

STANDISH VOICE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

Management Committee present: Paul Ogden, Gill Foster, Ron Wade, Allan Foster, Kathy Robertson, Fran Aiken, Sharon Gerrard, Karen Bliss, Sarah Djali

1. **Apologies:** Nicky Ogden, Janet Monks, Diane Gore, Andrew Holliday
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of October's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
3. **Update:** Gill said the council had responded to questions posed at a previous meeting with the council. These included pedestrian safety at Bradley Lane bridge when it was more investigations into better lighting was agreed and the Puffin lights at Market Street were only synced to the crossroads lights in the rush hour. This was to prioritise pedestrians. A recent meeting had to be postponed and was scheduled for December 19.
4. **Planning applications:** No applications.
5. **Wigan Local Plan:** Paul said the council had sent proposed wording and map about the village centre and Standish Voice would feed back its views. It was decided that the committee was happy with these.
6. **Walking routes:** Ron was thanked for his work on the Inner and Outer walking routes around Standish which had been re-edited and reprinting, along with the walking map of routes around The Line created with Wigan Council.
7. **Save Standish Spire:** Paul said the Standish poster which Standish Voice had commissioned to raise money for the appeal was ready to be sold through the Parish Office.
8. **Poppy Appeal:** Karen Bliss, who organised the Standish appeal with her husband, Phil, said there had been great support from the community, including from volunteers. Gill thanked Phil and Karen for organising the successful appeal.
9. **Standish Christmas Market:** Kathy said final preparations for the Market were taking place with meetings for volunteers planned and prizes being offered for a digital prize draw.
10. **Update from lead committee members:** Fran said Standish Library would celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2025 and celebration events were planned.

Date of next meeting: The AGM would be held on a date to be decided in January.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm