

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd July 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

ALSO: Ward Cllr M Stocks

PUBLIC/PCSO: Two members of the public (MOP)

1. PUBLIC FORUM

MOP raised concerns with regards to planning application 23/01630/FUL. They expressed concern about possible noise disturbance from car valeting, a loss of privacy, reduced overflow car parking for office staff and access to the site. The MOP suggested that the vehicle valeting and photo area be moved to the proposed vehicle charging area.

MOP enquired whether the PC would be able to help with a neighbour dispute. Cllr T Smith recommended the MOP contact citizen advice. The Chairman advised that neighbour disputes are not a matter for the Parish Council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr K Hodgkinson and PCSO P Hambleton.

3. 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 on the PCC.
- Cllr M Litton and Cllr T Smith declared an interest in planning application 23/01906/FUL, due to living on Cedar Close, both remained in the meeting room but abstained from commenting or voting on the planning application.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

-Townshend Road grass bank has now been cut.

-Cllrs can check when CWAC are due to cut the grass by using the online tracker (see link below):
[Grass and grounds maintenance | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

-Noisy manhole cover near Gibbon drive has been reported to CWAC who advised that it is a utility company manhole. The Clerk reported the manhole to United Utilities (UU) who advised that it is a CWAC Highway manhole and is part of the gully system to take away rain water. UU have temporarily

packed the cover. The Clerk has asked CWAC to look again at the manhole cover to fix the issue properly.

-The PCC will attend the August Parish Council meeting (the PCC will be the first item on the agenda at 7pm).

-The Parish Council has now received a street furniture license from CWAC for the newly placed planter at the Hall Lane traffic lights.

-The Stubbs Lane sinkhole has been made safe although CWAC has instructed a full investigation into the cause.

-The Clerk has chased up the damaged blue advisory not suitable for HGV sign at the Birches Lane / A556 junction. Colas are awaiting a delivery of new sign posts to complete the repair.

-PC carried out a parish walk on Saturday 24th June, overhanging trees and hedges will be reported to CWAC. Cllr M Stocks agreed to enquire whether the 20mph could start at the Station Road train bridge instead of after the preschool.

-The PC conducted a community litter pick on 21st June, no members of the public attended, many thanks to those Cllrs and their family members who participated.

-The PC will meet with the church on Saturday 15th July at 9.30 am to discuss the informal footpath across the church grounds to the Broseley Estate.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: see appendix.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr M Stocks spoke about the WS Storage planning application which has now been submitted to CWAC and awaiting validation. He went on to talk about CWAC withdrawing their HS2 petition and advised that he is not privy to the HS2 Assurances which have been offered to CWAC.

8. PLAY AREA

The latest play area inspection report was circulated by email prior to the PC meeting. The Clerk and Cllr M Venables will identify any jobs which the PC can carry out and those which will require a quotation.

The Clerk will circulate three wet pour quotes to Cllrs as soon as they have been collated. The wet pour repairs to the cable runway and basket swing are a priority.

Cllr M Venables gave an update with regards to the on-going cleaning and painting required at the play area. Cllr Venables will purchase paint for the bongo drum refurb using the play area cleaning earmarked reserve. Graffiti around the parish will be cleaned at the end of summer when the perpetrator has hopefully stopped.

9. PLANNING

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

APPLICATIONS –	
<i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</i>	
	The PC is awaiting the old Octel Site planning application which has been submitted although awaiting validation.
23/01630/FUL	<p>-Overflow Car Park Cheshire Business Centre -Facility for sale of motor vehicles, including erection of an office building and associated infrastructure, replacing part of an existing car park. Alterations to the retained car parking area including provision of electric vehicle (EV) charging points.</p> <p>Comments by 4th July 2023</p> <p>Conditional No Objection (8-1 Cllr T Smith abstained)</p> <p>The Clerk noted various condition's the PC will request in their CWAC Planning response.</p>
23/01906/FUL	<p>-18 Cedar Close, Lostock Gralam -Detached double garage and driveway alteration</p> <p>Comments by 20th July 2023</p> <p>No Objection (Cllr M Litton & Cllr T Smith abstained from commenting/voting)</p>
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr T Hodges – shared training notes prior to the PC meeting from a recently attended Social Media training course. Cllr Hodges spoke briefly about the course and suggested that the PC need to put more feeling into Social Media posts, Cllr Hodges, Cllr P Walker, and the Clerk will look to improve the PC's social media posts.

Cllr T Hodges attended the PCC meeting in the month, he gave a verbal overview of key items discussed at the meeting which included average speed cameras, traffic and graffiti.

Cllr Hodges went on to talk about Neighbourhood Watch and suggested that Townshend Road may be a good road to start leaflet dropping.

Cllr T Smith spoke about the Fryer Road litter bin which is well used, the PC spoke generally about litter bins not being emptied regularly in the month. Cllr M Venables has now carried out a full litter bin count of the parish. The Clerk will enquire how many bins the parish is entitled to.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- The Clerk is due to attend a CWAC Highway meeting on Wednesday 5th July, 6pm to 7pm.
- The Clerk is due to attend a Renescience Meeting on Wednesday 26th July, 6pm to 7pm.
- No updates yet with regards to the External Audit.
- The Clerk has asked Cllr M Stocks to enquire why the litter bins have not been emptied regularly in the past month.
- PC **RESOLVED** to continue supporting the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association by paying a £25.00 annual subscription.

-CWAC Wildflower team have advised that they will inspect the wildflowers at the Townshend Road junction, the areas will either be deemed not suitable due to the wet ground or the team will apply more seed at the end of summer to improve the quality of the wildflower areas.

-HS2 are due to send AP2 information to the Clerk early July. The PC will have around six weeks to respond.

12. FINANCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept Q1 bank reconciliation and budget vs actual.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300977	Lyndsey Sandison	£893.18
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£33.20
300978	HMRC	£41.67
300979	Ash Waste Ltd	£191.28
300980	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society	£8.00
300981	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300982	Mark Venables	£25.84
300983	Zurich Municipal	£1,104.03
300984	Dylis Whitelegg	£145.55
300985	Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association	£25.00
DD	Freeola	£19.76
Income		

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr M Venables sends his apologies for the August PC meeting.

The PCC will be the first item on the August Agenda.

The Community Centre now has a logo.

The meeting finished at 8.49 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 7th August at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Police Update
Lostock Gralam Parish Council Meeting
PCSO Hambleton Monthly Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Report of damage caused to the reading den on the school field. No lines of enquiry.
- Report of a group of people outside the Weavers Whistle being noisy after the pub had closed, they had been at the pub earlier.
- Two reports of fights at Slow & Easy and Weavers Whistle occurred on the same evening about 30, minutes apart, believed to be the same people involved.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- Report of a motorbike stolen, found burnt out in the graveyard of the church.

Road Safety

- One speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road, 6 offences reported.

Parking

- Continued reports of parking issues on Townshend Road, since the reporting person has moved, there have been no further reports.

PCSO surgeries

Monday 3rd July, between 2pm – 3pm.

Birches Lane, Lostock Green.

A police vehicle will be parked outside Lostock Green Chapel.

Tuesday 11th July, between 11am – 12pm.

Princess Road, Allostock.

A Police vehicle to be parked near to the play area.

Wednesday 19th July, between 4pm – 5pm.

Costa Coffee Lostock Gralam.

Monday 24th July, between 10am – 11am.

Hulme Lane, Lower Peover.

A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

Saturday 29th July, between 5pm – 6pm.

Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road.

A Police vehicle to be parked on the car park.