

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE CHURCH HALL

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors; M Venables (Chair), M Litton, T Smith, P Cobley, K Hodgkinson, A Ross, P Walker, and L Cashmore.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

ALSO

IN ATTENDANCE: CWAC Cllr M Stocks and PCSO Hambleton.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr T Hodges and Cllr I Parkinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Walker declared an interest in the St Johns Parochial Church Council and declared a personal interest in Lostock Gralam Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Association Committee.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

N/A

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Boundary sign update still awaited. Chased 29/09/2025 and 28/10/2025.
- b. Office advertising signs on gyratory reported to CWAC.
- c. Village noticeboard has now been ordered.

6. POLICE

- a. PCSO Hambleton gave a report: See appendix.

7. MARK STOCKS

WS Storage Planning Inspector appeal decision received, the buildings and bunds have been refused permission and are required to be removed within four months, permission was however granted for the change of use to storage of HGVs.

Cllr Stocks went on to talk about devolution and the fact that the government would allocate funds for the first shadow year. There is Hynet uncertainty at Ellesmere port.

Cllr T Smith queried when the traffic calming on Townshend Road would be delivered.

8. PLAY AREA

- a) Cllr M. Venables reported on the latest play area inspection report and noted the difficulties in identifying new issues from the report. Cllr Venables suggested that the Parish Council consider scheduling an annual RoSPA play inspection, a mid-year operational inspection six months later, and monthly visual checks. This approach would not only reduce costs but also simplify the reporting process.
- b) Play area update received with regards to maintenance jobs carried out in the past month.
- c) Cllr M. Litton advised that if a snow shovel were available, he would use it to clear fallen leaves during the weekly litter pick and bin emptying at the park. The Parish Council agreed to purchase two shovels, subject to a cost of approximately £10 each.

9. PLANNING

PC PLANNING COMMITTEE / EMAIL CONSULTATION DECISIONS IN THE MONTH	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PC	
APPEALS	
Appeal Ref: APP/A0665/C/24/3352 792	Moss Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 7TG Decision 1. It is directed that the enforcement notice is varied by: the deletion of the word 'plus' and its substitution with the words 'the erection of' in Section 3 of the Notice; and the deletion of step iv in Part 5 of the Notice and its substitution with the words 'deconstruct the earth bunds on the Land' 2. Subject to the corrections, the appeal is allowed insofar as it relates to the material change of use of the land edged red to storage and distribution (Class B8) use for the storage of refrigerated trailers and planning permission is granted on the application deemed to have been made under section 177(5) of the 1990 Act (as amended), for the material change of use of the land to storage and distribution (Class B8) use for the storage of refrigerated trailers at Land off Moss Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich CW9 7PG subject to the conditions set out in a schedule attached to this Decision. 3. The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld as corrected insofar as it relates to the erection of an open sided structure with plastic panelled dual pitched roof and the construction of earth bunds on the Land edged red on the plan attached to the Notice, and planning permission is refused in respect of the open sided structure with plastic panelled dual pitched roof and the construction of earth bunds at Land off Moss Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich CW9 7PG on the application deemed to have been made under section 177(5) of the 1990 Act (as amended).

10. CHRISTMAS 2025

- a. Clerk still awaiting volunteer role jobs list for the Christmas event. It is likely the roles will include carparking attendants and glass collectors. Cllr A Ross +1 will run the gingerbread decorating stand, Cllr T Smith and Cllr L Cashmore will run the raffle and raffle ticket sales. Clerk to find out what time volunteers are needed.
- b. Christmas event update awaited. PC discussed how the raffle will work on the night and confirmed that the raffle draw will be at 9.00 pm. It is expected that the raffle will take no more than 15 minutes to draw.
- c. The Clerk will purchase selection boxes for the school choir once choir numbers has been confirmed.
- d. The Clerk will write a risk assessment for the Christmas event (for the parish councils' involvement).
- e. The PC discussed a tick sheet consultation and agreed to include improving the Townshend Rd/Hall Lane junction, Christmas was also mentioned.

11. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a. **Members matters for consideration**

None

b. **Members updates-** *To receive updates from working groups, meetings attended etc.*

1. Friends of Lostock Station, a verbal update was received from Cllr Venables. It was noted that Cllr Venables and Cllr Hodgkinson are due to attend an award ceremony for Britain in Bloom on behalf of the *Friends of* group, in recognition of their hard work in improving the station.
2. Finance Working Group- Cllr T. Smith gave an update with regards to the raffle which had mainly been discussed under the Christmas agenda item.

Cllr Smith provided an update on the *Friendly Bench* project. He confirmed that suitable benches have now been identified and that Tim Hodges, representing the Community Centre, is happy with the selection. The working group will therefore proceed with ordering three benches, which will be funded by the Community Centre. Cllr Hodgkinson kindly accepted to take delivery and store some of the flat pack benches until needed.

Cllr Smith advised that the benches are intended to be installed along the Manchester Road play area fence, although it is not yet known whether the addition of a gate into the area will be affordable. He also noted Cllr Cobley's suggestion to consider fencing around the *Talking Benches*. Cllr Smith and Cllr Venables will prepare a plan and obtain costings for presentation to the Council.

c. **Members' Reports-** *to receive minor matters of interest not included on the agenda.*

- Rev. Riddleys departing report read out by Cllr Walker.
- Overview of Connections Meeting attended by Cllr Walker received.
- Overview of Manchester Airport meeting attended by Cllr Walker received.
- Cllr Cashmore advised that a tanker had come down Station Rd and blocked traffic.
- Cllr Cobley asked whether a height barrier could be installed at the Community Centre instead of a gate, to help alleviate parking issues on Stubbs Lane.
- Cllr Smith advised that more lamppost poppies will be needed for next year's remembrance display. He also requested an update on when MP Esther McVey will attend a meeting with the council.

12. CLERKS REPORT

- a. It was agreed that Cllr M Venables will attend and lay a remembrance wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Sunday 9th November at 10.45 am at St Johns Church.
- b. The Clerk advised that the Council will be considering the budget requirements for 2026/27 at the December Parish Council meeting, and asked Councillors to consider any projects they wish to be included in the budget calculation.
- c. KGSP Consultation documentation circulated to Cllrs. [Consultation - KGSP](#)
- d. PC Christmas meal date/time to be confirmed via WhatsApp.
- e. Reminder that the PC agreed to carry out a litter pick of the Slow & Easy on Sunday 16th November and to request a meeting with Emma.

13. FINANCE

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to award Lostock Gralam Toddler Group a grant of £250.00 for the provision of a Christmas party and contribution towards new toys for the group.
- b. The PC **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments which are due.

Payee	Payment Type	Amount
Lyndsey Sandison	TRF	£1,322.98
Nest	DD	£72.48
Signs of Cheshire Ltd	TRF	£1,320.00
HAGS SMP Ltd	TRF	£102.00
Ash Waste Ltd	TRF	£145.20
Lloyds Bank	SO	£4.25
Freeola	DD	£13.46
Simon Roberts	TRF	£195.00
Income		
Costa Coffee	TRF	£1000.00
Direct Carpets Ltd	TRF	£75.00
Mid-Cheshire Rail	TRF	£50.21

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Cllr P Walker sends his apologies for the December PC meeting.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 1st December at 7.00 pm, in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

L. Sandison

Appendix 1

Monthly Update for October 2025 for the Shakerley Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- Report of males refusing to leave the Weavers Whistle, prior to patrols attending they had all left.
- Report of a Christmas Party at the Weavers Whistle, where the attendees were refusing to pay the bill and being abusive towards staff. All left prior to police attending.
- Report of groups of people (children and adults) playing football in the road on Pack Horse Close. Nothing has been observed by patrols.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- One Speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road with 2 offences being captured and reported.
- Manchester Road, vehicle stop checked. Driver provided a positive drugs wipe test. Driver was arrested for driving under the influence.
- Report received of a vehicle on Cheshire Avenue, where the occupant was spotted changing the registration plates. The vehicle was stopped just off Manchester Road enquiries established the vehicle had been linked to numerous thefts in Northwich and Hampshire. The occupants were arrested for going equipped.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- Reports about vehicles been parked on Stubbs Lane, all vehicles were registered locally and have been moved.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Saturday 8th November, between 3pm – 4pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam, CW9 7UA.

Friday 5th December, between 5pm – 6pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam, CW9 7UA.

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**