

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2015

- Chairman – Ann Lowe, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 22

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially to Peter Hatfield whose attendance had been sorely missed during his lengthy illness. Apologies were received from C&K Johnson, R&S Guest and Councillor Grundy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2015, which had been sent out by email were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Old Lowton Calendar: The calendar is now being printed and the Chairman passed round a final draft, she requested that people list how many copies of the calendar they could sell. The price will be £5.50.

Golborne Island: Councillor K Houlton reported that she had been working with the Golborne Councillors and Murphys, work had now started to improve the island.

UPDATE OF LOCAL ISSUES:

Winwick Lane: A further meeting has been scheduled at Leigh Town Hall on Friday 25th September. However, letters requiring legal responses regarding depriving were only being sent out this week. {The meeting has now been postponed until 6th November.}

Diggle Green: The planning application put forward to expand the site has been rejected by Warrington Council. Some of the conditions imposed in the original planning application are not being enforced. The recent smells are an environmental issue and should be reported to the Environment Agency (0800 807060), but some have been attributed to United Utilities who are currently spraying local fields.

Kenyon Hall Farm Roadway: Councillor E Houlton has reported the laying of the farm track to the Planning Officer at Wigan. The request for the farm track may be included in the planning application for the Airfield, though the farm track is in Warrington and the airfield in Wigan boroughs.

Mount Tabor: Notes from Kathleen Johnson were passed around regarding the requirement for people to write letters supporting the Village Green status. On Friday 25th September at 11.30am it is proposed to erect a metal sign giving details of the history of Mount Tabor. Volunteers are requested.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Saturday 10th October – Last Night of the Proms at the Rose Centre – tickets available from Ed Thwaite and Irene Thomson.

Wednesday 14th October – Pensioners Party at Parkside Sports and Social Club

Saturday 17th October 10.00 – 4.00pm Craft Day in St. Luke's Church with traditional crafts on display.

Monday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion – Presentation by Peter Hatfield to raise awareness of organ donations and raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm – Carols round the Christmas Tree in Winton Road.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

The Moss: The Chairman reported that a rave had taken place and a steel gate had been removed and used as a barbeque grill. The gate belonged to Tod Bulmer who has reinstated the gate and cleaned the whole area.

Rose Centre: Ed Thwaite reported the recent incident of gypsies camping on the grounds at the Rose Centre and the effluent which is still prevalent there. Councillor E Houlton to report this to Donna Hall so the whole area can be cleaned.

Litter Bins: Councillor E Houlton to request the reinstatement of a litter bin which had recently been removed to be placed on the corner of Church Lane where it meets with the A580.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Solar Farm: A presentation had been attended by Councillor K Houlton regarding proposals to use a 20 acre field in Croft at Sharpe's Farm for a Solar Farm. No planning application has been put forward as yet, but discussions took place regarding other applications in Warrington which had been rejected. The issues of increased HGVs, disturbance by pylons being erected, high fencing encroaching on public footpaths, noise and light pollution, the disruption of cabling being laid and implications for wildlife were all discussed.

Rose Centre: Ed Thwaite reported on the sale of Formby Hall in Atherton which had been bought by Hilldale Holdings and the implications this may have for the Rose Centre. It had been reported back in 2011 that when the Halls were purchased the Council gave assurances that they were covered by a covenant which meant they could not be sold, however, the covenants were time based. He is currently looking at whether the Centre could be classed as an Asset of the Community which would provide planning protection.

Music Festival: The application for this Festival to take place over the Bank Holiday was refused but it will possibly be raised again next year.

Transport in Greater Manchester: Denis Eubank has put together a response from the Group. Councillor Houlton suggested a response from the group would be appropriate. However members who wish to send their own response are encouraged to do so.

Parking in Winton Road: Councillor E Houlton has suggested that he arrange a site visit with members of Wigan Council and residents to try and come up with a solution to the problem of parking and using the area as a rat run.

HS2: Announcements are still awaited.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion.