

LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2016

- Deputy Chairman – Denis Eubank, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Treasurer – Howard Cooper, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees 22

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: The Deputy Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Ed Houlton, Colin & Kathleen Johnson, Colin Lowe, Terry Hewitt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (19TH SEPTEMBER 2016) A correction needs to be made to the reference to speeding in Winton/Delamere Road – this should read 'speed recorded was 36/38 mph, the average more like 28mph (which is still above the 20mph speed limit)'. The Minutes were subsequently proposed and seconded as a true record.

UPDATE OF LOCAL ISSUES;

Winwick Lane: Gill gave an update after the last meeting at Leigh Town Hall held on 4th November. The Lane is now de-primed and signage will be changed. Wigan propose to put a weight restriction on the Lane and following traffic surveys in March next year, will request a Permanent Traffic Order rather than an Experimental Traffic Order. Further meetings between Highways, Wigan and Warrington Councils will take place regarding how to proceed. Meetings between the local Councillors and Croft and Culcheth Parish Councils will be organised in order for presentations to be put forward. The issue of air quality is a major concern as in certain areas this exceeds the EEC regulations.

Diggle Green: Ray Poulton reported recent strong smells in the night. Any smells to be reported to Wigan Council Environment (01942 489007).

HS2: The detailed plans of the route are now available and can be seen on the LENDF website. The spur through Lowton will go ahead. Ray Bent gave an account of his knowledge so far. The Head of Transportation for Mersey Travel announced at a meeting that the proposed HS3, the service provision from Liverpool to Hull via Manchester, will have a rail connection at Bamfurlong to join up with the HS2 line that will run through Lowton, the HS3 connection will then join the Liverpool to Manchester line near Kenyon junction. Ed Thwaite gave a description of where the proposed HS2 route was to run through Lowton. Compensation letters have already been issued to those households which are affected. The line from Birmingham to Crewe should be completed by 2027. LENDF has invited Raj of HS2 to attend their January meeting.

Delamere/Winton Road: Ann Lowe reported that the bund has now been reconstructed and improved. Vehicles cannot access the field and the area can be kept tidy.

Parkside/Haydock Junction/Florida Farm:

Paul Parkinson, Chairman of Residents Against Florida Farm spoke regarding their efforts to object to the planning proposal put forward by St. Helens Council. The Group was formed in June this year and now have 1928 members, 1600 objections have been sent to the Council including those from CPRE and David Bellamy, no support has been received from any of the St. Helens Councillors. Wigan Council is now objecting to the proposal as no traffic surveys have been carried out and meetings between Wigan and St. Helens planners will now take place. Any further objections will be received by the St. Helens planners up to the date of the meeting, which it is thought could be in February.

A copy of the leaflet produced by the Residents Against Florida Farm is available on the LENDF website.

Parkside: It was reported that the St. Helens Local Plan (2018-2033) Preferred Option has been issued, this is available to view on LENDF website. The consultation period is over Christmas and everyone is urged to write to St. Helens Council to request an extension to this timeframe and also to object. The proposal is to take a large track of land out of green belt. A map was issued showing the extent of this. The site will be on both sides of the M6 stretching from Parkside over the M6 across Parkside Road to the Moss (SSSI) at Lowton and as far up as the Liverpool to Manchester railway line. OLV and Parkside Action Group will be holding meetings. It is requested that members email as a matter of urgency St. Helens Council to request the consultation period be extended at least to March and to record their objection. A proforma letter with bullet points and listing the key issues is to be compiled, probably at a meeting with OLV and local community groups in mid-December, this will then be delivered to households in our area requesting residents to object to the plan. (Objections to be emailed to planningpolicy@st.helens.gov.uk)

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer read out the bank balance.

DATES FOR DIARY: It is proposed to organise a darts and dominoes night in February or March next year.

Review of Old Lowton Talk: The Deputy Chairman thanked Alec Hughes for giving a very enjoyable presentation and thanked everyone who had helped to organise the evening, especially John Dickinson who had compiled the quiz. It was generally felt that the evening had been a big success with approximately 70 people attending.

Sunday 4th December at 4.00pm – Carols Round the Tree in Winton Road with Father Christmas.

LGN Choir Concerts: 1st December at 7.30pm – Heath Street Methodist Church.

6th December at 7.00pm – St. Lukes

14th December at 7.00pm – Community Carol Service, Independent Methodist Church

Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, Brass Band and Carols (tickets £5)

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

Litterpick, it was decided not to have a litterpick until the Spring.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Local Walks: Leaflets are being produced.

Texaco Garage: The planning application for a 24 hour Alcohol Licence has been approved. However if there are any issues as a result of this, complaints should be addressed to the Manager of the garage (rupertainsworth@rontec.uk.com and the Licensing Team at the Town Hall (01942 244991)

Open Gardens: This item to be discussed at the January meeting.

Syria: On Wednesday night St. Catherines & All Saints in Golborne will be illuminated red and a service will be held between 7.00-9.00pm to draw attention to the persecution of different faiths throughout the world. Donations of clothes for Syria are needed, especially children's clothing and will be collected by Gill Dickinson.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Red Lion pub.