

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21ST MARCH 2016

- Chairman – Ann Lowe, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 30

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Denis Eubank, Peter Hatfield, Councillor Grundy and Ed Thwaite.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (18TH JANUARY 2016) At the last meeting Dan Matthewman had requested sight of the minutes, these were sent and he requested that some additions be inserted. The amendments were read out to the Group and agreement reached to include them into those minutes. The minutes of the 18th January will therefore be reissued to include the amendments.

MATTERS ARISING:

Mount Tabor: On Friday 11th March travellers arrived on the area known as 'Common Land' and started to erect a fence, the fence posts were removed but last Thursday a team of people erected a barbed wire fence. There are now two ponies in the field. The local Councillors had been informed and officers of the Council visited the site, however, there is confusion as to who owns the land. An application for Village Green status was in the process of being compiled, this has now been submitted and it is hoped that the site can be saved for future generations of Lowton people as it was intended. The possibility of a gate being placed across the entrance to Tabor Lane from Newton Road was mentioned. General discussion took place regarding the large number of traveller encampments in the area.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Winwick Lane: Agreement has been reached at the last meeting with Andy Burnham, Council representatives, Highways England and the Police that Winwick Lane is to be deprimed. The signage on surrounding roads will therefore be altered. It is hoped that traffic new to the area will heed the signs and not use Winwick Lane. Warrington Council however, do not agree and are to carry out a survey on traffic flows through Croft. The next step after depriming will be to put an Experimental Traffic Order and weight restriction on the Lane. The traffic flow at Haydock Island has an impact on this and survey results on the island are awaited. A further meeting will be held in July.

Diggle Green: An appeal has been submitted to Warrington Council. The issue has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate and a full Planning Enquiry will be held in a public venue. The Enquiry will be held either at the end of this year or early next year. Anyone wishing to make representation at the meeting needs to inform the Council before the 5th April 2016. All the original objections will be taken into account. Therefore anyone wishing to speak at the meeting needs to be registered. Alan Woodcock was asked to be the representative from this Group. It is not necessary to contact Warrington again unless there is additional information to put forward. (Post meeting: Alan Woodcock has volunteered to write to Warrington on behalf of LHSRG.)

Lancashire Aero Club Planning Application: Brian Lobell has written to all the professional bodies concerned and letters from local residents have been collected and submitted to the Council. Alan Woodcock reported that all the objections will be counted and the number submitted at the meeting, however, with the permission of the Committee Secretary individual members of the Planning Committee can be emailed stating the reasons for objecting. Gill has requested the email addresses. It was reported that Croft Parish Council have also strongly objected to the planning application.

HS2: It was reported at the LENDF meeting that as a result of Liverpool requesting to be linked into HS2 the original route through Taylor Industrial Park and the Linear Park could be moved further towards Croft. It is not known how this will affect the route through Lowton. The Chairman announced that Amanda White from Greater Manchester Transport will be speaking at the LENDF meeting on the 9th May.

Winton Road/Delamere: The residents are objecting to traffic using the road as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights on Kenyon Lane. Terry Hewitt will liaise with the Council and inform residents of any progress. A traffic survey is proposed for the new financial year and some residents are to put themselves forward to be trained for Community Speed Watch, this would give added information into the survey. Suggestions put forward were for an 'access only' sign on the road or to have a filter put on the traffic lights at Kenyon Lane in order that traffic can turn more easily especially at peak times. Councillor Houlton raised the issue of Haydock Island and the importance of keeping traffic flowing on the East Lancs. Also if the Atherleigh Way were to be extended to Junction 22 on the M6 this would solve many of the areas traffic problems.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer gave an update on the financial situation.

DATES FOR DIARY: A concert is to be held at the Civic Hall on Saturday 9th April at 7.30pm to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Golborne Brass Band and the Scots Guard Pipe Band will be playing. Tickets £5 from LENDF.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: A litter pick will take place on Saturday 2nd April, volunteers to meet at the Red Lion car park at 10.00am. Gloves, jackets and litter-pickers will be available on the day. A suggestion was made that more signs should be put up around the area asking people to stop dropping or throwing litter out of cars.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Open Garden Day – the date for this will be Sunday 19th June. Currently seven households have volunteered to open their gardens. These are along Newton Road, Winwick Lane and Kenyon Lane.
Bowling – Les Bagshaw will consider whether this is feasible again at the beginning of September.
Race Night – The Committee have looked into the possibility of holding a Race Night along with hotpot supper at Haydock Park Golf Club in the Autumn. This would raise monies for local charities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th May 7.30pm at the Red Lion pub.