

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 8th JUNE 2015

- Chairman – Ann Lowe, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 18

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Alan and Jean Woodcock, Derek Walkden and Howard Cooper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2015, which had been sent out by email were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Old Lowton Calendar: A specimen page of the calendar was passed around and a vote taken. The Group agreed with the format and the calendar will be sent for printing.

Visit to White Coppice Farm: The Chairman gave the date for the visit as the 19th July. Anyone interested in visiting the farm please give their names to the Chairman ASAP so that a booking can be made.

Dolly's Bridge: The Chairman gave an update on the land at Dolly's Bridge which had recently been sold. The Council had been informed of a caravan being delivered to the site and they are awaiting a planning application for this. The hardstanding which has been laid is for access to the proposed stables.

Kenyon Fruit Farm: The Chairman has spoken to Warrington Council regarding the line of hard-core which has been laid close to Dolly's Bridge giving access to agricultural vehicles for Tod Bulmer's Fruit Farm. This roadway was being used by cars at the weekend. An email had been received from Brian Lobell informing the Group that Lancashire Aero Club may well again be applying for planning permission to use the airstrip for 365 days. Sound surveys on the site had also been carried out. Councillor Ed Houlton is to issue a complaint regarding cars using the hard-core roadway as planning consent was only given for agricultural vehicles to use it.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson reported on the recent De-priming meeting at Leigh Town Hall. It was generally felt that the meeting was very positive, the only problem was funding. If this could be found the road could be de-primed within nine months. Highways England could fund the change of signage on the M6, 4 signs at £6,000. An approximate figure of £12,500 was given for the de-priming the Warrington section of the road and access points. Warrington is unable to give any funding. Wigan confirmed they can fund their section and access points. The ward councillors are going to look at the additional funding (Warrington's share.) The meeting also discussed the issue of a by-pass, and it was reported by Rob Owen that in order to receive funding a case would have to be put forward that proved an economic benefit to the area. A further meeting will be held at the beginning of October.

Mount Tabor/Village Green: Kathleen Johnson reported that the trees are all growing well and the paths at the moment are clear. Colin Johnson asked for volunteers to give perhaps an hour of their time whenever they can to help keep the weeds down and keep the areas around the trees clear. Thanks were expressed to Jack Moulden for his help. A new tenancy is being put together for Tabor Lane by the Council and this will ask the farmer to keep the lane clear for access by representatives of electricity and coal board.

Thanks were expressed to Steve Price who had donated a crab apple tree which has now been planted in Jubilee Wood in memory of his wife who died last year.

The Village Green application is ongoing – a statement of intent has to be sent before an application can be made. Also letters from local residents have to be sent giving their approval to the scheme.

Diggle Green Planning Application: The date for a decision could be September. A resident reported the erratic driving of an agricultural vehicle filled with compost which was very close to the pavement. The pavement is not very wide and the size of some of the vehicles and closeness to the pavement is very dangerous for pedestrians.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The current bank balance was read out to the meeting.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Monday, 22nd June 7.00 for 7.30 Indian Night at Eastern Revive in aid of Epiphany Trust

Saturday, 18th July Concert at All Saints Church, Golborne, with LGN Choir, Shade Black and and Footprint

Sunday, 19th July visit to White Coppice Farm - anyone intending to go please let Ann Lowe know.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

A litter-pick has been organised for Braithwaite Road on the 20th June. A further litter-pick for the Lane Head area has been organised for 4th July meet 10.00am at the Red Lion – volunteers are requested.

Litter Bins: It was reported that a number of litter bins in the area had been removed. Councillor Ed Houlton will report this and ensure they are put back.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Haydock Island: A briefing document was passed around which highlighted the problems which had been experienced improving the island. The completion date is now the 10th June.

Lamp posts: There are a number of old fashioned lamp posts in Kenyon, Delamere and Kirkham Roads. The Chairman requested that these not be renewed but restored. Councillor Grundy reported that it is a mandatory requirement by the Council to renew all old lamp posts and insert LED lights which are dramatically cheaper to run. Lamp posts over thirty years old are also uninsurable.

Christmas Tree: The Chairman reported that there are quite a lot of weeds growing around the Christmas Tree. Anyone passing – please pull out some weeds so that the area remains tidy.

Headland Close: Councillor Ed Houlton reported that there was no truth in the rumour that all the grass verges were to be tarmacked over

Cotswold Avenue: Some trees which are leaning dangerously or broken will be taken out.

Community Pubs: Ed Thwaite reported on a scheme whereby local pubs can be classed as Assets of Community Value and planning protection will be given to them. Listing a pub with the Council needs 20 people to support the nomination. Further information can be obtained from the CAMRA website www.camra.org.uk.

St. Catherine's Church: Permission to demolish the Church was given last year but no work has started. The Church has contacted family members whose relatives were laid to rest at the Remembrance Garden regarding relocation of their remains. Those who agreed to have the remains relocated work has begun.

NSPCC Croft Spring Walk: A note was received from Jean Woodcock thanking all those who took part and £643.00 was raised for Children in Need.

Golborne Island: It was proposed to send a letter to Wigan Council expressing the residents' objections to the state of the island and requesting that it be improved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub.