

## LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 20

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:** The Deputy Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially some new people who had attended for the first time and thanked everyone for coming. Apologies were received from Kathleen & Colin Johnson, Councillors Kath and Ed Houlton, Gerard Houlton and Terry Hewitt

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 which had been circulated by email were proposed and seconded as a true record.

### **UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:**

**Parkside:** The local plan is to be issued on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Warrington and Wigan Councils along with Highways England have placed holding objections. Ray Bent reported that a meeting had been due to take place between Langtree Development and the owner of Newton Park Farm this has now been cancelled. A new planning application is to be put forward for the land to be used as a retirement development. The Parkside Action Group will be meeting once the local plan has been issued.

**Winwick Lane:** Peter Hatfield reported that a number of objections had been sent to Wigan regarding the amount of HGVs that now use Newton Road since the weight restriction had been placed on Winwick Lane. However, in the last few weeks he has been monitoring the numbers in the day and the numbers appear to be a lot less. Councillor Grundy spoke to the recent Report from Transport for Greater Manchester which highlights areas of poor air quality, Lane Head is one of those areas. The air quality monitors placed in Winwick Lane have to be in place for twelve months before the results are known, this will be in February 2019. The objections raised by residents of Newton Road include the speeding and numbers of tractors and trailers from Diggle Green; also the surface of the road which is now breaking up. Concern was also expressed regarding the noise and extra pollution. It was felt that the wording of the signage on the East Lancs road about the use of Winwick Lane needs to be changed.

Derek Walkden reported that a large number of lorries are now accessing Warrington Road from Golborne Island. Warrington Council has recently introduced traffic calming in the form of speed bumps on Golborne Road, leading up to Winwick from Hermitage Green.

Councillor Grundy spoke regarding Wigan Council's ideas to place a charge on vehicles that drive through an area of poor air quality.

A request was made to invite a member of Wigan's highways department to come and speak to the meeting in January 2019 about traffic issues in the area.

**Planning Application Kenyon Lane Nursery:** No further information.

**HS2:** There is to be a meeting at the Parkside Club off Rivington Avenue on the 27<sup>th</sup> November between 2.00-8.00 pm with representatives from HS2. A similar meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November at the Daten Club in Culcheth.

**Diggle Green:** Reports of smells should be made to Wigan Council 01942 489007. Reports of speeding tractors and trailers should be made to the Police – Tel 101

**St. Catherine's:** No formal planning application has been put forward, however Elan Homes has issued an outline plan asking for comments. A letter from the group has been sent.

**Delamere Avenue/Winton Road:** New signage is due to be put up in approximately six weeks.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Treasurer read out the financial statement.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Carols round the Christmas Tree in Winton Road at 4.00pm. Father Christmas will be in attendance. A small grant from brighter borough funds will be issued for the mulled wine and mince pies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

**Litter Pick:** No further litter picks will take place until the Spring.

**Air Pollution Sub-Committee:** Gill Dickinson had spoken to Mark Leadbetter who had approached Manchester University regarding students researching air quality in the area but the University has not come back to him. Lancaster University have a good air quality section and Peter Hatfield will make enquiries. An App is also available which can give daily readings of air quality.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Red Light abusers:** Colin Lowe reported that vehicles are coming through the traffic lights at Winwick Lane on red and concerns that an accident could happen were raised. Councillor Grundy will raise this issue with the Police representative that attends the Thursday surgeries which are held at St. Mary's church hall. All these incidents should be reported to the Police on 101. A request was made for a camera to be placed on the traffic lights. Comments were also made regarding how difficult it is to turn right into Winwick Lane due to the number of cars turning left into the Lane not observing the red lights this gives no time for cars to turn right.

**Kenyon Airfield:** Two letters have been sent to the CAA regarding the light aircraft accident but no reply has been received.

**Newton Road – Traffic Speed Monitor:** Apparently this is not active at the moment. Post meeting note: Councillor Kath Houlton will look into it.

**LHSRG Newsletter:** These are to be issued shortly. A request for volunteers to deliver some was made and a big thank you to those who offered their services.

**Lowton West Residents' Group;** Gill Dickinson asked would everyone like to receive copies of their minutes which she can send via our email circulation list. This will now be done.

**Monies for local facilities:** Councillor Grundy requested that local groups suggest areas in which monies which have become available through housing development in the area could be spent. A list of priorities could then be put together.

**Bowling Green:** A request has been made to Councillor Grundy for a lawnmower and also monies for the restoration of the hut.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion Pub.

**Post Meeting Note:** Councillor Kath Houlton rang to report 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.