

## LANE HEAD SOUTH RESIDENTS' GROUP MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2018

- Chairman – Kathleen Johnson, Secretary – Gill Dickinson, Minutes Secretary – Marie Cooper
- Number of attendees: 22

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from A.Lowe and H.Cooper  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 which had been circulated via email, were proposed and seconded as a true record.

### UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES:

**Parkside and Winwick Lane Link Road:** It was reported that St.Helen's planning application for parkside development and a link road from the A49 to Winwick Lane has been submitted. The area between Parkside and the link road is greenbelt and the concern is that once the link road is built it will encourage yet more warehousing in the area. Discussions ensued regarding the cost of the link road which may make it prohibitive. It is requested that everyone should object to the planning application. Gill Dickinson has spoken to Karl Battersby at Wigan Council and there is currently a request with the Legal Department at the Council to place an experimental weight restriction on Winwick Lane. Kenny Strode is in charge of putting signage on the East Lancashire Road and at the top of Winwick Lane. Contact has been made with Richard Barber who is Jo Platt's assistant and he is very supportive. Emails have been sent to Andy Burnham, Mayor of Manchester but as yet no response has been received. The traffic order can only be enforced on Wigan's side of Winwick Lane. Once the experimental weight restriction is in force there will be a need for the Council to write to all the local haulage companies.

**HS2:** Ed Thwaite reported that following discussions regarding HS2 there may be a possibility of funding for the area and having reported on the traffic figures using the East Lancashire Road and then using Winwick Lane it may be possible that HS2 personnel would support the building of a bypass. It was also reported that an observant resident had noted that until 2011 the 'open access area' known as Byrom Wood had been shown on the paper OS maps, however, in an amended edition of 2015 the 'open access area' we know as Byrom Wood no longer appeared. Enquiries to the Forestry Commission whose wood it is, had no knowledge of the change. OS admitted that the change had been made but could not comment on who had requested it. At a meeting with HS2, local Councillors and Ed Thwaite the HS2 representatives did not realise that there was woodland accounting for many thousands of trees on the ground of their chosen route. They are looking into the matter. The latest edition of the OS map shows the wood has reappeared. This wood consists of 22 acres/25000 trees planted by the Forestry Commission and registered under the Crow Act as Open Access land, in other words, community land.

**Florida Farm:** There is a before and after video link of Florida Farm which illustrates what will happen at Parkside/Parkside Road and at Haydock Island either side of the A580. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ojrSODwURYU&app=desktop>

**Delamere Road/Winton Avenue:** A very useful meeting was held with Kenny Strode of Wigan Council and residents. However, after results of a questionnaire were received from residents it was voted not to close off the two roads. Instead an 'Access Only' sign will be put up. This is a legal issue and the request is currently with the Legal Department at the Council. It was reported that a Council mini-bus uses the road and travels very fast and also the bin lorries are now turning into the area through the 'no entry' sign. Councillor Houlton will report these concerns. A discussion regarding the collection of the questionnaires took place as only 67% responded.

**St. Catherine's Church:** It was reported that a housing association Adactus are interested in acquiring the land. Councillor Houlton reported that no formal planning application had been put forward but if a pre-application has been submitted this would be confidential.

**Financial Report:** The current bank balance was read out and members were asked to vote as to whether they felt it was necessary to pay for 'Indemnity Insurance' the vote was unanimously in favour.

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.00am walk round Byrom Wood starting at Plank Lane Bridge car park (to be confirmed)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 for 7.30pm Epiphany Trust Charity Evening at the Deli Square Indian restaurant (£16)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Darts and Dominoes evening at Golborne Sports and Social Club

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

**Mount Tabor Working Party** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am (bring your gardening equipment)

**Air Pollution Sub-Committee** – A new working party headed by Jarrod White is to be set up to look at air pollution, traffic pollution and noise pollution in this area. It is a very important topic and should be taken into account when developers are planning new housing, especially housing along the East Lancashire Road in particular and in known areas where air pollution is particularly bad. It is irresponsible to allow planning applications to go through when the question of pollution is a big problem. It is proposed that the working party will request via freedom of information the results of surveys in the air quality management area and also to contact local Universities. Surveys of our own will be carried out and evidence collected. Requests for the statutory duty on air pollution will be made.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Kenyon Lane:** A request for the road surface at Tunnel Top bend to be looked at as there have been a number of accidents recently and the anti-slip surface is worn away. Councillor Houlton and LHSRG will write to the Council. Also the problem with grids on Winwick Lane will be reported.

**Waste Bin in Kenyon Lane:** A request was made for this to be moved to a different location away from Les Bagshaw's house.

**Kenyon Lane Nursery:** A planning application has been passed by Warrington Council for 11 houses to be erected on a field behind the nursery.

**Heath Lane:** A car recently skidded and demolished a wall in Heath Lane. It was felt this was due to black ice and not the road surface.

**Golborne Island:** Gill to write regarding the upgrading of the island.

**Bus Stop on Newton Road:** Councillor Houlton will report the bad state of the bus stop as it is not located on a footpath and a request for hard-standing needs to be made.

**Headland Close:** A car has recently been stolen off the driveway of a resident. Care needs to be taken with keyless entry cars.

**Councillor Grundy** reported that the Police have recently arrested a gang who have been carrying out burglaries in the area.

**Post Office:** A post office is to open at Bargain Booze across from St Luke's Church.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Red Lion Pub.