

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee present: Judith Atherton, Gill Foster, Allan Foster, Paul Ogden, Karen Bliss, Diane Gore, Sharon Gerrard, Sarah Djali.

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Holliday, Nicky Ogden, Janet Monks, Ron Wade, Fran Aiken.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of June's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
3. **Tribute:** Gill read out the eulogy of former committee member David King, who recently passed away. Gill said it encapsulated Dave's rich life and his selfless nature, which also included his work with Standish Voice, especially with open spaces and in Standish Neighbourhood Plan.
4. **Update:** Gill updated the meeting after a recent meeting with Wigan Council:
 - i) **Footpaths:** The council pledged to work hard to process a number of footpath submissions, including two off Rectory Lane.
 - ii) **Allotments:** The council was awaiting a new planning application for the allotments on the former golf course. Gill said the application was coming after protracted discussions between Morris Homes and the council.
 - iii) **Red Rock Bridge:** The bridge would close from August 8th to 29th for new traffic lights.
 - iv) **Bradley Lane bridge:** SV had asked for lighting through the bridge to increase safety for pedestrians. The council said this could not happen but it would look at increasing the beam from existing lighting.
 - v) **Parking:** The council is creating designs and costings for improved parking provision at Quakers Place
5. **Wigan Local Plan:** Gill said SV was awaiting updates on this from the council
6. **Walking Routes:** kGill said Ron had completed work on two walking routes (inner and outer Standish) with points of historic interest, in an initiative with Standish Community Forum. Paul said they were now available online and in the library and parish hall. Gill thanked Ron for his hard work on this project.
7. **St Wilfrid's Church documentary film:** Paul said the film which SV had funded was now finalised and would be launched at a premiere in the church hall on August 23rd. It would then be launched as a digital copy on SV's YouTube channel in September. He said the Rector, Rev Andrew Holliday, wanted to pass on his appreciation to the committee for organising and funding the project.
8. **Poppy Appeal:** Karen said that arrangements for the Poppy Appeal were progressing, including speaking to potential volunteers. The committee agreed to fund a cash counting machine which could be used for the appeal and Standish Christmas Market.
9. **Standish Christmas Market:** Kathy said the SCM committee was working well and was on track to deliver an excellent event this year. She said the window for trader applications had closed with more than 60 applications for stalls.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.