

**MINUTES OF LHSRG MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2024 AT THE
TRAVEL LODGE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Kathleen Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Andy and Heather Lomas are to be new members of the management committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of 20th May 2024 previously circulated by email were proposed, seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Total money in the bank and including cash in hand is £1535.63.

LOCAL ISSUES:

Air Quality: In the absence of Council representatives Gill Dickinson spoke to the air quality issue in Winwick Lane. The air quality figures are normally available in June but apparently they are not out yet. In 2022 the levels were significantly high with readings of 45.3 while 40 is the legal maximum. In March Steven Riley mentioned that a business case was being put forward which he would let us have in April but this has not materialised. An ANPR camera was due in February but not yet installed. Letters have been sent to the Council on these issues.

The question was raised as to whether our local Councillors are chasing up these issues but unfortunately none had attended the meeting this evening. It is requested that perhaps the Councillors could inform the meeting if they are unable to attend.

A gas leak has been reported in Winwick Lane and this has been repaired by Cadent in two houses but it is possible that the gas main which runs down the Lane has been damaged. This could be as a result of the large number of lorries using the Lane. Between January 2023 and June 2024 more than 100 closures of the M6 resulting in diversions along Newton Road and Winwick Lane as more lorries are using the Lane. Gill to write to the Council and report this incident.

S106 funding: The consultation by the Council with the residents of the slip road off the East Lancs Road has not yet taken place. There has been no communication from the Council since a letter was sent in December last year. A Council response has been requested.

Update from Councillors: A number of queries raised by residents at the last meeting were:

- issues regarding footpaths becoming narrower due to grass not being cut back;
- a request for a doggy bag bin being placed on Winton Road parkland;
- local circular bus travelling from Leigh to Kenyon Lane and on to Culcheth and back to Leigh so that cars don't have to travel into Culcheth;
- request for planters on the railings at Winwick Lane.

So far no response has been received to these queries.

Section 59 Notices: These have not yet been erected on Highfield Moss.

Dollys Bridge Appeal: This has gone to the Planning Inspectorate, however on the planning website there is mention that it could be rescinded.

Winton Road Play Area: Work is now in progress to upgrade the playground.

Police Update: The PCSO's used to call regularly at St. Mary's giving updates on issues in the area but since the change in personnel this now does not take place. However at the LENDF meeting on the 12th August Inspector Crossthwaite will be giving an update.

Community Speed Watch: Professor Wardle gave an update he is currently the only resident who is a fully trained GMP-PSV-CSW member for Lowton and Golborne, two others are currently in training with a further five residents registering their interest. The recruits are not front-line police officers but are passive observers who can issue warning letters to speeding motorists via GMP liaison

officers. Areas where known speeding takes place have been reported to the police and the volunteers will work closely with GMP traffic enforcement officers and conduct joint exercises.

Local Traffic and Transport Plans for Lowton and Golborne: Following on from a meeting in January 2024 there has been no further consultations with the Council regarding the following: Wigan Local Plan; Draft Wigan Transport Strategy document; Extension of the Atherleigh bypass; Consideration of Bus and Cycle routes to Golborne Station; Modifications to East Lancs Road Junctions (£106 funded).

Reports from other Local Groups: Linda Graham from **Lowton West** has reported that there is vandalism in Byrom Wood with trees being cut and branches hung across pathways at a height which stops horse riders gaining access to pathways. Forestry England has been contacted and the local riding school has informed the Police.

LENDF is putting together a Parkside Consultation document regarding public transport to and from the site with the issue of buses to Culcheth via Croft and any other new bus routes to be considered. The aim is to improve public transport in this area.

LAGTAG: Dr James a local GP is attending their next meeting on the 12th August to answer questions about the problems residents are having with the GP practice at Braithwaite Road Surgery.

DATES FOR DIARY: a Bowling Event at the Red Lion bowling green will be held on Saturday 7th September at 1.30pm. All residents welcome even if you have never bowled.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Lowton Assets: Suggestions for assets are requested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16th September at 7.15pm in the Travel Lodge Conference Room.