



LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2019

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 17

WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed new members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from: Councillors Kath and Ed Houlton, Councillor James Grundy, G.Houlton, A.Lowe, H.Cooper, Judith Adamson and Jane Adamson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 which had been circulated by email were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES;

Parkside: A renewed Planning Application (P/2018/0048/OUP) has been put forward for the development at the Parkside site. This is an amended application as follows:

‘Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for the construction of up to 92,900 m2 of employment floorspace and associated servicing and infrastructure including car parking; vehicle and pedestrian circulation space; alteration of existing access road including works to existing A49 junction; noise mitigation; earthworks to create development platforms and bunds; landscaping including buffers; works to existing spoil heap; creation of drainage features; substations and ecological works.’

Objections to the above have to be received by the 4th February. This application is stage one and is on the footprint of the old colliery. However, further planning applications are expected for a link road leading the Winwick Lane and also to encompass approximately 600 acres of greenbelt land. Part of this land has been given listed status as it was the Battleground for the 1648 Battle of Winwick.

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson reported emails have been sent to Andy Burnham and Jo Platt requesting their support to concerns regarding the traffic and air quality in this area. Statistics are now available regarding traffic numbers since the experimental weight restriction was placed on the Lane. The number of vehicles southbound each week is 52,214 of which 20% are HGVs. This shows an increase of 2,636 of all classes of vehicles travelling South, since 2017. There appear to be far more travelling northbound. A decision as to whether a permanent weight restriction will be taken by August when the results of the Air Quality surveys will be known. A camera is to be placed on the traffic lights to observe the congestion. A request was made for a sign showing a picture of the camera to be placed on the lights as well. Shaun Ali, Planning Officer, has been invited to attend our next meeting in March.

HS2: There is no further information to report on the effect on Lowton. Ed Thwaite reported that the local Councillors have put a motion in place requesting that Wigan Council review its support for the link line as there is no benefit to the area or Wigan. A map was produced showing the areas which are affected by the line, anyone living in these areas can claim compensation from HS2.

St. Catherine's – Planning Application by Elan Homes. This application has now been submitted and the proposal is to build 26 homes using the existing access road, which was used for the Church. LENDF have written objecting to the application on the grounds of air quality in the area and also the fact that in 1980 an application to build 6 houses was rejected by the Council due to the access road

coming out into Newton Road and the amount of traffic using that road. LHSRG has sent a letter endorsing this objection.

Delamere Avenue/Winton Road: Terry Hewitt reported that the signage is now in place restricting access. It is now up to the residents to monitor this. Gill Dickinson had received an email regarding parking at the bottom of Delamere as the cottages on Kenyon Lane have no parking with their houses and have to leave their cars in Delamere.

Greater Manchester Spatial Strategy: This has now been published and is available to read on the website (<http://www.gmconsult.org>). A lengthy discussion ensued regarding elements of the Strategy which included plans to reduce the overall amount of greenbelt and place certain parts into safeguarded land. However, the release of greenbelt land will be phased. A map has also been produced showing a bypass for Lane Head for the purposes of feasibility. This shows a bypass from Atherleigh Way to Wilton Lane and on to Dolly's Bridge to join up with Winwick Lane. A request has been made to Councillor K. Houlton to arrange a meeting with the Bolton MP who has managed to get approval for the extension of Atherleigh Way into Bolton. The question to be asked at that meeting is how he managed to receive the funding and whether the same channel could be used for the Lane Head bypass. Another element in the Strategy is the 'potential' stations at Golborne, Kenyon Junction and Glazebury. There is a section on the website where residents can submit their own opinions in favour or against the strategy. The Chairman encouraged everyone to use this.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The amount of monies in the bank was read out.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm – Darts and Dominoes Evening at Golborne Sports and Social Club (tickets £3 to include a pasty – tickets available from Committee members /phone 01925 224659)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Air Pollution Sub-Committee – In view of Greater Manchester endorsing a clean air policy this sub-committee has been disbanded.

Transport for Greater Manchester – A letter requesting information has been sent but no reply has so far been received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Staggered Gates onto the Moss: As was recorded in the last minutes as a Post Meeting Note: Councillor K Houlton reported on a complaint she had received regarding motorbikes going through the staggered gates on Newton Road and onto the Moss. She has spoken to Wigan Council who will not change the gates until they have received complaints from the public. Anyone seeing motorbikes using the gate to gain access to the Moss please ring either the Police on 101 or John Williams at Wigan Council (Reception 01942 244991 or Footpath Officer 01942 489239)

Monies for Local Facilities: A request for a footpath to be placed across Winton Road play area to enable parents to push buggies and pedestrians to gain access - Colin Lowe to write to Wigan Council. Anyone wishing to apply for monies for any local schemes can do so. Suggestion was made for suitable machinery for Mount Tabor.

Bowling Green: Brighter Borough has made money available for a lawn mower and new hut.

Red Lion: It was reported that the Red Lion is to be refurbished and will be closed while this takes place.

Pocket Parks: Information had been received requesting residents who know of any small areas that could be turned into a 'pocket park' can do so by applying on the website.

Next Meeting: Monday 18th March at 7.30pm, venue to be announced.