

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.20pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** PCSO P Hambleton and 1 MOP

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

-A Celandine Court resident raised concerns about vehicles parking along Cheshire Avenue on the care home side which forces Celandine Court residents/visitors to drive on the wrong side of the road, this coupled with drive thru traffic not always fully looking left and cutting across the parked cars is causing concern. The resident requested that double yellow lines be painted on the care-home side of Cheshire Avenue. The MOP also raised concerns about HGV's parking along Cheshire Avenue near to the overflow carpark at night and HGV's including coaches bumping up the kerb on Wells Avenue to use the retail units and take a break. The MOP would also like to request that the Business Park signs are removed – which would be down to the land owner.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr A Ross.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

-Cllr P Walker is a member of the Lostock Gralam Community Centre Association Committee and the PCC.

**4. MINUTES**

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

**5. PROGRESS REPORT**

-The flower planters have now been planted.

-The Clerk is awaiting CWAC Highways to carry out their investigation regarding a bus shelter between the Lodge Lane and Stubbs Lane junctions on to Manchester Road.

-The Clerk advised that CWAC Highways had advised against a larger boundary sign on the canal bridge (Manchester bound). The PC accepted the CWAC advice and **RESOLVED** to purchase just two new boundary signs at £500.00 each. One new sign will be installed on Hall Lane, the existing (Northwich bound) Manchester Road sign will be relocated to Station Road and replaced with a new boundary sign.

**Noted:** Cllr P Kelly voted against the purchase of two new boundary signs on the grounds of costs. Cllrs P Cobley, T Hodges, T Smith, M Litton and M Venables voted in favour of new signs as they see them as a positive purchase to raise the profile of the parish.

- The memorial bench will be installed once received by CG Services Ltd.
- CWAC Highways will repair the Lodge Lane pavement damage caused by tree roots from a Lodge Lane property. The PC **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to the property owners advising them of the damage being caused to the pavement.
- The Hall Lane traffic light grass has now been cut. An advertising A board on the grass near to the traffic lights causes an obstruction for the CWAC mowers, M Venables to enquire about getting it removed.

## 6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton gave the following report:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
    - Damage to Community Centre lamppost.
    - Section 47 - incident involving two children whilst playing football at the Stubbs Lane play area.
    - Neighbour issue reported.
  - Theft/ Burglary
    - one theft of alcohol costing £20.00 at the Co-op.
  - Parking
    - Parking complaints received relating to Townshend Road
    - Vehicles with no MOT/TAX reported
  - Speeding
    - 3 x Speed camera sessions (14 caught speeding).
  - Community
    - PCSO P Hambleton to arrange summer play activities at the Stubbs Lane play area.
- Cllr P Cobley raised concerns about a drunk person regularly seen wondering around the parish.

## 7. MARK STOCKS

-Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting but has been in contact with the Clerk and Cllr P Kelly in the month with regards to arranging a meeting with CWAC Highways.

## 8. HS2 PHASE 2B

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the mitigation proposal for HS2 at Lostock Gramam and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr M Venables should prepare a petition for submission.

## 9. INSURANCE

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept a three-year long-term Insurance agreement with Zurich at a cost of £1,032.89 per annum.

## 10. PLAY AREA

### (a) Play Area

- The zip wire height has now been adjusted as per the standard.
- Cllr M Venables will look to insert a new bolt on the main frame of the zip wire.
- The Clerk will obtain quotes for wet pour repairs needed and a replacement footboard for the junior climbing frame.
- The Clerk will look to get a replacement oak tree for the Jubilee tree which has died.

### -(b) Sports Facility Management Committee (SFMC)

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr P Cobley onto the SFMC.
- Cllr M Venables has now replaced the broken perimeter fence rail at the play area.
- The PC **RESOLVED** that a grant application for five pieces of outdoor gym equipment should be submitted to the National Lottery.

## 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>	
22/01880/FUL	-Costa Coffee, Cheshire Avenue, Lostock Gralam -2 EV Charging Bays and equipment  <b>No Objection</b>
<b>APPEALS</b>	
<b>DECISIONS</b>	

## 12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-Cllr P Kelly advised of the increase in litter around the parish and the need for a bigger litter bin near to the Manchester Road retail units. Cllr Kelly and the Clerk are in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with CWAC Highways and the Police. The Clerk will gather Cllrs concerns and write an agenda for the Meeting. Cllr M Venables expressed an interest in attending the meeting.

-Cllr T Smith advised that the Manchester Road retail unit owner has said that they will be instructing contractors to paint and clean up the wall and railing along Fryer Road.

-Cllr P Walker requested that any new businesses to the parish are written to and welcomed to the parish. The Clerk will write to the newly refurbished Slow and Easy landlords to welcome them to the parish.

## 13. CLERKS REPORT

-Freedom Fibre have 6 new poles planned for Lostock Gralam, 2 have already been installed at 2 Bateman Road and side of 80 Langford Road. The following pole is planned and ready to be installed in the next couple of weeks at 13/15 Wilson Crescent. The remaining 3 poles are still in planning phase at 17/19 Hesketh Drive, 9/11 Hesketh Drive and 2/4 Lodge Lane.

-The Clerk is due to attend an LSEP meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm-4pm via Teams.

-Cllr P Walker will attend a Renaissance LLC meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 17:00 for a site tour and meeting.

-The next parish litter pick will be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

## 14. FINANCE

- The Parish Council awarded Lostock Gralam Primary School an S137 grant of £100.00 to go towards the cost of a permanent jubilee garden feature.
- Bank balances: current account £8,560.95 / deposit account balance £35,002.85
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

Payee	Details and Period	Amount
1300889	Lyndsey Sandison	£838.40
300890	HMRC	£42.28
Direct Debit	Nest Pension	£32.84
300891	Mark Venables	£8.76
300896	Ash Waste Ltd	£118.40
300892	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300893	Npower Commercial Gas	£18.74
300894	The Mid Cheshire Footpath Society	£8.00
300895	KBS Depot	£703.80
Income		
n/a		NIL

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

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

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

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

\*The Clerk will be on annual leave from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July – the summons will therefore be issued on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

*L. Sandison*