

MINUTES OF LHSRG MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2025

THE TRAVEL LODGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Kathleen Johnson welcomed everyone especially newcomers and Mike Orrell Project Delivery Manager - Major Teams also Counc. Stuart Mann Warrington Borough Councillor and Parish Councillor for Burtonwood and Winwick Ward.

Apologies for Absence were received from the three Borough Councillors for Wigan, Professor Wardle and Terry Hewitt

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th November which had previously been circulated by email were proposed, seconded and approved.

Financial Statement: The group currently have £1472.70 in the bank.

Update on Local Issues:

Mike Orrell (Wigan) gave an update on the meeting which had been held with residents who live on the Service Road at the junction of Newton Road and A580. Their requests have been taken on board by the Council and new drawings are being put together, these will be sent to LHSRG for distribution. Unfortunately, the request for a crash barrier to be erected at the side of the service road has been rejected as there is insufficient room. A request for hedging was also rejected for the same reason, however, bollards will be placed on the strip of land between A580 and service road. It is proposed that the construction will be scheduled for the summer holidays.

The right hand turn into Church Lane will not now be going ahead whilst the entrance/exit to the A580 at the end of the houses will remain.

The proposed speed limit on the service road will be 20mph and also a speed limit of 40mph from Stone Cross Lane through the A580 at Lane Head. Proposals will be circulated to residents for their views. The alterations to the Stone Cross/A580 junction are going ahead with adjustments for a safer crossing point.

Regarding the 'Keep Clear' signage on Church Lane a separate drawing is being put together and this will be circulated.

He spoke to the issues of pedestrian crossings in the area and this is being looked at as well as the traffic modelling.

The moving of traffic lights in Winwick Lane was discussed. Residents expressed some doubts as to its practicality.

The ANPR camera is functional and warning notices have been issued. (post meeting more than 1300 to date)

The hatch box markings at the end of Winwick Lane are to be renewed.

Counc. Stuart Mann spoke on issues of common interest to Warrington and Wigan residents – traffic, new housing developments and the ILP.

Parkside Phase 3 (ILP) was discussed. A projected map showed the amount of land which Tritax plan to take over which is within Wigan's boundary in order to facilitate the ANPR. A request was made to ascertain whether this project has been included in the Local Plan, as the Plan is yet to be confirmed. Tritax will be starting the consultation process from 10th February to 21st March. Unsurprisingly there will be no Consultation meetings in Lowton (Wigan.) List of Consultation meetings attached.

Air Quality: A 20 minute Teams meeting was held with Andy Burnham and Kevin Hargreaves TfGM before Christmas and the problems at Lane Head were outlined. Andy Burnham will be writing to the leaders of Warrington and St Helens Councils stating GM will not give their support to Parkside 3 unless they have an assurance that Lowton roads will not be negatively impacted. We are awaiting the response.

Questions were also raised regarding a weight restriction on Newton Road.

Dolly's Stud: No further information has been received.

Bliss: Regarding this transport company and wholesale depot in Winwick Lane we have asked the local Councillors to enquire about planning for lorries using the site. This is still pending.

Diggle Green: No further information.

Newsletter: Kath Johnson thanked everyone who helped to distribute the Newsletter at Christmas and thanked Heather who produced it.

Carols Round the Tree: Thank you to all those residents that attended and supported the event. The sum of £152 was raised and donated to Wigan and Leigh Hospice. Thanks were also extended to the Rotary Club for the Sleigh, Epiphany Brass Ensemble, LAGTAG for their sound system and of course Father Christmas.

Dates for Diary: Annual Darts and Dominoes on 25th February 7.00 for 7.30 at Golborne Sports and Social Club. Tickets, available from LHSRG, are £4 and include a pasty.

A further Bowling Afternoon will be organised in September

Any other Business:

Facebook: We now, thanks to Heather, have our own Facebook page and currently have 50 people following us @LHSRGlanehead, please join.

Community Assets: We have a list of assets divided into heritage and green spaces. Request for any information or photographs regarding Lowton and its history that could be added to the archives.

Vandalism: This has been occurring on the new upgraded local play areas.

Highfield Moss: The area has been visited in order to assess where the section 59 Notices can be erected to stop the scramble bikers.

Website: A new website for LENDF is being created which LHSRG can also use. Information is currently being compiled which can be viewed there.

Crocus Planting: Volunteers required to plant crocus bulbs given to us by the Rotary Club for the eradication. If polio. They are available from Kath Johnson.

Calendar: The group is planning to put together a calendar for next year which could be made up of old photographs of Lowton.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 17th March 2025 in the Conference Room at the Travel Lodge, Newton Road.
7.00 for 7.15.