

Lowton East Neighbourhood Development Forum (LENDF)
Minutes to the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018 at Lowton Social Club
<http://www.lendf.co.uk>

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

No. of attendees = 29

1. Minutes from last meeting:
Not read out at meeting but copies have been sent out by email and posted on Facebook and website.
2. Emails to LENDF:
 - a) Two men, in a white van have attempted to snatch a dog in a Bradwell Road.
 - b) Similarly, two men in a white van have attempted to snatch a child in the Lowton West Area.
 - c) The traffic lights at Lane Head are out of sequence.
3. Members:
Malcolm Jones and Colin Johnson are either in or out of the hospital and LENDF wish them a speedy recovery. Irene Thomson, our ex secretary wishes to cease looking after the LENDF website/facebook, following the loss of her sister. We send her our best wishes.
4. HS2:
The recent exhibition at Lowton Social Club revealed certain changes to the proposed route. The East Lancs and Newton Road will not be closed. A new bridge will be built on Newton Road. Wilton and Slag Lane will be re-aligned. Byrom Wood is now shown and the track goes through its centre. The proposal does not show cut and cover at the Civic Hall site which was previously mooted and we intend to push for cut and cover to save the football pitches. Royal Assent is expected in 2022. The camera in Hesketh Meadow Lane is to check for intruders.
5. Bloor Homes:
They are confident that they will get planning permission for the 56 homes. Greater Manchester Spatial Strategy has been put on hold because the Government are re-assessing the need for housing. They are of the opinion that Wigan's target of 20,000 homes should be 11,000 less (53% reduction). We have to object to Wigan and to the Government regarding the housing since Wigan do not have a 5 year plan.
6. Oakland's Hesketh Meadows:
Application due shortly. It was mentioned that a covenant exists on the current property. The Land Registry to be contacted.

*Post Meeting Note:
Checked with Land Registry - No Covenant exists.*

7. Parkside:

The position remains static. No objections have been received from Public Rights of Way, Historic England and Highways England. Nothing received from Wigan Metro.

8. Travellers:

Wigan will not be following Rochdale in the method of removal from sites. They will stick to their current policy.

9. Off Road Bikers:

The police have recently destroyed 7 bikes and are pursuing others.

10. Pond Clean:

It is proposed that the pond, situated between Sandringham Park Estate and Braithwaite Estate, be cleaned before the rains arrive. Volunteers to meet Thursday 12th July at 1:00pm.

*Post Meeting Note:
Pond clean up complete.*

11. Kenyon Hall Airfield Crash:

This is the second incident, with the plane coming down in the trees. This raises doubt over the safety of the Airfield.

12. Diggle Green:

No smells recorded but the wagons give off a smell. The speed limit of the tractors on the road should be 25 M.P.H. Objections to be made if found to be going faster.

13. A.O.B:

a) The weight limit on Winwick Lane requires a number of extra signs.

Next Meeting - Monday 13th August 2018