

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors M Venables, M Litton, T Smith, T Hodges, I Parkinson, P Walker, P Cobley and K Hodgkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** None

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reason for absence from Cllr A Ross, Cllr L Cashmore, Cllr M Stocks and PCSO P Hambleton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr T Hodges is a member of the Community Centre Association Committee.

Cllr P Walker is a member of the Community Centre Association Committee and Lostock Gralam PCC, he also lives near planning application 24/01426/FUL.

**3. MINUTES**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

**4. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. The flood between the Stubbs Lane junction and Lodge Lane has now been repaired by United Utilities.
- b. CWAC agreed to crown lift the Oak tree (next to where leak was on Manchester Rd), and remove deadwood from over the path.
- c. The Clerk has again reported the blocked School Lane gully, ref HW621529457, *the complaint has been updated to:* The enquiry has been assessed by the team and an appropriate action has been taken where required. Your enquiry has now been categorised as closed. *On inspection the gully is still blocked!*
- d. The Clerk has reported the two blocked and damaged gullies on Manchester Road opposite the retail units, ref HW621568326. *The complaint has been updated to:* The enquiry has been assessed by the team and an appropriate action has been taken where required.
- e. The Clerk has reported the overgrown White Hill footpath (two MOP complaints also received) ref: SS618297581.
- f. The Clerk has written to some properties on Smithy Lane which require hedges/bushes trimming back to their boundary.
- g. The Clerk and Cllr T Smith met with the Manchester Road retail unit landlord on 25/06/2024 to discuss litter bin capacity at the site. The Clerk will enquire with CWAC if the parish can get increased bin capacity.
- h. Fly posting has now been removed from Townshend Road. It was **RESOLVED** that the PC does not accept fly posting and only in an exception will they consider the fly posting on merit.
- i. The PC considered purchasing an unknown woman in war silhouette, the PC **RESOLVED** to purchase a pair of facing women silhouettes with the wording 'We Remember' priced at £350.00.

## 5. **PUBLIC FORUM** (Chairman re-ordered from point 3)

Cllr Smith raised that the grass verge requires cutting at the car garage on the Hall Lane traffic lights. Also, that a hedge is growing over the pavement on Townshend Road. Cllr Smith suggested that the PC buy a strimmer for use tidying up the parish. Consider at next meeting.

Cllr Cobley requested a litter picking kit on behalf of a mop, the Clerk will email the mop with the CWAC link to order a kit. Cllr Cobley also advised that kids are digging up the footpath in between the Barratt and Bellway estate.

Cllr Parkinson advised that youths are going into the woods off Salary Row and are abusive.

Cllr Walker shared a copy of the Wincham Word newsletter and asked the Clerk to find out how much it costs to produce. PC to discuss at the next meeting and consider having a stand at the Community Centre Fun day in August.

## 6. **POLICE**

PCSO Hambleton sent a report. See Appendix 1.

## 7. **MARK STOCKS**

Cllr Stocks sent his apologies.

## 8. **BOUNDARY SIGNS**

The PC considered the existing parish boundary signs and future signs. The PC would ideally like to get the foliage cut back at the Manchester Road canal bridge sign to enable the PC to replace the existing sign and maintain its visibility. The old sign would ideally be reused on a Station Road lamppost.

The PC would like to reallocate the Manchester Road boundary sign near to the Cheshire Business Park to Hall Lane, also attached to an existing lamp post.

The PC would then like to purchase two new boundary signs with the PC logo on for both existing Manchester Road boundary sign locations.

Clerk to contact CWAC Highways to seek approval of the above and costing.

## 9. **PARISH WILDFLOWERS, FLOWER PLANTERS AND CWAC STRIMMING**

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to return the Stubbs Lane junction and Townshend Road junction wildflower areas back to grass. The Clerk should seek a quote to have the areas strimmed and the cuttings removed to enable CWAC to mow the areas.
- b. Cllrs were asked if they can water the parish flower planters over dry spells when out and about walking in the parish.
- c. PC to consider purchasing a strimmer at the next PC meeting. The Clerk has submitted a request to the car garage at the Hall Lane traffic lights to cut the overgrown grass verge.

## 10. PLAY AREA

- a) Cllr Venables gave an update with regards to maintenance jobs carried out in the past month. These included replacing the worn junior climbing frame step and repainting the remaining steps, also replaced the grease nipple on the cone climber. The brambles will also be cut back with Cllr Cobley.
- b) The Clerk was made aware of an incident on the park where a mop approached youths who had broken glass at the park (next to shrubbery).
- c) The PC discussed litter picking / bin issues over the past month.

## 11. PLANNING

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Standing Committee Terms of Reference with an amendment to include 'The Committee may in exceptional circumstances and if necessary for timing reasons, agree its response to planning applications by email, subject to the normal quorum and public notification'. Cllr Venables will chair the committee with Cllr Litton being vice-chair.

-Cllr Venables advised that the PC has been made aware of a planning application outside of the parish which will have an effect on the parish. The Planning Committee will be issued with a summons on 2/7/2024 for a meeting on the 8/7/2024 to consider application 23/02766/FUL.

The Council considered the following planning applications and **RESOLVED** to respond as below:

<b>NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS –</b>	
<i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at <a href="https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></i>	
24/01488/FUL	-6 Gibbon Drive Lostock Gralam Northwich CW9 7QE Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension <b>Comments 04/07/2024 – No Objection</b>
24/01416/P14	-2 Cheshire Business Park Cheshire Avenue Lostock Gralam -Solar/PV equipment on a non-domestic building <b>Comments 01/07/2024 – No Objection</b>
24/01426/FUL	-316 Manchester Road Lostock Gralam -Erection of detached garage with an integrated living space <b>Comments 08/07/2024 – No Objection</b>
<b>NEW PLANNING DECISIONS</b>	

## 12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Cllr Smith advised that the Townshend Road wooden railing was damaged at the Townshend Road junction with Hall Lane. The Clerk reported to CWAC, and has now been repaired.
- b. Cllr Smith gave an update regarding the Finance Working Group. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the Working Group Minute's.
- c. Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update with regards to him, Cllr Litton and Cllr Walker joining 'Friends of Lostock Gralam station'. As part of their membership, they received complimentary railcards entitling them to free rail fare on Northern rail. The PC also agreed to accept and be the holder of £500.00 which will be used for projects at the Station.

### 13. CLERKS REPORT

- a. The PC agreed to carry out a parish litter pick on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am.
- b. The Clerk and Cllr Venables attended a CWAC Local Plan meeting on 19/06/2024. Cllr Venables gave a verbal overview about land allocation in the parish, planning design principles, and local plans.
- c. The Clerk has now obtained Church bin quotes and discussed the current contract terms. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the reduced lift price with the current contract and will look to review the contract at its renewal window date of October 2026.
- d. Complaint about dog fouling in the church yard and along School Lane received. The Clerk posted on Facebook a plea for further information; no responses were received.
- e. The PC **RESOLVED** to renew the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association membership for the next 12 months priced at £25.00. MCRUA newsletter shared with Cllrs via email on 24/06/2024.
- f. The Clerk is due to attend a Manchester Airport Parish/Town council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July (via Teams) at 10am.
- g. The next Renescience LLC meeting is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm, Cllr Venables will attend.
- h. The Clerk is due to attend an LSEP LLC meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July (via Teams) at 2pm.
- i. The Clerk has chased up a quote for Christmas tree lights from NTC. The Clerk will look to present quotes at the August PC meeting.

### 14. FINANCE

- a. PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the Q1 budget vs. actual and bank reconciliation.
- b. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the updated NALC Finance Regulations.
- c. To review and approve the following payments which are due and note any income received:

Payment Type	Payee	Amount
Online Bank Trf	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,144.91
Direct Debit	Nest	£64.35
Online Bank Trf	Ash Waste Ltd	£250.26
Online Bank Trf	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
Online Bank Trf	CHALC	£25.00
Online Bank Trf	Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association	£25.00
Online Bank Trf	Mark Venables	£6.80
Income		
n/a		

### 14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Daffodil bulb quotes
- Cllr Walker sends his apologies

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm

### 15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*

## Appendix 1

### **Monthly PCSO Update**

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

##### Lostock Gralam

- A report of a group of youths making threats and throwing stones at a property on Fryer Road. This seems to have been following another incident on the play area at the community centre.
- A report of youths being abusive towards a resident, causing damage to a fence and possibly having damaged a vehicle on Salary Row. There has been no reported damage to a vehicle and there are no obvious signs of damage to fences.
- A report of the smell of cannabis in the park at the community centre, have attended a few occasions and not noticed the smell of cannabis in the park.

#### **Burglary**

##### Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

#### **Theft**

##### Lostock Gralam

- A reported theft from the Coop, meat and energy drink taken.

#### **Road Safety**

##### Lostock Gralam

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.
- Road Traffic Collision where a vehicle has clipped the kerb and gone through the hedge into a field on the A556. No injuries to the driver and the incident being resolved via the insurance.

#### **Parking/highway Obstructions**

##### Lostock Gralam

- Reports received about the parking on School Lane, vehicles causing an obstruction and parking on the yellow zig zag markings. Patrols have taken place and tickets have been issued.

#### **Weekly PCSO surgeries**

##### **Tuesday 9th July, between 5pm – 6pm.**

Princess Road, Allostock. A police vehicle will be parked near to the play area.

##### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, between 3pm - 4pm.**

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

##### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, between 5pm – 6pm.**

Hulme Lane, Lower Peover. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

##### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, between 11am – 12pm.**

Lostock Green Church, Birches Lane, as part of the community hub.

##### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, between 7pm – 8pm.**

This will be online on Shakerley Police Face Book.

Everyone is welcome to come along to say hello and discuss any local issues or concerns.

I am aware that not everyone will be able to attend these surgeries, if you wish to raise any concerns please complete the Residents Voice Survey on the Cheshire Police Website, search for Residents Voice Northwich, and when completing the survey, the Policing area is Shakerley.

**PCSO Phil Hambleton, Shakerley Police Beat Team**