

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee present: Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Sharon Gerrard, Allan Foster, Karen Bliss, Kathy Robertson, Ron Wade.

1. **Apologies:** Janet Monks, Diane Gore, Nicky Ogden, Andrew Holliday
2. **Declarations of interest:** Paul Ogden for the Pepper Lane plan as he lives near the site.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of February's Management Committee meeting were passed with amendments.
4. **Update:** Gill said that a recent meeting with Wigan Council had discussed current issues, including the future of Kilhey Court. There were no updates on this but the hotel was currently advertising for weddings and conferences. The Britannia Hotel has reduced the numbers of asylum seekers housed there with 15 residents recently. Gill said the council had responded to the letter about the traffic lights sequencing at the Standish crossroads and said it was a 'smart' system but it would look into the length of time the lights were operating. Gill had brought up the issue of potholes on School Lane and the traffic lights on Bradley Lane, which was a later item. She also brought up the new pond on the Wainhomes estate, which was not filling despite intense rainfall recently and the council will look into this.
5. **Pepper Lane planning application:** Allan said SV had sent in an objection to the plan for 57 homes and there had been more than 100 objections from residents in Standish.
6. **Wigan Local Plan Update:** Gill said there were no developments on this but the council had reassured Standish Voice that it would be part of the consultation when it comes round to our input.
7. **Walking Routes:** Ron said he was working with Wigan Council to design and publish 3 simple walking routes around Standish and two other heritage walks would also be created by Standish Voice.
8. **Standish Christmas Market:** Kathy said the first SCM meeting had taken place with two new committee members and a date for the Market had been chosen – Saturday, November 30th.
9. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, April 16th.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm