

MINUTES OF LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL 2015

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

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Denis Eubank, Susan Spibey, Jean Woodcock, Irene Thomson, Kathleen Johnson and James Lythgoe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2015, which had been sent out by email were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: No matters arising.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Haydock Island: It was reported that the road-works at Haydock Island are not due to be completed until the 1st May. They were initially scheduled for completion at the beginning of April.

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson reported that the Councillors were holding various meetings regarding the de-priming of Winwick Lane prior to the general meeting with Andy Burnham on 5th June. Councillor Grundy reported that he and Councillor Houlton had spoken with Donna Hall the Chief Executive of Wigan Council and briefed her on the meetings which had taken place up to present date. A meeting to discuss the LPT4 funding for the by-pass will be looked into by Wigan. A general discussion took place regarding the impact on other local roads should Winwick Lane be de-primed and also whether heavy goods vehicles would actually be restricted.

Mount Tabor: Colin Johnson brought a copy of a sign produced by a local printer to show where the Workhouse had been, however, Colin felt it was not ideal. Councillor Grundy suggested a sign in stone may be better. Kathleen Johnson is still pursuing the proposal to apply for Village Green status.

Diggle Green: It was reported that the planning application is still under consideration by Matthew Woodward, the Case Officer.

Parkside: It was reported that St. Helens Council has issued a three-year plan for 2015-18. Parkside is mentioned within the plan which states that Parkside will be rail enabled rather than a rail freight terminal. Documents were passed round regarding the new labour candidate, Conor McGinn, who is selected to stand for MP and which also states his desire to develop Parkside and create thousands of jobs.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer gave an update on the current bank balance. Copies of the full year's financial statement were available to be viewed at the meeting.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Sunday 26th April at 12.30pm NSPCC Sponsored 7km Walk starting from the General Elliot in Croft.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Wild Flower Seeds: Seeds have been scattered by children in Winton Road. It is proposed to scatter more in the Mount Tabor area. Trees have also been planted around the play area in Winton Road and thanks were expressed to Councillor Houlton for his help in acquiring these.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Old Lowton Calendar: A number of samples of calendars were shown to the group and a vote taken on the most popular type. The Chairman will contact the printers and obtain the photographs which are to be reproduced.

Visit to White Coppice Farm: As a result of the excellent talk by Raymond Smith it is proposed to visit White Coppice Farm in the summer. A minibus will be arranged. The farm is open from the 7th to 24th July and afternoon tea is served there. Please let a member of the Management Committee know if you are interested.

Land at Dolly's Bridge: The Enforcement Officer at Wigan will be investigating the sighting of a static caravan being delivered to the site. {Since the meeting, the Chairman has discovered that the land has been purchased by a local man to use as a small holding. His wish is to improve the area.}

Kenyon Fruit Farm: It was reported that hardcore is being laid along a new pathway which leads to the Airfield.

HS2: A report has been compiled by all the Action Groups along the proposed line and is available to view on the LENDF website. A leaflet has also been compiled and will be issued after the General Election.

Lowton Labour Club: The room at the back of the Club and the car park have been bought by Hilldale Housing Association, they propose to build six bungalows for sheltered accommodation on the site. The remaining rooms at the Social Club will be refurbished. The Pensioners' Party will be relocated to Parkside Social Club in Golborne. The Children's Party will be relocated to St. Mary's Club and car park.

Dates of Next Meetings: The Chairman proposed that the meetings be held bi-monthly instead of every month. The group agreed. The next meetings will therefore be on 8th June, 21st September and 16th November 2015.