

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2022

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

**Management Committee present:** Paul Ogden, Gill Foster, Fran Aiken, Janet Monks, Nicky Ogden, Allan Foster, Diane Gore, Sarah Djali.

1. **Apologies:** Karen Bliss, Ron Wade, Ian Trafford, Kathy Robertson, Dave King.  
**Minutes:** The minutes of June's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
2. **Update:** Gill said that a delegation from Standish Voice (SV) had met council officers at Robin Hill Field to discuss plans for the site. The council agreed to work with SV to prepare a proposal for the site to increase its biodiversity, enhance it as a public open space and preserve it for the future.
3. **School Lane Widening Plans:** Gill said that the plan to widen School Lane had been dropped by Wigan Council after the council's Cabinet had decided not to progress it. Gill said SV and many people across Standish would be pleased and relieved and the committee agreed to write to Wigan Council thanking them for making this decision. Gill thanked the committee for their hard work and support in opposing this scheme.
4. **Planning Applications:** Allan said he had objected an application to 13 new homes at Robin Hill Farm, off Robin Hill Lane. He said the site was adjacent to a Green Corridor, designated in the Neighbourhood Plan and provision had not been made for this. He also said the level of affordable housing on the site was only 15%, not the necessary 25%. He said SV had also objected to an application for a site access point off Chorley Road, into Safeguarded Land. He said the application was unclear and should only come forward with a plan for housing in that area.
5. **Update from lead committee members:** Kathy submitted an update on Standish Christmas Market, which is progressing well and Diane gave an update on sponsorship for the event, which will hopefully bring in funds which can help to pay for it.
7. **Date of next meeting:** September 20th.

**The meeting ended at 8.30pm**