

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)  
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Lowton Social Club  
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

Chairman - Ed Thwaite.  
Cllrs - J Grundy, Kath Houlton.  
Apologies - Ed Houlton.

No. of attendees = 25

1. Minutes from last meeting:

Not read out at meeting but copies have been sent out by email and posted on Facebook.

2. Jigsaw Site on Pocket Nook Lane:

LENDF are concerned about the mix and type of housing proposed. It was felt that the proposed two storey flats would be undesirable. It planned to have a meeting between the Metro and councillors. The planning application has been submitted without any changes. A letter from Stockport planning was read out at the meeting advising on the social mix on housing sites.

3. I Believe in Golborne:

At a recent meeting of the above organisation it was stated that many more houses would be built in Lowton, Golborne, that had been previously planned. On investigation it seems that the minutes of the meeting had incorrectly given the numbers of proposed houses missing out Standish.

However because Wigan Metro do not have a five year deliverable plan they are likely to pass the Bloor application for a further 86 houses in Lowton.

If they refuse, Bloor could take the application to appeal and Wigan would loose with a cost to the rate payers of about £40,000

I Believe in Golborne want to draw up a neighbourhood plan in conjunction with Lowton. LENDF would be a willing partner in this project.

4. St Luke's Church War Memorial:

LENDF chairman attended the rededication service and was invited to place a wreath on site from the Lowton community.

5. Parkside:

A video was shown to the meeting outlining the proposed development of Newton and Haydock for industrial use. Vast areas of land will be swallowed up to cater for warehousing, view on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heQIFY0gyg8>

6. LHSRG meeting with Andy Burnham re Parkside: The meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and it was felt that it was a positive meeting and that

Andy Burnham was sympathetic to their views. All the usual objections were put forward but Andy Burnham focussed on air quality and a reduction in the increase of traffic. All councils are working to reduce air pollution. However it was felt that the planning application should be called in.

7. Accident at Lane Head:

A photo was shown of an accident between a car and a HGV. Both were turning right onto the East Lancs Road since both lanes do indicate turning right. Our councillors have attended to this and we await the guiding lines being restored on the road surface.

8. Land behind Garton Drive:

This parcel of land is subject to intensive surveying the footpaths, boundaries and ditches have been cleared. A Garton Drive resident contacted the Land Registry and it seems to be owned by persons in London. Previously it had been sated that this land belonged to Wigan council however they must have sold it. Since the land is set aside for housing a planning application can be expected in the future.

9. Lowton West meeting with HS2:

HS2 only wanted an introductory meeting but several questions were put forward, a further meeting at which engineering questions could be discussed is to be arranged. The meeting found that in:  
2019 - A second design is proposed.  
2020 - Goes before the select committee.  
2026 - Work to start.

10. Florida Farm:

Two planning applications have been granted. Extensive work on going including a new junction on the East Lancs Road.

11. Heath St Church, Golborne:

Major maintenance issues have arisen at the Church and they are trying to raise much needed funds. Look out for events supporting the church.

12. Last Night of the Proms:

Tickets are now on sale at £5.00 each, limited to 150.

13. Coop Grants:

Money is available from the Coop to local organisations. Applications for these grants are to be sent to [cindy.kelly@coopmembers.co.uk](mailto:cindy.kelly@coopmembers.co.uk).

**Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October**