

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee at meeting: Paul Ogden, Karen Bliss, Janet Monks, Nicky Ogden, Gill Foster, Sarah Djali, Ron Wade, Allan Foster

1. **Apologies:** Diane Gore, Fran Aiken, Kathy Robertson, Andrew Holliday
2. **Declaration of Interests:** Paul Ogden: Pepper Lane planning proposal (live near the site)/Spire Appeal (member of fundraising committee); Allan Foster: Cricket Club proposals (previous working relationship with proposed developer); Nicky Ogden: Pepper Lane planning proposal (live near the site); Karen Bliss: Cricket Club proposals (live next to Cricket Club)
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of February's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration (March's meeting was cancelled).
4. **Update:** Gill said a meeting between SV and the council with Gill and Ron present took place on March 17th and updates on work on S106 projects indicated slow progress, apart from the cycle route scheme from Preston Road through to Almond Brook Road via Robin Hill. Gill expressed her dissatisfaction at the mistakes made in the construction of the Preston Road part of this scheme. Another meeting would be requested this week.
5. **Planning applications and proposals:**
 - i) **Pepper Lane development.** Allan said SV had written to the developers Persimmon about their proposed housing scheme off Pepper Lane saying the proposals would be objected to as they did not meet the policy requirements of Standish Neighbourhood Plan (SNP). Paul asked if the council would calculate the number of homes occupied since 2017, which is the basis of one housing policy in SNP. Gill said she would ask this at the next meeting.
 - ii) **Robin Hill Farm.** Paul said a planning application to demolish Robin Hill Farm for an extension to the Bloor Homes estate was approved by Wigan Council as they said it was a change to an existing planning permission.
 - iii) **Cross Street restaurant:** Paul said an application to change a residential property into a restaurant on Cross Street had been withdrawn.
 - iv) **Cricket Club:** Paul outlined proposals published by Standish Cricket Club to construct a new pavilion, improve cricket facilities and refurbish its car park, paid for by the construction of 5 homes on the outlying areas of its ground. Paul said Standish Voice supported the cricket club and members expressed their feelings that new facilities at the club would be very welcome. It was decided to await the publication of a planning application so the full details could be considered.
6. **Standish Christmas Market:** Paul said preparations were going well and the next stage would be to ask businesses for sponsorship.

7. **Spire Appeal:** Paul outlined the Save Standish Spire Appeal. He said fundraising in the community had started, with money also coming from the church itself. SV is supporting the appeal. A full restoration of the spire was needed at a cost of around £400,000. A suggestion of SV giving a donation to the appeal was put on hold until more information on the finances of the project were forthcoming.
8. **Update from lead committee members:** Ron said swift boxes had been made in a project he was leading with Standish High School. SV said it would publicise this. Sarah reminded the committee of Owlfest, which SV sponsored, was taking place later in the month.
9. **Date of next meeting:** May 16th.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm