

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2016

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 31

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to this her first meeting in the Chair and expressed her pleasure at seeing so many people in attendance. She also congratulated Councillor Grundy on his recent re-election to Wigan Council. Apologies had been received from Denis Eubank and Susan Bradshaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2016 which had been sent out by email were proposed and 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

Winwick Lane: After many years of determined and unyielding effort Gill Dickinson has now, on behalf of LHSRG, finally achieved the de-priming of Winwick Lane. The Lane will no longer be a prime route on satellite navigations and all signage in the area will eventually be changed. The de-priming also includes Newton Road from Winwick Lane to the East Lancashire road. As a mark of the group's appreciation Gill was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Gill thanked everyone and went on to explain that after the several meetings which had taken place at the Town Hall under the Chair of Andy Burnham and Councillor Grundy this was just the start. Lorries will no doubt still use the Lane until it has a weight restriction placed upon it. Warrington Council however, currently object to this and surveys are to be carried out to prove that Croft will not be adversely affected with HGVs travelling through their village. Councillor Grundy expressed his appreciation of the effort of Karl Battersby, the new Director of Economy and Environment, who since his appointment has helped with the de-priming. A letter will be sent from LHSRG thanking him for moving this project along.

Diggle Green: As was reported at the last meeting the Appeal by Mr. Broster will go to a Public Enquiry which will be held at either the end of the year or beginning of 2017. However, in the meantime if there are any unpleasant odours detected residents must still ring the Environment Agency to log their complaints. Tel No: Freephone 0800 807060 (this is a 24hour manned number). After discussion it was requested that the original conditions of planning for Diggle Green be circulated to members so that if a breach is observed it can be reported to Warrington Council, this will help to build up the case for the Enquiry. The number of the Planning Application is 2015/25283 which can be found on www.warrington.gov.uk

Lancashire Aero Club Planning Application: No update has been received, however, yesterday was a 'flying day' with a number of light aircraft using the site and some aircraft were reported to be flying in very low and four aircraft did not use the flight path. The last aircraft took off and did a loop of the field on its side. Councillor Grundy reported that members will be elected to the Planning Committee now that the Council Elections have taken place and the hearing could be as soon as June. The outcome will depend on the response of Natural England.

HS2:

A final decision is still awaited on the route to be taken by HS2. Discussions took place on the different routes which were under consultation. A drop-in will be held in Golborne High School on

the 18th May for all those who are currently unable to sell their homes as they may be affected by the HS2 route and may be able to claim through the Exceptional Hardship Scheme. Ray Bent spoke to the importance of the Manchester Airport connection to HS2 also Liverpool's desire to be linked in.

Delamere Road/Winton Road

Terry Hewitt reported that he has been in contact with the Council and will be receiving training on using the speed guns. Ann Lowe volunteered to help in any way possible and will also liaise with the Council. The question of speed bumps was raised. The general feeling was that a filter system on the traffic lights at Kenyon Lane would improve the situation as the complaint was also the large numbers of cars using the roads as a 'rat-run'. LHSRG to write to Richard Beamer regarding the queueing traffic at Lane Head. Councillor Kath Houlton has also requested a site visit for a filter system to be put on the traffic lights at Winwick Lane for traffic turning right from Newton Road. At the Winton Road Play Area the roundabout has been reinstalled.

Mount Tabor:

The Chairman spoke regarding the intrusion of fencing being erected and horses grazing on the area known locally as 'common land' by Mount Tabor. This land has habitually been used as a public amenity, but its ownership is unclear. Archives show that it was owned by the 'poor of Lowton' at the end of the 19th century. Gill Dickinson read out to the meeting the list of actions which are and have been undertaken. In the meantime it was requested that local people continue to use the site to walk across as much as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The bank statement was available for people to view.

DATES FOR DIARY:

1st June at 7.30 pm Parkside Action Group meeting at Winwick Leisure Centre volunteers to join the group are requested.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Mount Tabor working party: Anyone wishing to help with grass cutting and general maintenance of Jubilee Wood please get in touch with Colin or Kathleen Johnson at any time.

Litterpicking: The last litterpick was not very well attended. Sue Guest reported that she had spoken to a Council worker who was picking up litter around the traffic lights at Kenyon Lane and he reported that someone should be picking up litter in the area every Thursday.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Open Garden Day: Discussions still taking place and a meeting with Sue Bradshaw to be arranged.

Bowling Competition: Les Bagshaw does not wish to organise this event and it was suggested that if he could pass all the details over someone else may organise it. Denis Eubank and Howard Cooper were proposed.

Race Night/Local Walks to be deferred till next meeting.

Bloor & Bellway Homes: Objections have been raised and sent to the Council however, there is still time to put an objection in. The Planning Applications may be heard in June.

Railway Crossing (safety): Ray Bent reported that Network Rail have looked at the crossing with a view to modifying it. He gave an update on the proposed trains which will be using this line in the future there will be many more faster and longer trains. By the end of 2019 there will be up to 20 trains an hour. This makes a good case for the erection of a footbridge and Councillor Kath Houlton will write to Network Rail requesting this

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11th July at 7.30 pm in the Red Lion pub