

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY 2016

- 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 had been received from Councillor Ed Houlton, Denis Eubank, Alan & Jean Woodcock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2016 which had been sent out by email were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

All matters from the last minutes are to be raised under the heading 'update on local issues'.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

Diggle Green: The initial application No. 2015/25283 and subsequent public enquiry has been withdrawn and a re-application No. 2016/28356 has been made. All the objections to the original application will no longer apply and a new set of objections will be required. Residents need to be made aware of this and re-submit their objections quoting the new application number. The closing date for objections is the 28th July 2016. A pro-forma letter will be put together and distributed locally. There have also been a large number of complaints made to the Environment Agency regarding the odours being emitted from the site.

Addendum: The Minute says the original application was withdrawn. In fact it was not withdrawn and will only be withdrawn if the new application (2016/28356) is passed. If this is not passed then the previous application (2015/25283) will stand.

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson reported that the de-priming meeting was held on Friday 8th July at the Town Hall with Andy Burnham, three Councils and Highways England in attendance. The next step is to put into place an Experimental Traffic Order to stop HGVs using the Lane. Culcheth and Croft Parish Councils object to this. Karl Battersby from Wigan Council has offered to put funds into a study of the local lanes. However, Warrington Council have objected to putting funds into the study as they want to look at the whole area and the impact of HGVs leaving junction 21 and the M62. Highways England to look at remodelling studies. A further meeting will be held in November.

Lancashire Aero Club Planning Application: Nothing to report.

HS2: Phase 1 from London to Birmingham, work is planned to commence early 2017. The decisions regarding Phase 2, which includes the line going through Golborne, are scheduled to be made in the Autumn. A decision has already been taken to remove the line scheduled to go to Meadowhall and move it to Sheffield station.

Mount Tabor: Bollards are to be erected at the track entrance to Mount Tabor. There are still two horses in the field, one of the original two removed and a new one introduced. It was reported that the large numbers of people who used to walk across the area no longer do so. The field and track have become very badly churned up by the horses and vehicles. The public footpath No. 84 is also

now becoming overgrown. Requests have been made to Liz Parry's assistant at the Council to have the grass cut and Kath Houlton will pursue.

Delamere/Winton Road: Terry Hewitt reported that he is in receipt of the speed gun and the high visibility vest. He has been recording the numbers and speed of traffic using the roads between 7.00 and 8.30am. Some days up to 70 vehicles use the road as a 'rat run' to avoid the queues at the traffic lights at Kenyon Lane. The information collected has been passed to Richard Beamer at the Council and his proposal is awaited.

Travellers: The bund is now in place in Winton Road as some of the residents did not want a fence. Ann Lowe would like to thank all those residents who helped to stop the travellers returning by parking their cars across the field and also Karl Battersby who so quickly organised for the bund to be completed. Councillor Grundy gave an update of the bunds and barriers which had been put in place in the area.

Railway Crossing: A letter has been sent to Network Rail to request a footbridge. A team has been out to inspect the crossing and have suggested initially a 'kissing gate' and eventually a footbridge to be put in place. After discussion with Ray Bent the need for two footbridges for footpaths 89 and 94 are actually required, not one, as had been requested. A further letter will be sent. It was also noted that the gateway which led to the memorial monument off Parkside Road has been sealed up.

Parkside: Derek Walkden reported that there was no news. (However, after the De-priming meeting, Kevin Hargreaves said he had seen the first phase of the plan and nothing affected Wigan Council. He does not feel that Phase 2 will come into operation.) Ray Bent had met with representatives from St. Helens Council and it was generally felt that the area would not be used for a Rail Freight Terminal. The PAG group would not object if the site was used for offices but they would object to HGVs using the site.

Bloor Homes: Councillor Grundy reported that this has not gone to planning yet. Wain Homes are the main objector as they have paid to put the road infrastructure into place and Bloor Homes have not.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank balance was read out. Ed Thwaite reported that the group may be able to obtain a grant from the One Stop Shop in Church Lane as community grants are available. Application forms are available on the internet. The Co-op also give community grants.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Wednesday 14th September 1-4pm at the Social Club Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme (tickets available from LENDF)

Saturday 15th October – Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 6th August 10-12noon – Litter Pick meet at the Red Lion

Saturday 20th August 10-12noon – Cutting of weeds on Mount Tabor (volunteers required)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litter Pick with LENDF was held. Another to be held at Lane Head on 6th August.

Mount Tabor: Volunteers required for cutting weeds, it was suggested meeting at 10am on Saturday 20th August. Colin Johnson also reported that the wooden sign which had been erected on Mount Tabor had been stolen. Councillor Grundy offered to make money available for a new one.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Open Gardens Day: Three gardens were opened, Sue Bradshaw's, Jane Adamson's and Les Bagshaws. Afternoon tea and wine was available at Sue's and the day was very successful. The sum of £450 was raised and at Sue's request this will be donated to Wigan and Leigh Young Carers charity.

Bowling Event: To be organised by Denis Eubank and Howard Cooper.

Race Night: To be organised, it was suggested the Social Club be used rather than Haydock Park Golf Club as this was closer for people.

Local Walks: The Chairman suggested putting some local walks together and having these printed and left in local pubs, libraries and doctors' surgeries, etc.

St. Catherine's Church: The question was raised as to what is happening with the Church. Councillor Grundy responded that no planning application had been put forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 19th September at 7.30 pm in the Red Lion Pub.