

# **STANDISH VOICE**

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2025

7.45 pm Albert's Standish

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies (and declarations of interest) Gill
  2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising (21 October 2025) Gill
  3. Update - meetings with Wigan Council Gill/Paul
  4. Planning Applications Gill/Allan
  5. Planning Appeal - Pepper Lane Gill
  6. Wigan Local Plan Consultation Update Gill
  7. Ashfield Park - Friends of Gill/Paul
  8. Preston Road Development Site Paul
  9. Christmas Market Kathy
  10. Update on actions from Lead Committee members All
  11. Any other Business All
- Next meeting AGM January (date TBC)

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2025

**The meeting commenced at 7.45pm**

**Management Committee present:** Gill Foster, Paul Ogden, Allan Foster, Ron Wade, Sharon Gerrard.

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Holliday, Ian Trafford, Karen Bliss, Fran Aiken, Kathy Robertson, Nicky Ogden, Diane Gore
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of September's Management Committee meeting were passed without alteration.
3. **Update:** Gill said the recent scheduled meeting with Wigan Council had been cancelled due to council officers being unable to attend.
4. **Planning applications:** None of interest to the committee had been lodged.
5. **Pepper Lane planning application:** Gill said that the Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal for 57 homes on land off Pepper Lane after Wigan Council

had refused permission. Gill said she was extremely disappointed at this as the decision went against aspects of Standish Neighbourhood Plan and Wigan Local Plan, which the inspector acknowledged in his report. She said the inspector disregarded several important elements of information. She also was disappointed and angry at the defence of the committee's decision by Wigan Council, especially the performance of one officer who had originally recommended approval of the planning application and who was the council's representative at the hearing. The committee agreed to write to Wigan Council to express our dissatisfaction, ask what their proposal for Standish housing was going forward and asking for a new infrastructure assessment of Standish to put on record the unsatisfactory infrastructure development in the village. The committee thanked Gill for representing SV at the hearing.

6. **Wigan Local Plan:** No new updates.
7. **Friends of Ashfield:** Paul said the new group had been set up, a committee agreed ahead of an AGM, an email address and logo had been created and the group had decided it wanted to include Victoria Pit reclamation site within its remit. The committee extended its offer of £200 to the group when a bank account was established as seed funding.
8. **Preston Road development site:** There had been some activity at the site and SV had asked the council to be involved early in any discussions on its future.
9. **Standish Christmas Market:** Paul gave an update of planning for the event, which was going well. Finances were healthy and there would be another push to find more volunteers.
10. **Any other business:** Paul said Phil Bliss was organising the Poppy Appeal in Standish and was looking for volunteers to help. SV would buy a wreath for the Remembrance Parade and Gill would take part. Paul said the Spire Appeal and renovation was going well with the work on target time-wise and on budget.

**The meeting ended at 8.45pm**