STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

20th November, 2018

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

1. Present: Sarah Dajli, Ron Wade, Nicky Ogden, Diane Gore, Dave King, Fran Aiken, Janet Monks

Apologies:

Paul Ogden. Gill Foster, Allan Foster, Brian Jones, Karen Bliss

Ron Wade acted as Chair in absence of Chair and Vice- Chair, Nicky Ogden acted as Minutes secretary,

1. Minutes of last meeting - agreed as accurate by meeting. Any matters arising were taken as part of the agenda items
2. Neighbourhood Plan. Ron updated the meeting on the progress of the NP which is now in consultation phase and is now available on Wigan MBC’s planning website for viewing and any comments in period from the 7th November 2018 to 19th December 2018.

It is also available to view on Standish Voice website. No hard copies are available to view. Comments were made that this was difficult for some people to access, so it was suggested that if they visit the Council Building in Wigan, it should be available to view in paper format.

The Planning Inspector, who is the next stage of the process after the consultation phase is due to be appointed by Wigan MBC imminently.

It is hopeful that if everything goes on to anticipated timings that the local referendum on adopting the plan or not will occur in Spring/Summer 2019.

1. Proposed development on Chadwicks, Standish.

A number of Committee Members attended the consultation held by

 McCarthy and Stone developers today at the Almond Brook Hotel, who are looking to purchase the site, demolish all current structures and build a Retirement Village, with associated facilities and parking. They are hoping to submit to planning before Christmas.

The event was well attended by local people and it appears that there is a lot if interest in this but opinion is divided as to whether this is positive or not. A number of questions were raised such as if the site is in a Conservation Area on not ( it is in part).

Diane Gore declared an interest in this item as she is looking to potentially purchase a property here if it goes ahead.

1. Standish Christmas Market.

All preparations are going well. A reminder that there is a mandatory Health and Safety briefing for all volunteer on Monday 26thNovember 2018 at 7.30pm at the Globe.

1. Christmas Decorations Group update. Diane updated the group that the railings around the Christmas Tree are due to be erected on Saturday 24th November.
2. Update on Actions from Lead Committee Members –

Ron mentioned that the membership is now over 1,000 and there is a steady rise every day. No further updates.

1. Any other Business

It was mentioned that the Dentist on High Street is looking to extend into the former Chemist building next door.

The house next to the Beeches is being proposed as a new vets.

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Meeting Closed at 20.10pm