

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Venables, I Parkinson, T Smith, P Walker, T Hodges, P Cobley and M Litton arrived at 8.05pm

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

-MOP handed the Clerk a petition regarding HGV's parking opposite the Celandine Court entrance overnight on Cheshire Avenue.

Noted: there are no double yellow lines where the HGVs are parking, any request for double yellow lines would have to be funded by the Parish Council. The MOP was advised to send the Clerk details of any HGV's parked overnight, and she will contact the hauliers. The petition was handed back to the MOP.

-MOP handed the Clerk a written objection letter to a planning application where the consultation time frame has now passed. Clerk handed back the letter as the planning application is now with the Planning department for consideration.

-MOP shared Lostock Gralam Train Station picture as a suggestion for art work at the train station.

-Cllr P Cobley advised that a grid opposite the pharmacy is full of water and not draining.

-Cllr T Hodges thanked those who helped at the Community Centre fun day.

-Cllr P Cobley advised that a resident was seen brushing up the Highfield Av. alleyway. PC recommended that the Mop register with CWAC to access appropriate PPE.

-Cllr T Smith advised that a number of local residents had praised the work of PCSO Phil Hambleton.

-Cllr T Hodges advised that the Community Centre has offered the PCSO use of the small office for his drop-in surgeries.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr K Hodgkinson, Cllr L Cashmore, Cllr A Ross, Ward Cllr M Stocks and PCSO P Hambleton.

4. 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.

5. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 7th August 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

6. PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk has reported a sunken area of road surface on Station Road (adjacent to Crossways Care home) ref: HW537665333. CWAC response received: Your report has now been investigated. In line with our Highways Inspection Policy, we believe that this issue does not require any action at this stage.

-The Clerk has reported the sunken road surface adjacent to the Manchester Road play area fence. Ref: HW537664149. CWAC response received: Your report has now been investigated and a works order has been raised to repair the issue.

-The Clerk is still awaiting a response regarding the pavement which requires sweeping at Lostock Hollow. Ref: SS534245408.

-The Clerk has reported the overhanging hedges on Station Road ref: HW537666172. Awaiting update.

-The Clerk has reported that no drop kerb was installed on Stubbs Lane to Packhorse Close alleyway. Ref: HW537662303. CWAC response received: Your report has now been investigated. In line with our Highways Inspection Policy, we believe that this issue does not require any action at this stage.

-The Clerk has registered an enquiry with regards to no library van visiting Lostock Gram anymore. Ref: LIB540226832. Reply Received: Hello Thank you for your enquiry regarding the mobile library. We haven't visited Lostock Gram since a route review in 2017 as no-one was using the stop. We currently review routes every 6 months. If there is demand for the service, we can consider a stop in Lostock Gram.

-Enquiry sent (18/08/2023) to the bus infrastructure team with regards to a bus stop on Cheshire Avenue near to Celandine Court. Reply Received: 'This is something I have investigated and am keen to progress, but unfortunately the logistics of extending the CAT9 service is not something that can be achieved immediately. We will discuss this option with Warrington's Own Buses when the service is next reviewed'.

7. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: see appendix.

8. MARK STOCKS

N/a

9. PLAY AREA

-The PC discussed litter picking and bin emptying at the Stubbs Lane play area post November when Graham will be stepping down from volunteering.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to appeal for regular play area volunteer litter pickers.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept Northwich Town Councils quote for weekly litter pick/ bin emptying from December should no regular replacement volunteer / solution be found.

-The PC deferred deciding on whether to purchase additional litter bins until the next PC meeting.

-The PC agreed that additional signage advising visitors to not drop litter would likely be required.

-Suggestion to approach local businesses to sponsor a bin received.

-Suggestions received for a thank you for Graham for all his years of volunteering at the play area. The Chairman advised that his Chairmans allowance can be used.

- Suggestion received to allow advertising on the MUGA to raise funds for the play area upkeep.
- Suggestion received that signs could be fixed to the picnic tables asking people to take rubbish home/leave tidy.

