

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee present: Karen Bliss, Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Allan Foster, Fran Aiken, Janet Monks, Sarah Djali, Diane Gore, Dave King, Andrew Holliday.

1. **Apologies:** Ian Trafford, Ron Wade, Kathy Robertson, Nicky Ogden.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of October's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
3. **Update:** No formal meetings had been held in the previous month
4. **Planning applications:** Allan reported that a detailed planning application had been passed by Wigan Council for the housing development on the demolished part of Bradley Lane Trading estate. He said the homes would be 100% affordable in a scheme by Torus Housing Group. He said the mix of housing was good and vindicated Standish Voice's campaign to increase the level of affordable housing at the site from the original 25%. Gill said it would go some way to help people who found the house prices high in Standish and thanked everyone who helped with the campaign, that ran for almost five years before success.
5. **Section 106 funded projects:** Gill said SV was still awaiting the council's decision on how to proceed with the infrastructure projects funded from Section 106 money. She said the council had said a governance structure was to be established to decide on the schemes which would go to a future meeting of the council's cabinet. After this was agreed, individual projects would be considered.
6. **School Lane Widening Proposal:** Gill said SV continued to lobby the council and councillors to scrap the proposal as soon as possible. Paul said SV had asked that the road modelling used to justify the scheme be run again once the through road from Almond Brook Road to Pepper Lane was fully open as the council had previously said this could reduce congestion at the village centre crossroads. The council had responded that this had been included in the original modelling. Members of the public expressed their concern at the scheme and the length of time the council was taking to decide on this issue. It was decided that SV would ask the council for the road modelling results.
7. **WMBC Health Developments SPD:** Paul said the council had asked for comments on a new Supplementary Planning Documents designed to improve health outcomes when developments were designed. This included proposed restrictions on the number of takeaways in certain areas. He said the proposals were very similar to ones SV included in Standish Neighbourhood Plan. The difference was that the SPD was only advisory and the SNP policies were planning regulations.
8. **Community events:** Paul said that as Standish Christmas Market would not go ahead due to guidelines on COVID-19 infection control, a virtual market would

be held instead, with digital stalls and videoed entertainment. The Christmas tree lights would be switched on in a small event with a brass band and a blessing by St Wilfrid's Rector Andrew Holliday. Also, Janet Monks had agreed to take part in the Remembrance Sunday parade and to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of Standish Voice.

9. **AOB:** Paul said Standish Library was due to reopen after being closed due to Coronavirus. However, the hours had been diminished. After discussion it was decided that SV would write to the council requesting new opening hours which would mean more working people and families with children could visit, including opening on Saturday mornings.
10. **Date of next meeting:** No meeting is held in December and the next meeting would be the AGM in January.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm