

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors M Litton, M Venables, T Smith, T Hodges, P Cobley, A Ross, and K Hodgkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** One member of the public (MOP) 7.07pm

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Walker, Cllr I Parkinson, Cllr L Cashmore, CWAC Cllr M Stocks and PCSO P Hambleton.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**4. MINUTES**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

**5. PROGRESS REPORT**

- All Councillor email addresses have now been set up; they are also published on the PC website.
- The Clerk has ordered Cllr T Smith a banking fob. The Clerk will work with Cllr M Litton, Cllr T Hodges, and Cllr T Smith to get the fobs authorised and working.
- The Clerk has reported the blocked manhole opposite the vet's ref: HW546757195.

**6. POLICE**

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: see appendix.

**7. MARK STOCKS**

N/a

**8. CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHT SWITCH ON**

The Parish Council considered and agreed the following arrangements.

-Light switch on date will be Friday 24th November, lights to be switched on at 5.00pm, Lostock Gralam Primary School choir invited to sing at the tree side 5.00pm to 5.15pm.

Number	Company/ Item	Description	Cost £ (Net)	PC Outcome
1	Cheshire Parties	Balloon modelling 5.30pm to 7.00pm	£150.00	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
2	Church Hall	Hall Hire 4pm to 8pm	£75.00	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
3	Bailey Audios	PA system at the Tree side	£195.68	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
4	Northwich Town Council	Supply & Install Christmas tree	£2,510.00	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
5	Music	The Clerk has asked the PCSO to provide music.		PCSO has agreed to help with music.
6	Light Switch on	The Clerk has asked PCSO Hambleton to switch on the lights – he kindly declined the offer.		PC discussed alternative nominations.
7	Choir	The Clerk has invited the school choir who have accepted the invitation.		Awaiting choir numbers
8	Food	Purchase of Hotdogs, baking ingredients, drinks, tea & coffee, gingerbread decorating items etc.	£300.00 approx.	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
9	Cadbury	Selection boxes -awaiting choir numbers	£60.00	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
10	Amazon	Paper plates, napkins, paper cups, table cloths, food prep gloves	£80.00 Approx.	PC <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept
11	Roberts Bakery	Clerk to apply for gingerbread donation		Task outstanding
12	Cllr Stocks	Clerk to apply for a member's budget grant		Task outstanding
13	Inovyn	Clerk to apply for a Community Grant		Task outstanding

## 9. PLAY AREA

-Cllr M Litton and Cllr M Venables have been looking after the Stubbs Lane play area on a trial basis as Graham is no longer able to carry on with the volunteer caretaker role. PC to review in December.

**Noted** another bin is needed near to the picnic benches, any Cllrs wishing to help will be provided with PPE, Cllr M Venables will review the Risk Assessment.

-The Clerk has ordered three litter picking sticks and gloves.

-The Stubbs Lane site is now due an 18-month tree inspection. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept an Indigo Tree Survey Quote of £360.00.

-Cllr M Venables gave a play area maintenance update. Outstanding tasks include, bongo drum painting, fitting of cable runway spring break (CG Services) and calculate savings made.

## 10. HS2

-The Parish Council had been advised that there will be a community drop in event on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, however there appears to be uncertainty whether HS2 phase 2b will go ahead.

## 11. PLANNING

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

<b>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>	
22/03271/FUL	-Land At Cheshire Avenue Lostock Gralam Northwich -Construction of a three-storey building containing 6 apartments with associated car parking. -Comments date 10-Oct-23 <b>No objection</b>
23/02442/FUL	- Crossways Station Road Lostock Gralam Northwich - Extension to existing care home to add additional bedrooms, alterations to ground floor to create day space and balcony to first floor, associated landscaping, and driveway alterations. -Comments date 04-Oct-23 <b>No objection</b>
23/02550/S73	- Land Off Cookes Lane Rudheath Northwich - Variation of Condition 1&3 -Comments date 26-Sep-23 <b>No objection</b>

## 12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-Cllr M Venables – The PC will look to put up lamppost poppies in line with the Town Council. The Tommy soldiers will also be put out on the Hall Lane traffic lights at the same time as the poppies.

-Cllr T Smith – Lostock in Bloom, the wildflowers will be cut at 3pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October by Cllr M Venables and Cllr M Litton, many thanks to Cllr Hodgkinson for loan of strimmer. Cllrs available the following Saturday will be needed to collect the cut wildflowers.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to order 600g of All things bright and beautiful butterfly mix at a cost of £129.50 inc vat.

-Cllr T Smith spoke about vandalism to the Townshend Road play area.

-Cllr T Smith advised that there are brambles hanging down in the Highfield Av. alleyway.

## 13. CLERKS REPORT

-PC **RESOLVED** to order a wreath from the Poppy shop priced at £19.99.

-Complaint received regarding dog mess on School Lane (school side) and along Stubbs Lane. Complaint also received with regards to perished concrete grid lid on Stubbs Lane which the Clerk has reported.

-The Clerk has reported the missing Stubbs Lane bin.

-Highways has advised that the gullies in the area should be cleansed during September, if this is not done, a list of gullies which need cleaning should be sent to Highways.

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept newsletter printing quote from Simon Roberts priced at £119.50.
- The PC agreed to ask if CWAC Cllr will still fund a traffic assessment on Manchester Road.
- The Clerk has requested more litter picking bags to be delivered to Cllr P Cobley.
- The PCC has published his Annual Report for 2022/23, report circulated to Cllrs.
- ASH Waste has advised of a price increase, the PC agreed to accept the increase.

#### **14. FINANCE**

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the Q2 Budget Vs. Actual and bank reconciliation.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
301000	Lyndsey Sandison	£907.65
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£33.20
301001	HMRC	£41.67
301002	Ash Waste Ltd	£195.06
301003	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
301004	HAGS-SMP Ltd	£1,348.89
301005	Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (Online Playgrounds)	£137.04
301006	CWAC	£197.00
Income		

#### **15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Christmas Meal  
Private & Confidential -Staffing

The meeting finished at 7.56 pm

#### **16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*

## Appendix

### Police Update Lostock Gralam Parish Council Meeting PCSO Hambleton Monthly Update

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

- Report of an Unauthorised Encampment on Cheshire Avenue, with two caravans, these had left prior to attendance.
- Report of a group of youths have grabbed a phone from another youth and thrown it into the road, the phone was damaged.
- Report of a male seen urinating against the hedge of a residential property on Manchester Road, when challenged the male became abusive towards the resident.

#### Burglary

- One report where a rear window of a residential property broken. No entry gained to the property, and nothing was stolen.
- One report of a purse being stolen from the staff accommodation at Crossways.

#### Theft

- 3 reports of theft from the Coop, items taken laundry Detergent, meat, cheese and butter. Total value £230.
- Theft of cash from the Fruit Machines at The Lambs and Weavers Whistle, both incidents occurred overnight on the same day.
- Theft of garden ornaments from a property on Langford Road. CCTV footage has been supplied.

#### Road Safety

- One speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road, 1 offence reported.
- Report of mud all over Manchester Road, between Costa and the A556, this was reported to Highways (Ref HW549066645)

#### Parking

- No reports received.

#### Update

- Samuel Watts, of Thornley Green in Lostock Gralam, has been sentenced to three years in prison. It comes after he pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A and B drugs, namely cocaine and cannabis, as well as possession of a weapon.

#### PCSO surgeries

**Thursday 5th October, between 2pm – 3pm.**

Costa Coffee Lostock Gralam

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, between 3pm – 4pm.**

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

**Monday 16th October, between 3pm – 4pm.**

Lostock Green Chapel, Birches Lane. A Police vehicle to be parked outside the Chapel.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, between 4pm – 5pm.**

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

**PCSO Phil Hambleton  
Shakerley Police Beat Team**