the area since the Lane was de-primed which should have a white background and these also need changing.

Planning Application for Kenyon Lane Nursery: Nothing further to report.

HS2: Two consultations in the form of 'drop-in' centres took place in Culcheth and Lowton. Maps were on display showing the route and the proposed changes to local roads. There is to be a tunnel underneath the East Lancashire road but no mention was made of the cut and cover which had been requested, this request appears to have been ignored.

Diggle Green: There has been a great improvement with no smells reported. Councillor Houlton requested that Constable, Dave Mayo visit the site to request that all tractors and trailers should not exceed 25mph, this has been done and Mr. Broster has informed his staff.

Five Acres: Nothing further to report since the last meeting.

St. Catherine's: Nothing has been received for planning.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank statement was read out.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Bowling Competition: It is proposed to hold a Bowling Competition sometime late August. A note will be sent via email.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litter pick: This was cancelled due to holidays. It was proposed to request a joint litter pick with the West Lowton group to work down the East Lancs road to McDonalds and the other group do the area around McDonalds.

Air Pollution Sub-Committee: It was suggested that the group could buy our own monitors and carry out our own survey as the devices are not very expensive.

Pond Clearing: The pond which had dried up behind St. Catherine's school, has now been cleared of all the debris by representatives of LENDF.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Tunnel Top Accidents and Road Surface: There have been a number of accidents recently and the road surface seems to be wearing away with the road markings becoming very worn. Jane Adamson has written to Kenny Strode who responded saying that the Engineers have examined the area and the road is not worn enough to warrant resurfacing at the moment. A traffic survey shows that 40,000 vehicles use Kenyon Lane every week.

Bloor Homes: This company is proposing to build more homes along the East Lancs road. Councillor Grundy has objected to this as it breaches the number of houses agreed by the Inspector, there are currently 300 more homes than the number agreed 5 years ago. The Greater Manchester spatial framework is delayed until later this year as it looks like it is to be massively rewritten. There is a new standard set of rules which has resulted in Wigan having to reduce the amount of projected homes. The Chairman requested that objections be sent to Wigan and a letter on behalf of this group will be sent.

Kenyon Airfield: An accident took place there approximately three weeks ago with an aircraft crashing into a bush and onto the public footpath. The pilot was taken to hospital and the accident is being investigated by the CAA.

HS2 Byrom Hall Wood: The footpath is to be maintained. The embankment will be lower than initially suggested.

Notice Board: This is in need of some repair work and a request was made for anyone who is able to repair it to do so also ensuring that the hinges are replaced on the side rather than the top of the notice board. The landlord's permission may be required for this work to take place.

Susan Spibey is trying to set up a new Neighbourhood Forum for Golborne.

Heath Lane: A report was received that the tarmac at the end of Heath Lane where it joins Newton Road is really worn.

Next Meeting: Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub.