

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 2023

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

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

1. **Apologies:** Ron Wade, Nicky Ogden, Sharon Gerrard, Karen Bliss, Ian Trafford, Andrew Holliday.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of April's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
3. **Update on meetings with Wigan Council and Section 106 consultation:** Ron and Gill met with Wigan Council to discuss the S106 Agreement projects and other matters. Gill said a figure of 1142 was the number of homes built out and occupied since 2017, with 176 classed as affordable since 2021. An update on the S106 projects will be sent to the committee soon. The council has agreed to look at upgrading within the village centre and a new officer is being recruited who will have this as one of their tasks. A Car Parking Working Group has been established, with Ron attending, which will look again at car parking possibilities at Preston Road, Quakers Place and Pole Street. They will look at asking Aldi to extend the length of time customers can park, public transport and facilities for cyclists.
4. **Bradley Lane Bridleway:** The meeting had heard from a resident who was submitting a Definitive Map Modification Order to Wigan Council on behalf of residents in Bradley. She told the meeting that a well-used path between Littleton Grove and Bradley Lane bridleway had been blocked off with a fence without warning and many residents, including the elderly, had been severely inconvenienced. Resident said she had gathered almost 50 submissions giving evidence that the path had been used regularly for decades and it should be made into a public right of way. The committee agreed to support the DMMO and write to the council accordingly.
5. **Deputy Mayor:** Paul said Cllr Debbie Parkinson had been installed as Wigan's Deputy Mayor and new Standish councillor Cllr Terry Mugan (who was in attendance) would be her consort. Gill congratulated Cllr Mugan and the committee agreed to write to Cllr Parkinson offering our congratulations and support.
6. **Planning applications:** No planning applications needed to be addressed.
7. **OwlFest:** Fran reported that OwlFest, sponsored by Standish Voice, had been a success and the Friends of Standish Library thanked Standish Voice for financing it.
8. **Christmas Market:** Kathy said preparations for Standish Christmas Market were progressing well with new ideas – including the return of the Snow Globe.
9. **Any other business:** Paul said a meeting between Standish Voice and Wigan Council's planning department to discuss their new Local Plan, and how it would incorporate Standish Neighbourhood Plan. Indications were that no Green Belt would be change in Standish.

**Date of next meeting:** June 20th.

**The meeting ended at 9pm**