

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd
JUNE 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Litton, T Smith, T Hodges, L Cashmore, I Parkinson, P Walker, A Ross, 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 M Venables, 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.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Hodges asked if the Council could help with a Risk Assessment for the Family Fun Day due to be held on 31st August, 1pm to 4pm at the Stubbs Lane play area, he also asked if any Cllrs could help on the day by volunteering. Cllr Litton, recommended that more bins should be put out for the event. Cllr Hodges advised that Alpaca's will again be part of the funday and that they will be on display on the Community Centre carpark.

Cllr Hodgkinson advised that the Church bells will be rung for the 80th D-Day anniversary on 6th June.

Suggestion received that the PC could put out the Tommy Soldiers for the D-Day anniversary. Cllr Hodges suggested that the PC could consider purchasing a lady soldier silhouette.

Cllr Walker advised that the matter of the church field being used as a cut through has now escalated above the Church and that a search is in place to find out who owns the boundary to enable a fence to be erected, this is because 80% of the ground is consecrated and dog fouling is a problem.

Cllr Cashmore advised that the wildflower signs have either gone or been damaged.

Cllr Cobley raised a concern about the CWAC grass cutting, gully emptying and weeds in the road.

Cllr Smith would like to discuss the planters and wildflower areas at the next meeting.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. The Clerk has requested a meeting with the new PCC, Dan Price. Awaiting response.

- b. A price for two boundary signs has now been received. Councillors to take note of existing signs and consider locations for new signage – the purchase and location of signs to be considered at the next PC meeting.
- c. Water leak next to oak tree on Manchester Road has been reported, United Utilities are in the process of requesting permission for traffic management as the leak will need to be diverted rather than dug up due to the proximity to the oak tree.
- d. Update report from the Mid-Cheshire Rail meeting held 23rd May was shared with Cllrs. Cllr Litton also gave a verbal overview. Cllr Venables and Cllr Litton are due to attend a safety briefing at the station on 21st June at 10am, Cllr Litton invited Cllrs who are available to also attend the briefing.
- e. The Clerk & Cllr Venables have now met with Northwich Town Council to discuss the Christmas tree and lights. Quote requested.
- f. The Clerk has requested an update with regards to the library van.
- g. The Clerk has requested an update on the CAT9 Warrington Bus service with regards to a stop for Cheshire Av.
- h. The Clerk has enquired about DBS checks, for now the PC's activities do not warrant Cllrs being DBS checked although several Cllrs advised they have already been DBS checked.

6. POLICE

PCSO Hambleton sent a report. See Appendix 1.

Noted: PCSO Hambleton will look at what can be done about parked cars over the Manchester Road canal bridge, which there is no easy solution/answer.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks sent his apologies due to being the pre-election period (purdah).

9. PLAY AREA

- a. The zipwire seat height has now been adjusted as per the Annual Inspection, Cllr Venables is in the process of making a new step for the junior climbing frame. Cllr Venables will check if the cone climber needs greasing when the weather is dry.

Noted: Cllr Cobby recommended that a quote be sought for the cone climber as in his opinion it will need taking apart and the bearings replacing rather than just greasing.

The Clerk advised that brambles need cutting back at the play area and carpark entrance. Cllr Cobby advised that he will look to carry out the works with Cllr Venables when convenient.

12. PLANNING

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS –	
<i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</i>	
NEW PLANNING DECISIONS	
24/00475/S73	-Land At Cheshire Avenue Lostock Gralam -Approved
23/02442/FUL	-Crossways Station Road Lostock Gralam Northwich CW9 7PN -Approved

13. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Cllr T Smith (Finance Working Group Chairman) - the WG membership was confirmed as Cllr Walker, Cllr Hodges, Cllr Smith, Cllr Cashmore, and Cllr Parkinson. Cllr Litton recommended however that three would be sufficient membership. Cllr Smith presented a draft letter for the consideration of the PC, it was agreed to amend the first line to exclude the Chairman's name, however the Chairman and Clerk should both sign the letter. Cllr Smith asked the Parish Councillors to consider project ideas and to forward them onto the Clerk ahead of the next WG meeting which will be held on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm via Zoom.

12. CLERKS REPORT

- a. Cllr Venables has been booked onto a chairman training course in June at a cost of £25.00.
- b. Dog Control PSPO Review - Consultation now open -Residents are being invited to have their say on Cheshire West and Chester Council's current dog control order that encourages responsible dog ownership and tackles irresponsible dog owners. A public consultation launched on Thursday 16 May 2024 and will run until Sunday 14 July 2024. There are a variety of ways to give your views: online via cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/DogControl; or email via dogs@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.
- c. Complaint regarding overgrown White Hill received – Clerk has reported to CWAC; ref SS618297581.

13. FINANCE

- a. PC considered Budget vs actual and bank reconciliation for April and May.
- b. PC considered S137 grant application from the Lostock Gramam Primary School PTA, the PC **RESOLVED** to award £100.00 to the PTA for their summer spectacular.
- c. The PC **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments which are due and note any income received:

Payment Type	Payee	Amount
Online Bank Trf	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,177.77
Direct Debit	Nest	£64.35
Online Bank Trf	Ash Waste Ltd	£176.02
Online Bank Trf	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
Online Bank Trf	Mark Venables	£54.96
Income		
n/a		

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discuss parish wildflower zones and planters.
- Consider boundary sign purchase and locations.
- Consider Church bin quotes.
- Fryer Road bin – over flowing – request landlord to install a bin for customer use at the Manchester Road business park.
- Fly posting at Townshend Road and Community Centre.
- Fly tipping at Hesketh drive bin – CWAC signage request for no household waste.
- Lady soldier silhouette quote.

The meeting finished at 8.05 pm

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

L. Sandison

Monthly PCSO Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- Report of damaged caused to the rear window of a vehicle overnight. No witnesses or CCTV.
- Report of a dog running loose into a neighbour's garden.
- Report of a person sleeping rough at the rear of the shops on Cheshire Avenue, when patrols attended there was no trace of the person.
- Report of a drunk male causing a nuisance and refusing to leave the Slow & Easy, male had left prior to patrols attending.
- Report of a male razzing around on a quad bike on Manchester Road.
- Report of a fight at the Slow & Easy, investigation ongoing
- Report of youths throwing eggs at a residential property, occupant has identified the youths, and arrangements made between the two parties to clean up the mess.
- Two reports suspicious persons on Stubbs Lane and Bateman Road, taking photos/videos of residential properties. CCTV images of those involved has been circulated for identification.
- Female arrested and summonsed to court for possession of Class A drugs.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- Two reported thefts from the Coop, items taken include alcohol, laundry detergents, sandwiches and sweets.
- Reported theft of a motor vehicle from Fryer Road, found abandoned on Manchester Road with the keys left in it.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- Two speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road,
2 offences reported.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Tuesday 11th June, between 10am – 11am.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Saturday 17th June, between 2pm – 3pm.

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**