10. HS2

- The Lostock Gramam Parish Council HS2 AP2 consultation response has now been submitted.
- CWAC have Petitioned against AP2.
- The Clerk has enquired about HS2 holding a Community Pop up event in October in Lostock Gramam.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept an Assurance offered by HS2 in relation to embankment mitigation planting.

11. 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>	
23/01998/FUL	Creation of landscaping bunds, replacement security fencing and the filling in of an underground tank in connection with the continuing commercial use of the site for the processing of refrigerated trailers at Associated Octel Limited Moss Lane Lostock Green, Northwich CW9 7TG
	Objection
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr T Smith – The wildflower areas will need cutting back and seed sowing soon. Clerk to ask CWAC for guidance on timings and method.

Cllr M Litton – Christmas Light Switch on 2023

The PC **RESOLVED** that the Christmas Light Switch on date will be Friday 24th November, and that the celebrations will follow the same plan as last year. A quote for a 20ft tree should be obtained and the school choir asked to sing at the tree side. The Parish Council would like PCSO Phil Hambleton to switch on the lights. An after party will be held in the church hall and include, hotdogs, tea, coffee, cakes, gingerbread decorating, balloon modelling, music etc. The school choir will also receive a selection box each.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- The Clerk proposed to write a newsletter with a piece covering Graham stepping down from volunteering at the play area. Cllr T Hodges volunteered to help and will send the Clerk pieces for inclusion in the newsletter about Home Watch, the Food Bank & Very Green Grocery, and the Community Centre.
- Complaint received regarding dirty play area rules sign and broken no dogs sign on pedestrian entrance gate. Cllr M Venables promptly cleaned the sign and a replacement 'No Dogs' sign ordered. Complaint now considered closed.

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12. FINANCE

- The current account balance is £6,766.58, the deposit account balance is £29,097.12.
- The PKF External Audit has now been completed. No issues to report. Conclusion of Audit has been published on the PC website and PC noticeboard.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300994	Lyndsey Sandison	£897.38
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£33.20
300995	Ash Waste Ltd	£151.39
300996	Northwich Town Council	£300.00
300997	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£2,556.00
300998	PKF LLP	£252.00
300999	Safety signs & notices ltd	£35.75
S/O	Freeola	£7.92
Income		

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr P Walker sends his apologies for the October meeting.
 Electronic banking
 All Cllrs to be on PC email
 The planters are looking good (some flowers have been taken though)

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Appendix

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

Report of a male, on Cheshire Limes seen climbing into garden and leaving with a set of extendable ladders, patrols attend there was no trace of the male.

Report of youths setting tree trunks on fire around Winnington Woods, reports states the trunks were too damp to light.

Report of a fight on Townshend Road Park, involving 11 youths and possible damage caused, unable to confirm if the damage was new or old, or which youths were involved.

Report of speeding vehicles on Manchester Road, between the Slow & Easy and the A556. Enforcement to be carried out.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- 3 Shopliftings reported, items taken include meat, spirits, coffee and sweets

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

One reported, 2 masked males captured on CCTV, snapping the lock on the front door, both make off when the alarm is activated. Nothing taken.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

One speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road, 4 offences reported.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Thursday 7th September, between 5pm – 6pm.

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

Saturday 23rd September, between 10am – 11am.

Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road. A Police vehicle to be parked on the car park.

Thursday 28th September, between 5pm – 6pm.

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

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.

Drugs

Stop and search of two youths on School Lane, one of the youths found in possession of cannabis, which has been dealt with by a Community Resolution.

A male suspect arrested at a property on Cedar Close, following a parcel containing a Class B drug being intercepted by Border Force, following the arrest a search of the property took place, which resulted in the discover of a class A being produced production and class B drug grow. The suspect was further arrested for the cultivation and production of drugs.

Other

Sports in the park sessions held on Lostock Gralam Community Centre.

Indoor Climbing sessions have been run throughout the summer, most sessions fully attended and the next couple are fully booked.

Attended the Family Fun Day at Lostock Gralam Community Centre.

Attended the Family Fun Weekend at The Weavers Whistle over the Bank Holiday Weekend.