

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2019

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 16

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Apologies were received from Councillor Ed Houlton, Howard Cooper, Derek Walkden, Terry & Pat Hewitt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 20th May which had previously been sent out by email were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE:

Parkside: The representations regarding new development for Phase 1 and the Link Road have been sent and requests for a 'call-in' for the Parkside Link Road plan have been submitted. It is now a case of waiting to see if St. Helens gives the go ahead with the next stage which is the St. Helen's Plan. This, if passed, would remove the land from the greenbelt to enable the Link Road to be built. Councillor Grundy has put together an objection letter in the form of a leaflet against the St. Helen's Plan which will be circulated in order that residents can object. Discussion followed and it was announced that it is still possible to object to both Phase 1 and the Link Road applications as St. Helens keep changing their information on the website and objections are still being received. (emails should be addressed to alankilroe@sthelens.gov.uk)

Wigan's Objection: Wigan Council have sent an objection to St. Helens, but their response to Wigan was very dismissive and reported that there would be a reduction in traffic. Wigan has a meeting with St. Helens representatives on the 25th July and after this there will be a meeting with Councillors and representatives from this group to discuss the matter. Wigan have put in writing that HGVs from Parkside site should not be allowed to use Winwick Lane but should go straight to the M6.

Winwick Lane: The results of the HGV restriction on the Lane are still awaited. The air pollution average on the Lane has been reported as one and a half times the maximum legal limit. A meeting is being held with the local Councillors and Paul Barton the Director. Discussion took place regarding Greater Manchester's policy on air pollution.

St. Catherine's: Elan Homes have purchased the site and discussions are taking place with Wigan Council regarding how much Section 106 monies are to be paid. Mention was made that the Planning Application by Elan Homes has been passed and is posted on the website.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The current bank balance was read out to the meeting.

DATES FOR DIARY:

RHS Bridgewater: Mention was made of the recent enjoyable visit to the site of the Duke of Bridgewater's premises in Worsley and the amount of work which is being carried out there.

Pimms and Picnic on Mount Tabor: A discussion ensued regarding social events with other local resident groups and it was thought that the Bank Holiday in August could be a good time to hold such an event. A flyer will be put out giving further details.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litterpick was held and thanks expressed to Marie Cooper for providing coffee and to Kathleen Johnson who provided the scones.

Mount Tabor: Thanks were expressed to the volunteers who helped with the trimming around the trees.

Air Quality: Discussion regarding the flat charge based on emissions which Greater Manchester propose to charge for HGVs using country lanes in the borough. The charge will be £100 for non-conforming vehicles.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Lowton Village Show: Ed Thwaite reported that on the 31st August Lowton Village Show will be held at St. Mary's Community Hall

Last Night of the Proms: Will be held on 5th October and posters will be put up shortly.

Assets of Community Value: Suggestions invited of examples of community assets, i.e. land, play or leisure areas or buildings which enhance the quality of life in Lowton.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub