

## **LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 20

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor James Grundy, Councillor Ed Houlton, Ray Poulton, Ann Lowe, Richard & Sue Guest, Howard Cooper.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (11<sup>th</sup> July 2016):** An addendum had been sent out after the circulation of the Minutes, this was read out to the meeting. The minutes were subsequently proposed and seconded as a true record.

### **UPDATE OF LOCAL ISSUES**

**Winwick Lane:** Gill Dickinson reported that she had written to Karl Battersby at Wigan Council as at the last de-priming meeting it had been recorded that the signage in the area would be altered at the end of the summer. To date this had not been done. The request to Karl Battersby was for an update on progress and whether the proposed meetings between the Local Authorities and Highways England had taken place. She is currently awaiting a response.

**Diggle Green:** The recent application submitted to Warrington Council for approval to extend the amount of tonnage on the site had been approved, even though the Council members initially had opposed this and a large number of objections from residents had been received. The Head of the Planning Department recommended that the application be approved as he could not support a refusal at an Appeal Hearing and the cost of the hearing would be prohibitive. A local resident reported that vehicles were going into Diggle Green at 3.00am and 5.00am in the mornings. This is in contravention of the planning approval which states 'Organic waste for composting shall not be brought onto the site other than between the following hours: 09.00 to 17.00 hours on Mondays to Fridays and 08.00 to 16.00 hours on Saturdays.' It was suggested that residents keep logs of movements outside these hours and report those and any smells coming from the site to Wigan Council Environment (telephone no. 01942 489007). A list of the planning conditions are listed in the LENDF minutes on the LENDF website.

### **Lancashire Aero Club Planning Application:**

The application was passed and the club was given a twelve month licence to use the airstrip for 365 days. It was reported that an aircraft landing recently came into the site lower than the stipulated 500ft. Councillor Kath Houlton will find out what the twelve month licence allows the club to do and when it comes into force.

**HS2:** Ray Bent reported that the first quote for 7,000 tons of steel had been received for a viaduct in HS2 phase 1 which is the London to Birmingham phase, however, no delivery date for this was required. Announcements for phase 2 should be made in the autumn or Christmas. Alan Woodcock attended a meeting of Croft Parish Council which was also attended by Raj from HS2. It was his view that the line going to Wigan would go ahead even though the depot is now being sited at Crewe. This would free up capacity on the West Coast main line. This extra capacity may be needed for freight. The site of this line has been moved to avoid Culcheth and Taylor Business Park, it will go more towards Croft.

**Delamere/Winton Road:** Terry Hewitt had received a response from Richard Beamer from Wigan Council. Signs are to be displayed in the area requesting cars to slow down. However the frequency of cars using the 'rat run' had not been addressed. Councillor Houlton had requested a filter system

be placed in the traffic lights at Kenyon Lane and Winwick Lane but the response to this was that the cars would be held up on the East Lancashire Road. An idea put forward previously was to put up a barrier between the two roads and have the 'no entry' sign removed. A leaflet is to be put together requesting residents' views on this proposal. The average number of cars using the 'rat run' between 7.00am and 8.30am was 70 vehicles with the average speed of 36 to 38 miles per hour. Cars are also ignoring the 'no entry' sign and using the road.

**Railway Crossing:** Councillor K. Houlton reported that Network Rail have agreed to erect a footbridge and kissing gate.

**Parkside/Haydock Junction:** It was reported that St. Helens Council is proposing to take over 300 hectares out of the green belt to build warehousing. The site will be three times as large as Warrington's Omega site. The area will stretch from Pewfall Island to Park Road and Rob Lane on the East Lancashire Road. A meeting will be held at Winwick Leisure Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 pm. Residents are urged to attend.

**Bloor Homes:** No further update until next month.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The bank balance was read out.

#### **DATES FOR DIARY:**

**Bowling Competition:** This will now be held in the spring.

**Talk on Old Lowton** by Alec Hughes followed by a quiz, at Golborne Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

**Ceilidh and Hot Pot Supper** at Croft Memorial Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. For tickets please ring Jean Woodcock (telephone no. 01925 762705) £10 to include supper, bring your own wine and a glass!

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Local Walks:** It is proposed to put a leaflet together listing local walks.

**St. Catherine's Hall:** The Chairman has contacted the Archdiocese to ascertain whether the Hall can be booked but was informed that the site is to be sold.

**Newton Station:** The new car park is underway and a 'park and ride' sign has been erected.

**Texaco Garage:** An application has been received by the Council for a 24 hour licence to sell alcohol anyone wishing to object to this should do so before the 6<sup>th</sup> October. Emails should be sent to [licensing@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@wigan.gov.uk). Objections have to be: Prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; prevention of public nuisance; protection of children from harm.

**Calendar:** Discussion regarding issuing the Old Lowton Calendar this year took place.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm – Red Lion.**