

Minutes Lane Head South Residents' Group, 7-15p.m. on Monday Nov. 21st

Conference Room, Travelodge, Lane Head, Lowton

1. Kathleen welcomed everyone especially the new members from the East Lancs access road. 14 present.
2. Apologies for absence from 6 members.
3. Minutes of last meeting, 26th September 2022, were accepted as a true record.
4. Financial Report in the absence of our Treasurer - as of last meeting.
5. Local Issues.
 - a) Winwick Lane weight limit northbound. We await the completion of the Link Road in 2023 when Warrington will hopefully revisit the weight restriction. HGV drivers would be able to return to the M6 via the new Link Road roundabout.
 - b) The Council have applied for and have consulted on 'Moving Traffic Powers' giving Wigan rather than the Police the facility and the resources to prosecute drivers who flout the weight restriction. They would place an Automated Number Plate Recognition camera on Winwick Lane. One of four in Wigan. A significant number of residents have supported this.
 - c) The Council have erected a 'No construction traffic' sign (for Parkside) pointing to Lime Grove rather than Winwick Lane. A correct sign has been requested.
 - d) There was a positive open discussion re S106 money being spend on a new left hand turn at the junction of the East Lancs/Newton Road. Counc. Ed Houlton to request a motion in full Council rejecting the East Lancs access road. It was felt that Wigan officers would be reluctant to go back to Cabinet to rescind the decision. Residents' Groups at a recent meeting with Wigan officers agreed to visit all East Lancs access road residents.

The following issues were discussed.

- Residents stated they had not received the consultation questionnaire in February 2021.
- Pollution, dust, vibration, noise and damage to residents' cars will increase.
- The narrowing of access road will make it even more difficult for emergency vehicles, bin lorries and cyclists. Some houses do not have a drive and it is illegal for cars to park on pavement. Access to properties by car will be even more difficult.
- The access road is bi – directional but with a no-entry at the entrance on the East Lancs. Many motorists flout this and use the access road to save time queuing on the East Lancs. Residents concerned which direction the narrowed road would take.
- Gas pipe runs through the area. Cadent advised of this.
- Motorists illegally take a short cut through the access road to avoid queuing at the lights can be abusive if checked.
- It would be impossible for an artic truck to access the business at Whitegates.
- Compensation if the further lane goes ahead was discussed. Residents should look at deeds and Home Insurance policies.
- Should the press be involved?
- There is a precedent for overturning a Cabinet S106 decision at School Lane in Standish.

Kathleen to make enquiries re - access road entrance on the East Lancs Road.

It was agreed that residents need to get together to provide photographic/CCTV and other evidence and share this with the Police.

- e) Tunnel Top. Council Officers, Councillors Marie Cooper and Kath Houlton have met with a resident from Tunnel Top re- the dangerous junction at Kenyon/Wilton Lane. A plan for a mini roundabout was agreed as long ago as 2003. The Council is to look into safety improvements.
- f) 'Bliss' parking. There appears to have been an increase in large vehicles parking in an area beyond Locking Stoops Farm creating a nuisance to local residents. A new planning application has been placed in front of the Council.
- g) LaGTAC has acquired a speed gun for two weeks in September. Please contact LHSRG if you would be prepared to undertake training in its use locally.
- h) We have been given 100 purple crocus bulbs which we hope to plant near the Christmas tree at the end of Winton Road.
- i) Leigh East Football club at Hesketh Meadow. There is a suggestion that the name Lowton should appear in its name to give ownership to Lowton children. There is a proposal for a Club House which might also be used by the community.

6. Dates for Diary

Carols 'Round the Tree Sunday 4th December @ 4pm - Corner of Winton and Newton Roads. Brass Band and Father Christmas, courtesy of the Rotary.

'Roberts Bakery' Brass Band Concert St Peter's Church 14th December @ 7.30pm.

Epiphany Trust Carol Service 15th December @ 7pm Lowton IM Church.