

Lane Head South Residents' Group

Minutes of Bi-monthly Meeting on Monday May 19th, 2025

**The conference Room at the Travelodge, Lane Head, Lowton.
7.00 for 7.15pm**

1. Kathleen introduced the meeting and welcomed all new members. 18 attendees.
2. Apologies for absence received Marie Cooper, Susan Spibey, Terry Hewitt, Edward and Gerald Houlton, Graham Wardle.
3. Approval of Minutes from 17 March 2025 meeting.
(proposed by Cllr Lloyd and seconded by Kath Houlton)
4. Financial statement current balance 19/5/2025 is £1,491.
5. Update on local matters
 - a) Meeting of LHSRG committee members with Wigan Council officers on May 8th.
 1. New traffic lights on Winwick Lane, northbound before the houses. Directly related to dangerous air quality reduction. Existing traffic lights will remain and will be linked to the new set as SMART lights. Questions or concerns should be expressed to Wigan: majorprojects@wigan.gov.uk . Wigan state there may still be standing traffic at peak times.
 2. Councillor Lloyd confirmed Wigan council are going ahead with Pelican crossing on Stone Cross Road South. He stated he had made representation to the council with regards to the right filter into Winwick Lane from Newton Road.
 3. Residents reported motorists regularly seen going through red traffic lights at Kenyon Lane/Newton Road junction – Cllr Lloyd to request consideration

for a filter lane into Kenyon Lane from Newton Road. Wigan state that there is insufficient traffic to justify a right-hand filter into Newton Road.

4. Residents raised concern regarding the potholes on Newton Road, Winwick Lane and Kenyon Lane. Cllr Lloyd stated he was enormously frustrated with the poor response from the council so far, but he will do his best to represent the community on this matter. He stated that residents can apply for a Council tax reduction, and he will share the application process and confirm who to write to.

5. Residents suggested creating an online petition to ensure their feedback is logged and responded to.

6. Action: Garry to update progress at next meeting
July 25

7. ANPR camera. 843 prosecutions to date. Over 1400 warning letters sent out. Concern that construction traffic still using the southbound lane. Significant increase to HGV traffic on Newton Road? Signage can be put in place to ban construction traffic if/when Parkside 1,2 and 3 go ahead. Need for weight restriction/speed restriction on Newton Road as well as extending weight restriction to northbound on Winwick Lane.

8. Action: awaiting next set of figures on air quality, expected later this year and this information will be shared with the group once received.

9. Dolly's stud. Ongoing for around 5 years. In February Wigan's Planning Officer stated that the Council planned to issue the Enforcement notice within the

next 10 days.... This week Wigan's Enforcement Officer has said that the notice has been prepared by Wigan's legal team and will be served on the owners imminently provided there are no amendments to the notice.

10. Weight limits on Winwick Lane and Newton Road to be pursued.

b) Wigan Local Plan mitigations regarding Parkside SRFI require:

1. Cooperation with neighbouring Councils. Steven Riley of Wigan will meet regularly with Tritax, Warrington and St Helens

2. Access to SRFI and modern industrial and logistical development of around 300,000 sqm of green belt on land west of Winwick Lane Lowton

3. Substantial contribution expected from Tritax towards cost of Lane Head bypass. Wigan's preferred option is shorter route solely on Wigan land at a junction nearer to Lane Head than the current Atherleigh Way junction with A580.

4. Tritax working group has been set up, tied in with the work Andy Burnham is leading.

5. Andy Burnham has offered to attend a future LHSRG meeting in July or September 2025.

6. Residents' discussion about where the trains will enter Parkside, at the far end of the site (western side) off Liverpool and Manchester main line spur- Andy Burnham keen to have access to west coast main line. The concept for rail interchange has

already been approved.

7. Collaboration with the 3 transport authorities to provide bus services to and from site.

8. Provision of safe walking and cycling routes from Parkside to Lane Head.

9. Measures to ensure that the development has no detrimental impact on Highfield Moss site of Special Scientific Interest adjacent to the site unless demonstrably shown that the benefits outweigh the negative impact.

10. Wigan local plan does describe what green belt land will be left if Tritax proposal goes ahead.

11. Minimise visual impact of Parkside site from Newton Road.

12. Gareth Edwards provided an overview and status for Parkside plans for the newer members of the group – Phase 1 – activities started, Phase 2 not got full planning approval, and phase 3 very early stages, and too early to comment.

c) Tritax plans for Parkside 3. Consultation Wednesday 21st May at Golborne Parkside Rivington Avenue WA3 3HG.

Comments to be received by Tuesday 24th June 2025 to:
www.wigan.gov.uk/futurewigan2040

d) Action: encourage all residents to participate and comment on the plans

e) Councillor update....

f) Stone cross Lane south severe flooding enquires made by Cllr Lloyd no action taken yet but he will report back.

g) Overgrown vegetation, a lot of busy roads and narrow

footpaths which are heavily overgrown in our area. We have been unable to address this during the nesting season, more focus on the coming weeks.

h) Resident on Kenyon Lane very concerned with the amount of rubbish left in and around hedge rows that is detrimental to their livestock.

i) S106 scheme for extra lane Newton Rd./A580 junction – due to start work on the adjustments during school holidays.

6. Dates for Diary

24th May 2025 Litter Pick. (Post meeting update 15 residents attended.)

Community Showcase at Broadmead Day Centre, Golborne Road, Lowton WA3 2ED. 28th June 28, 2025, between 10am and 2pm.

Action: please support this event by attending for a short time.

Bowling afternoon, Red Lion Pub Bowling green. Date and time in September to be advised.

7. AOB:

Parkside Road walk. Saturday 17th May. Awaiting opening Greater Manchester looking for land to build a prison.

Request for a Dog Pooh bin on Kenyon Lane

8. Next Meeting – Monday July 21st, 2025