

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2017

- Stand-in Chairman – Ann Lowe, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 22

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from C&K Johnson, D Eubank, G Dickinson, R&S Guest, Councillor Ed Houlton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (20th March 2017): The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Winwick Lane: Following a very amicable meeting at Leigh Town Hall the Councillors from Croft, Culcheth and Glazebury then objected to the proposed Permanent Traffic Order being placed on Winwick Lane. An article which appeared in Culcheth Life written by Helen Jones MP was read out to the meeting in which she objected to the de-priming of Winwick Lane.

Diggle Green: It was generally agreed that the smells are not as frequent during the day but complaints have been received of them in the night. Karl Battersby has been invited to attend a LENDF meeting in the future to discuss the problems of smells, traffic speeding, etc and what options can be explored.

HS2: Ed Thwaite reported that due to the forthcoming general election the project appears to be on hold. Raj was due to attend the LENDF meeting but has cancelled. The project could be mentioned in the manifesto which has not yet been published.

Delamere and Winton Road; Richard Beamer, who was dealing with the issue has moved and the new person taking his place is Kenny Strode. The proposals of creating a cul-de-sac will be discussed at the next Highways Unit meeting at the beginning of June after which the residents of Winton and Delamere will be invited for their views.

Florida Farm: A meeting was held on 10th May at Winwick Leisure Centre which was attended by local residents' groups and other townships. St. Helens MBC has passed the Florida Farm project with complete disregard to the 2000+ objections. The project was approved by 'delegated powers' and without being voted on by the Planning Committee. Support is sought from our Group and all other groups locally. A website has opened requesting funding for a potential legal challenge and raised £1500 in three days. A protest Rally is planned at St. Helens Town Hall on 12th July at 1.15pm and people are requested to attend.

Parkside: It was reported that the proposed development could have problems with road and rail access. A further application could be made for residential housing – awaiting confirmation of this.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer read out the balance in the bank.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Circular Walk from Mount Tabor – this will be announced via gmail but will be towards the end of June.

Tuesday 6th June 7.30-9.00 Police Meeting at St. Mary's Community Hall, Lowton

Sunday 2nd July 2-5pm Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea – 9 Winwick Lane – raising funds for Epiphany projects (Admission £3)

14th October Last Night of the Proms at Lowton Social Club.

Tuesday 14th November talk on ‘Kenyon Junction Murders’ followed by quiz at Golborne Sports and Social Club.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litter Pick: Saturday 24th June meet 10.00am at the Red Lion car park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Local Walks: The leaflets are being produced.

Open Bowling: Every Friday 3-5 at the Red Lion bowling green. Evening sessions 6-8 are also proposed. It is proposed to try to request funding for repairs to the pavilion. A grant for the Bowling Section has already been received to improve the fencing.

Car Showroom: Plans are being put forward to convert the showroom into an Italian Restaurant. Car parking issues were discussed.

St. Catherine’s Church: It was reported that the Church will be demolished in the next couple of months. Some of the burial plots still remain on the site and this area will become a memorial garden. Concern was expressed regarding travellers gaining access to the site. Councillor Kath Houlton to write to the diocese.

Book Club: It is proposed to start this in a month with meetings being held at Haydock Park Golf Club possibly on Wednesdays. A note will be issued via gmail.

Minutes in the Notice Board at the Red Lion: Les Bagshaw will ensure the minutes are put in there.

Rose Centre (Civic Hall): The Council was unable to buy back the Civic Hall and a planning application for housing on the footprint of the hall and car park is being put forward to the Council.

Kenyon Junction: It is hoped that this will be included in the Transport for Greater Manchester 10-year plan. Andy Burnham the Mayor of Manchester is supporting this.

Slag Lane Tip: Concern was expressed that the new contractors running the tip will not allow residents with a WA3 postcode to use the tip. Councillor Grundy will report this to the Council as it is in contravention of their contract.

General Election Representatives:

Conservative candidate - James Grundy

Labour candidate – Jo Platt

UKIP candidate – Mark Bradley

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 17th July 2017 at the Red Lion.