

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2017

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Secretary - Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 25

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from A. Lowe, C. Johnson, L. Nordmann, G.Houlton

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2017 which had been circulated via email, were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Parkside Development: The planning application for the development is thought likely to be submitted early summer 2018. Objections to this will have to be submitted individually with name, address and reasons for objections.

Winwick Lane: It was reported at the last LENDF meeting that Winwick Lane would be weight restricted south bound, this was information obtained from Jo Platt's office. However an email subsequently received from Karl Battersby and Danny Orrell denied this was the case. The latest information received after Gill had spoken to their office is that it is proposed to carry out the weight restriction, signage will be installed on the East Lancs Road and Warrington Council will be informed. The weight restriction will extend to Dolly's Bridge. The question of the permanent traffic order having to go to consultation was raised and a lengthy discussion regarding HGVs took place.

HS2: There is nothing further to report. A meeting with Jo Platt and HS2 is being organised.

Delamere Avenue/Winton Road: A meeting of the residents and Council representatives has been organised. The council has put forward their proposal which will be discussed at a meeting.

Florida Farm: This topic has now finished.

Mount Tabor Working Party: Thanks were expressed to those who helped. The woodland area was tidied between the trees. The afternoon closed with coffee and a parkin picnic.

Five Acre Development: The property is still up for sale

St. Catherine's Church: The church has now been demolished and the site will be seeded and grassed. The garden of remembrance will be retained. The site will be managed and kept in good repair with steps taken to deter illegal access.

Lancashire Aero Club: A planning application was put to Warrington Council for the entrance to the area to be widened and improved. This has been passed. Any further planning applications to Wigan will be reported to this meeting.

Bloor Homes Hoarding: Objections have been sent to the Council regarding the proposal to put a very large hoarding up at the side of the East Lancs Road – it was felt this will be a big distraction to drivers in an area of lots of traffic lights and turnings.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The treasurer read out the current bank balance.

DATES FOR DIARY:

The Bowling Tournament unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the surface being waterlogged. It is hoped to have a tournament in the spring.

Carols round the Christmas Tree in Winton Road: Sunday 3rd December at 4.00 pm. Father Christmas will also be in attendance.

Darts and Dominoes Evening: This will be arranged for early spring.

7th December at 7.30pm Hospice Carol Service at Heath Street Methodist church.

13th December at 7.00pm Community Carol Service at the Independent Methodist church

13th December at 7.30pm Carol Service with Roberts Brass Band and the Manchester Scot's Guards at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows

Christmas Day at Heath Street Methodist Church 'All we need is You' meals for Christmas will be available for someone who needs a meal – please contact LHSRG Gill 01942 677578.

St. Mary's Church Lowton – Christmas Tree Festival commences Thursday 30th November till Sunday 3rd December. There will also be a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litter picks will be postponed until better weather.

Waste Bin Kenyon Lane: A request was made by a resident of Kenyon Lane for a waste bin to be placed along the lane. This will be organised by Councillor Kath Houlton.

Air Pollution: A sub-committee will be put together to look at air pollution as this area is a known black spot in Greater Manchester. The information gained could be fed into the Spatial Framework which is currently being put together. A freedom of information request is to be made to the Council so that any current figures which are available on air pollution can be looked at. This information could also be used when objecting to extra traffic and buildings in the area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Local Walks: A walk is to be organised round Byrom Wood as there are a number of pathways between the trees. An email will be sent when a date has been organised.

Village Green: A sign is being organised with input from the Environmental Agencies.

Traffic Count: A number of sensors and cameras have appeared in the area and a traffic census is being carried out by both Peel Holdings and HS2. Councillor Grundy will enquire what the traffic survey is for which is being carried out by HS2.

Newsletter: It is proposed to issue a newsletter before Christmas.

Bowling Club: A contribution is to be made to the Bowling Club for allowing us to use their green.

OLV: It was reported that a Highways England email had been received giving information that a number of projects were being brought forward which included the smart motorway implementation from junction 21A to junction 26. Also major alterations were to be made to junction 22. Traffic lights are to be installed at 21A going onto the M62.

Tree at St. Luke's Church Lowton – an old tree which overhung the stocks has been taken down and new tree purchased to replace it. The war memorial at St. Luke's is to be restored with a grant received from the War Memorial Trust and funds from local Councillors. This will be completed to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war.

Tree Preservation: Some residents in Heath Lane are requesting tree preservation orders – the person to contact is Andy Smallshaw.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub.