

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH 2017

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson
Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 24
- Apologies: D.Eubank, R&S Guest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM held on 21st March 2016 which had previously been circulated by email were proposed and seconded as a true record.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Chairman gave the following report:

This has been my first year as Chairwoman and I would like to begin by saying a big 'thank you' for the support and help I have received, particularly from Ann, Gill, Marie, Howard, Denis and Colin, with their words of wisdom and timely advice! We have had an eventful year, starting with 'traveller' problems regarding which we are grateful for the Council's help with the provision of bunds and barriers to deter future incursions on vulnerable land. We also owe thanks to the Houlton Family on this matter for their all-night vigil to protect a particularly vulnerable space. More recently we have had a spate of burglaries which are currently being dealt with and we are hoping that a positive outcome will ensue. Two major planning meetings were attended, one for Diggle Green and the other for Lancashire Aero Club. Both of these plans were challenged but unfortunately both were approved. The application for a 24-hour licence at the Lane Head garage was also opposed but approved.

On the other hand, Gill's continued four-year long campaign to reduce the traffic on Winwick Lane is showing positive signs of progress. We have also succeeded in obtaining the status of 'Asset of Community Value' for the open land known as 'Mount Tabor' and used by the public. The application for legal Village Green status is now being considered. Terry and Ann are working hard to deter the use of Winton Avenue and Delamere Road as a 'rat-run'. The major issue facing us in the future continues to be the number of development plans by housebuilders. We have already attempted to oppose the sheer size and quantity of these, but having initially seemed to have some success at the hearing before the Inspector some years ago, the numbers are once again creeping up – planners and developers do not seem to recognise saturation point, so this will continue to require perseverance and hard work on our part. Our help will also be needed to support other local communities such as Newton, Ashton and Haydock, which are similarly threatened. In spite of these serious issues we have managed to enjoy social events together and hope to arrange more during the forthcoming year.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: The report and accounts for the year were read out by the Treasurer and made available for anyone to look at.

ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Chairman commented that the five existing officers are willing to stand for re-election in the absence of any other nominations.

Chairman	Kathleen Johnson
Deputy Chairman	Denis Eubank
Secretary	Gill Dickinson
Treasurer	Howard Cooper
Minutes Secretary	Marie Cooper

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS: Officers will be elected as and when required.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None