

## MINUTES LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP

### **Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7-30p.m. Red Lion**

1. Kathleen welcomed members to the meeting. 20 in attendance
2. Apologies for absence – Marie Cooper, Colin Lowe, Counc. Ed Houlton, Ed Thwaite.
3. The minutes of last meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> were approved.
4. **Parkside/Winwick Lane/Air quality**

It was reported that no decision had yet been made on the permanent weight limit on Winwick Lane. Awaiting response from Wigan for an update sent 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Committee members held positive meeting with Wigan Council officers – Transport and Planning. Transport stated that an under resourced Police force was unable to police the weight restriction.

\*(Secretary's note post meeting: under resourcing is not an argument that should be used to defend lack of police response.)

- Parkside Link Road can be approved prior to the Local Plan, but as in Green Belt will have to be referred to the Government. Local Plans will safeguard Green Belt land.

In a recent phone meeting with Andy Burnham

- Andy reiterated that the GM Clean Air Zone due to come into force in 2021 would be a "game changer." Govt. have given GM 50 million for cameras to catch offending polluting HGV's. (£100 fine) Only roads not included are motorways. He said that this would reduce HGV's using Lane Head as a short cut.

\*(Secretary's note post meeting: This may reduce pollution, but many big companies are already compliant. It will do nothing to mitigate noise, vibration, congestion at Lane Head)

- Andy suggested we should concentrate LHSRG energies on having the application for Parkside called in. (building a case - what triggers a call in/ what carries most weight when call ins are considered. - which is what we are doing)
- He has no jurisdiction over Wigan. Suggested we have a "round table" meeting with Wigan/ Jo Platt.
- He would bring the issue of clean air up with Wigan Chief Exec. at their next meeting. 2018 NO2 final figure 65.6 for Winwick Lane January 2019: 80 and February:70. Legal limit is 40....

### **5. St. Catherine's**

- The site has been cleared for the 26 houses. The memorial garden has been fenced off. Kath Houlton to consult planning department over the arrangements to maintain

the garden. Members expressed real concern that this and Bloor Home is unsuitable development and that the Inspector's agreed figures in 2013 for housing development have been exceeded. Congestion will only increase.

- New development at Bickershaw traffic will further add to the congestion at Lane Head.
- The term "Safeguarded land" was clarified as land earmarked for future building.
- The Greater Manchester Spatial Strategy currently refused for legal reasons.
- Five Acres planning application for 8 houses.

## **6. Diggle Green**

Meetings held with Councillors, Wigan, Warrington and Environmental Agency. Clear conditions have been laid down. If no improvement contact Warrington 01925 443322/Environmental Agency 0800 807060.

## **7. Footpaths**

A temporary notice of closure has expired on **Footpath 82**. (Opposite Sovereign Close to East Lancs) No application made for extension to date or re-routing. Liz Parry, Footpath Officer for Wigan has contacted Bloor Homes. Similar problem with **Footpath 81** on other side of East Lancs. Footpath sign flattened to Highfield Farm. Photo to be sent to Liz Parry.

## **8. Bank Holiday "Picnic in the Park."**

A very enjoyable event held on the Mt Tabor/Lowton Heath Village Green area, on Bank Holiday Monday. The sun shone on more than 80 residents. Thanks to all who made this a successful event. £165 raised for "Relay for Life," ring fenced for Cancer research in the North West.

## **9. Financial Report** was read out.

## **10. Dates for Diary.**

17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Lowton West Group holding "Chit-Chat" with "Rev. Trev" at Manor Court- all welcome. Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Last Night of the Proms. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. At Lowton Social Club.

Darts and Dominoes evening 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Carols around the Tree Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 4pm (Winton/Newton Road)

Epiphany Trust Community Carol Service. Lowton IM Church Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7pm

## **11. A.O.B.**

Peter Hatfield reported on his observations on Golborne UDC minutes from the archives.

- Highfield Moss was registered as Common land in 1964.
- Traffic problems in Winwick Lane were reported in 1966.
- A scheme to by- pass Lane Head was proposed in 1969 and 1970/71
- Responsibility for the stocks at St Luke's were passed from Golborne UDC to Wigan in 1974. Any refurbishment of the stocks should be made in conjunction with Wigan
- HS2. It is hoped that the link locally will be scrapped under the latest review.
- Bents have a recycling scheme for black plant pots.
- New owner of Trebaron Garden Centre.
- Be aware of missed call scams routed internationally.
- The "Next Door" letters are a scam to obtain emails.
- Agreed to invite Jo Platt to a LHSRG meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm.