

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2018

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 21

WELCOME & APOLOGIES: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Apologies were received from Councillor James Grundy, Howard Cooper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018 which had been circulated by email were proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

Parkside: The Chairman reported that this continues to dominate our concern. A meeting was held with Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, on 30th August and was a very positive and helpful meeting. All the salient points were raised regarding, traffic congestion, removal of greenbelt, health and safety, quality of life, wear and tear of roads and air quality. He felt that air quality was a major issue and any work that can be done to highlight air pollution and traffic movements would contribute to a case against the Parkside development. Mark Leadbetter has established a link with Manchester University regarding air quality monitoring. A letter has been sent to the lead person at Greater Manchester Council to request any information they have on air quality in this area. We are currently awaiting his reply.

Our Local Voice has produced a film on Parkside <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heQlFY0gyg8> Highways England is not happy with the basis of the data produced by St. Helens Council which is supporting their proposals.

An air quality monitor has been placed in Winwick Lane but the results of this will not be known until the data has been collected for twelve months. Further monitors are being placed in the area.

Winwick Lane: Gill Dickinson wanted to hear whether the weight restriction is affecting local areas. Peter Hatfield reported that he was at the meeting to represent residents on Newton Road which has seen an increase in 40ton lorries. The residents have complained that their houses shake when the lorries pass. Gill reported that it was never intended that lorries should use local roads but that they stay on the A580 to access the M6. The Council has been contacted regarding the ambiguous signage that they have placed on the A580 and some of these are being replaced. This is currently only an Experimental Traffic Order and will be decided on the strength of objections received.

Ed Houlton reported that if houses are shaking badly the road needs to be evaluated in order to reduce the vibration. The Police have already reported that the signage is not acceptable and Denis Eubank questioned the ETO being enforceable until the signage is corrected. It may be helpful if the numbers of lorries using Newton Road could be logged. Traffic surveys seem to be being undertaken in the area, Councillor Houlton to investigate.

Planning Application Kenyon Lane Nursery: Neighbouring properties objected to the original application and a new one has so far not been submitted.

HS2: An email has been received from Lowton West Group informing that it has come to their attention that the original footprint for HS2 has now been widened. A meeting has been arranged with representatives from HS2 at the beginning of October. Peter Hatfield reported that Byrom Hall is now officially empty. If it is going to remain so for any length of time there needs to be security in place. Ed Thwaite said he would bring this matter up at the meeting with HS2.

Diggle Green: The smells appear to have improved but if there are any they should be reported in the usual way. The Environment Agency are currently working with Mr. Broster to reduce the smells. A recent article in the Telegraph gave information about pollution from airborne spores. The tractors should only be travelling at 25mph on the local roads any caught travelling above that speed should be reported to PC Mayo email 08572@gmp.police.uk

Five Acres: Nothing has been heard re - planning.

St. Catherine's: The land has been acquired by Elan Homes and a proposal to build 26 homes has been received. If there are any comments these should be sent by 24th September to: land.northern@elan-homes.co.uk (plan on Red Lion notice board)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial statement was read out.

DATES FOR DIARY:

Bowling Competition: This will not be arranged this year due to lack of interest.

Suggestion made for a Hot Pot Supper and Quiz – a date to be arranged.

Last Night of the Proms: Saturday 13th October tickets are still available. All proceeds to be donated to the young mum who was paralysed when trampolining

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litterpick: This will take place on Saturday 29th September meet at 10.00am in the Red Lion car park.

Air Pollution Sub-Committee: No further information. Councillor Houlton has offered to use some of his Brighter Borough money to purchase air quality monitors.

Transport for Greater Manchester: A letter has been sent requesting their approach on the subject of air pollution in our area and their reply is awaited.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bloor Homes: A planning application (A/18/85923/maj) has been received to build a large number of homes.

Councillor Houlton had a meeting with Jo Platt MP to discuss the number of live housing applications where no building has taken place as yet.

Kenyon Airfield: A letter has been sent to the CAA regarding the accident in June but as yet no reply has been received. Gill Dickinson to follow this up.

Request for Wigan Council to reactivate the traffic speed monitor: Councillor Houlton has spoken to the Council regarding this and the original monitor will be repaired or a new one installed.

Winton Road/Delamere: Terry Hewitt is still awaiting when the meeting with the Legal Department is to take place regarding the road. Councillor Houlton to investigate.

Walk Round Manchester: Thanks were expressed to Howard Cooper for organising a very enjoyable walk.

Parkside: Discussion took place how to get more exposure in the media regarding the negative impact of the Parkside development.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub.