

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee present: Gill Foster, Karen Bliss, Ron Wade, Paul Ogden, Allan Foster, Nicky Ogden, Kathy Robertson, Diane Gore, Fran Aiken, Sarah Djali.

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Holliday, Janet Monks.
 2. **Minutes:** The minutes of June's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
 3. **Update:** Gill said that SV had held meetings with Wigan Council during the past month. One was about the upcoming Local Plan. Formal consultations start in September 2023 for the plan, which will run to 2039 or 40. Gill and Paul outlined briefly a number of areas which SV would like input, including on housing, Bradley Lane Trading Estate, the Green Belt and the village centre, including car parking. The meeting ended with the council's planning team keen for SV to provide formal input into the planning process on these issues.
Another meeting was a regular one with council officers. They said that there have been difficulty in recruiting a planning officer to take on the work of looking at the future development of Standish Village Centre, but this would be pursued. The situation at Bradley Lane Bridge was discussed, which will be Item 4. SV asked when the drainage work was taking place on Southlands Rec and what the council's long-term strategy was for the field – this would be assessed. Gill said she was disappointed there had been no update on the situation at Standish Medical Practice from the former CCG. SV agreed to write to Dr Tim Dalton, Associate Medical Director and Clinical Co-Chair of the Healthy Wigan Partnership System Board about this.
 4. **Bradley Lane Bridge:** SV with Wigan councillors have expressed their grave concerns at the council's decision not to include a pedestrian feature on new lights to be installed at Bradley Lane bridge. At the meeting with the council Gill and Paul stressed this forcefully, saying injuries or fatalities could be a result. Gill asked that these concerns be placed on record. The council said they would look at the situation again.
 5. **Definitive Map Modification Order:** The DMMO had been submitted by residents for the blocked path between Littleton Grove and Bradley Lane. Around 50 submissions had been part of the application to have the path declared a legal right of way. This was now in the council's hands to process.
 6. **Christmas Market:** Kathy reported that a large number of stalls had been booked by traders and another round of applications would be opened.
 7. **AOB:** Fran said an event at Standish Library – instigated by Ron – would celebrate swifts and give talks and information about the birds and how they could be protected.
 8. **Date of next meeting:** September 19th
- The meeting ended at 9pm**