

## **MINUTES OF LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2015**

- Chairman – Ann Lowe, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 16

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Houlton, Gill Dickinson and Denis Eubank.

**APPROVAL OF MINTES:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 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:**

**Winwick Lane:** A meeting of the Councils, Highways Agency and Andy Burnham MP was held in Leigh Town Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Councillor Grundy reported that at the meeting a representative from the Highways Agency, Steven Leigh, quoted an EUDirective 89/460/EC. In order for an Experimental Traffic Order to be carried out on the Lane, which had been the initial suggestion, the Lane would have to be de-primed. De-priming had always been the aim of the Lane Head residents. Wigan and Warrington Councils are to consult their Legal Departments re de-priming. The cost of resignage in the area is to be looked at. The preferred option would be a by-pass, this had been costed out at £12m and would need to be incorporated into Wigan's Transport Strategy which would be linked to growth in the area. Further meetings are to take place between the three Councils. A meeting of the full group will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June at Leigh Town Hall.

**Mount Tabor:** A meeting has been held to discuss the application for Village Green status of the field to the left of the footpath onto Mount Tabor. It was agreed to try to obtain all the relevant acceptances in order to apply for Village Green status. The initial step was to contact the Common Registration Authority. Ed Thwaite commented that by joining the Open Space Society this would give access to a solicitor should one be required at a later stage. The Chairman suggested that with regard to Jubilee Wood some dates would be set aside in the Spring in order for volunteers to help with the cutting back of weeds around the saplings.

**Diggle Green:** Alan Woodcock spoke to the Planning Application which had been received at Warrington Council and the response from Dan Matthewman. He outlined the requests that had been made by Mr. Broster in the Application No. 2015/25283 which can be found on [www.warrington.gov.uk](http://www.warrington.gov.uk). Culcheth, Galzebury and Croft Parish Councils have all lodged objections along with Andy Burnham MP. LENDF's response has been that if all the 'conditions' recommended by Dan Matthewman are incorporated in the planning permission they will accept the application. LHSRG response will be the same. Councillor Grundy stated that if any further applications are made to increase the tonnage then a 'commercial road' should be created to the East Lancs Road, thereby reducing the use of local roads.

**Highfield Moss:** A meeting organised by Councillor Houlton on Highfield Moss was scheduled for Friday, 13th March. Unfortunately no representative was present to report on the outcome.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Treasurer gave an update of the current bank balance.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00-3.00pm NSPCC Sponsored 7km Walk starting from the General Elliot in Croft.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm '50s 60s and 70s Rock and Roll Night' in aid of Cystic Fibrosis to be held at Golborne Sports and Social Club.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES;**

**Litter Pick:** There have been two litter picks held recently, although not a lot of people volunteered, a skip was filled and thanks are extended to those who took part.

**Wild Flower Seeds:** There are a number of boxes of wild flower seeds available to be planted in the area. It is proposed to plant these during the next couple of weeks. Les Bagshaw had contacted Wigan Council regarding the overgrown footpaths, these will be cleared shortly.

**Geological Disposal Facility:** Councillor Grundy to speak to Andy Burnham regarding a vote in Parliament to class a Geological Disposal Facility as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. This means Local Councils will not be able to reject geological dumping of nuclear waste in their wards even if they are SSIs or Conservation Areas.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Parkside:** Derek Walkden gave a copy of an email from Richard Ward to the Chairman, this highlighted information from the Budget 2015 Report – 'TransNorth' which reported that 'a Northern multimodal freight and logistics strategy to inform future development of transport investment plans will be developed over the next 12 months and published in 2016. This will include details of the way in which the North plans to develop its distribution industry – including plans for warehousing, roads, rail, ports and other distribution networks'. This could have implications for the proposed Parkside Development.

'The Northern Transport Strategy Report 2015' can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/northern-transport-strategy>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/414815/the-northern-powerhouse-tagged.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414815/the-northern-powerhouse-tagged.pdf)

**Old Lowton Calendar:** The Chairman has obtained costings for producing a calendar using the pictures of drawings of old Lowton. The cost is £3.50 per calendar. Examples will be obtained and brought to the next meeting.

**Darts and Dominoes Evening:** The Chairman thanked Colin Johnson who organised such an enjoyable evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Retirement of Secretary:** The Chairman reported that Pat Grundy has now left the area and moved to Clitheroe. The group expressed their thanks for her hard work and everyone wished her and Peter happiness in their new home.

The next meeting is the AGM to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm. Nominees were requested for members to put themselves forward for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and (hopefully) Minutes Secretary!