

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018 at Lowton Social Club

Chairman – Ed Thwaite
Cllrs – Kath Houlton, Ed Houlton.
Apologies – Cllr James Grundy, Anne Lowe

No. of attendees – 33

1. Minutes from last meeting:
Not read out at last meeting but copies have been sent out by email and posted onto Facebook and website.
2. Emails to LENDF:
 - a) Email regarding Diggle Green: from a resident reporting the odour from the farm, he had spoken to Warrington Council and had a helpful conversation. If it is farmers muck spreading then Warrington Council will deal with it. If it is a smell from the plant, then the Environment Agency deals with it. It is requested that residents keep on reporting about one or the other.
 - b) Persimmon Housing Estate, Mayfield Drive: Despite previous promises nothing is resolved. Early morning deliveries with H.G.Vs. Road full of mud. No wheel washing, councillors to look into the situation.
 - c) Mud now also on main roads, Newton Rd and Lowton Rd near Golborne High.
 - d) Lymm & Warburton residents together with LENDF had arranged a meeting with The Rail Minister. This has now been cancelled because of the Government reshuffle. We are now trying to arrange a meeting with the new minister.
 - e) Wainhomes, Stone Cross Lane: On the original plans an extra lane was shown going left from at the junction with the East Lancs Road. No sign of this happening. Request to Wigan Council to find out why, but no answer yet.
 - f) Local crime: Complaint of apathy, regarding burglaries in the area from the police. Complaint received about an officer spending four hours at a road traffic accident in Heath Lane. The officer in question replied stating that because the car was causing an obstruction and black ice was on the road, he had to stay until it was recovered.
 - g) St Catherine of Sienna. No planning applications have been submitted.
 - h) Feedback on question in Council Meeting ref – Byrom Wood by Cllr. Ed Houlton:
None of the parties involved are accepting responsibility. So it looks like no answer will be forthcoming.
 - i) Development Monies received from house building and HS2 for Lowton. Our councillors and LENDF are discussing this with the council officers and HS2.
 - j) Request for traffic lights at Winwick Lane and Church Lane to be checked as it looks like something has been changed that is causing longer delays.
3. St. Helens Council: Don't listen to any complaints about the destruction of green belt. Take a look at this video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ojrS0DwURYU&app=desktop>

If they get their way all the land down to what was the Hermit down Parkside Rd will look like this.

4. Meeting with HS2:

Attended by – Ed Thwaite, Chairman of LENDF, Kath, Ed and James (our local councillors) and two managers from HS2. We discussed Byrom Woods and its replacement, possible ways to avoid traffic problems during the construction of HS2, and community funding.

5. Leigh Life: Feature in the magazine about the railways by local M.P. Jo Platt. Golborne Station will not re-open and there was no mention of Kenyon Junction.

6. Plank Lane bridge: Will be closing for 3 weeks, 26th January to 16th February.

7. Other business:

- The labour candidate for the forthcoming local election has been invited to attend our meetings.
- Regeneration of town centres – Leigh have been chosen by Wigan Council for Gt Manchester funding
- Bus Routes – Jim Stones buses are running again to and from Egerton Way.
- Newton Station – proposed opening June 2018.
- Civic Hall site – when will the car park for the football teams be built? Parking is now a major issue due to everyone parking in local streets
- Potholes – no plans for repairs.

Next Meeting – February 12th 2018