

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 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, T Hodges and L Cashmore.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

ALSO

IN ATTENDANCE: CWAC Cllr M Stocks and new Community Centre Trustee.

Chairman M Venables added two agenda items:

- 1 - Lawton's Ground Maintenance invoice for August and September £696.00 due for payment.
- 2 - Agree a date for re-scheduled parish walk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr P Walker and Cllr I Parkinson. PCSO Hambleton sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Hodges declared a personal interest in Lostock Gralam Community Centre as a member of the Community Centre Association Committee.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

A new Community Centre Trustee introduced themselves to the PC and advised that he and his wife have joined the committee, he will be taking on the Finances.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 1st September 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
- b. Highway s106 update still awaited. Chased 29/09/2025
- c. The Clerk has written to a member of the public regarding a hedge encroaching onto the pavement. The Parish Council agreed to include a reminder in the next newsletter asking residents to cut back any overhanging foliage. Additional properties with similar issues will also be written to.

6. POLICE

- a. PCSO Hambleton sent a report – see appendix 1 for report.
- b. Cllr comments for the PCSO – concerns about cyclists on the Bellway estate near substation riding on pavement at speed towards Cheshire Av, dog jumped over property fence on Moss Lane and ran to Inovyn offices and vehicle parked on the Stubbs Lane/ Bateman junction looks to be abandoned as parked away from the kerb.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks gave a verbal report which covered, WS Storage appeal outcome still awaited, pot holes on Birches Lane have been repaired, Labour now has full control of the council after a bye-election, all three councils have approved devolution, Gibbon Drive planning enforcement matter on going, Gibbon Drive cannabis matter ongoing, self-storage site is with planning enforcement however a planning application has now been received for the site.

Flooding concerns were raised with Cllr Stocks - blocked gully on Manchester Rd opposite the vets, School Lane gully near numbers 20 and 22 and Manchester Rd near the Griffiths Rd junction and under the bridge at Griffiths Road.

8. PLAY AREA

- a) No new play inspection reports to consider.
- b) Play area update received with regards to maintenance jobs carried out in the past month.
- c) No concerns/issues regarding the park bin emptying/litter picking were raised.

9. PLANNING

PC PLANNING COMMITTEE / EMAIL CONSULTATION DECISIONS IN THE MONTH	
25/02405/FUL	-Longworths Hair Salon, 58 Station Road -Change of use from ladies and mens hair salon to ladies salon with ground and first floor flats and associated alteration No objection via email consultation.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PC	
APPEALS	

10. VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to install a village noticeboard near to Community Centre carpark pedestrian entrance gate (5 votes in favour of location).
- b. The PC **RESOLVED** to order a Lostock Gramam Village Noticeboard, size A1, two door, green, one side thumb lock other lockable, priced at £1,100 + Vat + magnetic pin accessories. The Noticeboard will have the following header- Lostock Gramam Village Noticeboard.
- c. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept CG Services quote of £300 +vat to install noticeboard.

11. CHRISTMAS 2025

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept NTC quote for a 20ft Christmas tree at £2,844 + vat.
- b. Verbal update received with regards to Christmas plans with the Slow & Easy. The PC agreed to carry out a litter pick of the site on Sunday 16th November.
- c. Cllrs were asked for their availability to help with the Christmas event on Friday 21st November.
- d. PC agreed that they would be happy to purchase selection boxes for the school choir if the school want them. Clerk to contact the school before purchasing them.
- e. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed Christmas event cost of £499.40.
- f. The PC would like to request a meeting with the Slow & Easy on 16th November.

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a. **Members matters for consideration**

1. The PC **RESOLVED** to hold a public consultation at the Christmas event to invite suggestions for future projects, the PC also agreed that an invite for suggestions can be included on the PC newsletter.

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

1. Friends of Lostock Station, verbal update received.
2. Finance Working Group- Cllr T. Smith gave an update on raffle prizes so far, the proposed raffle prize purchases with the PCs £200 allocation, the plan for selling raffle tickets and confirmation of the raffle date and time.
 - It was agreed to defer deciding on the sponsors thank you banner until December.
 - The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the above Finance Working group update.
 - Cllr T. Hodges with Cllr T. Smith, advised that the proposed location for the Friendly bench project is along the play area field fence adjacent to Manchester Rd, a gate from the Manchester Rd footpath would be required to access the area. Cllr Hodges advised of a quote received from Men in Sheds with regards to the benches. It was agreed that a plan should be drawn up.
 - Cllr T. Hodges reported on his and the Clerk's recent visit to Lostock Lodge Care Home, where they gave a short talk to residents about the parish. Cllr Hodges noted how worthwhile the visit had been, he expressed his hope to arrange similar talks at the other care homes within the parish.

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

- Bulb planting party required, suggested dates included 26th October and 2nd November.
- Parish walk to be rearranged for either 26th October or 2nd November before or after the bulb planting.

13. **CLERKS REPORT**

- a. Meeting presentation sent to Cllrs 29.09.2025 for the Highway meeting attended on 25/09/2025.
- b. To note that Cllr P Walker can no longer attend the PCC meeting on Tuesday 7th October.
- c. Thank you to all those who helped at the Community litter pick on 28/09/2025.
- d. The PC agreed to a joint request with Lach Dennis & Lostock Green Parish Council for Birches Lane, Lostock Hollow and Station Road to have a 7.5t weight limit except for access, due to the number of HGV's which take a short cut through the two parishes.
- e. The PC **RESOLVED** to purchase a Remembrance wreath priced at £19.99 + £4.50 delivery.
- f. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept newsletter printing quote for 1300 copies at £196.00.
- g. PC agreed that the lamppost poppies will be installed one afternoon when convenient w/b 27th October.

14. **FINANCE**

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation, Cllr Venables signed the bank statements.
- b. The PC **RESOLVED** to put £10,000 in a 6-month fixed term saver at an interest rate of 2.4% once the £20,000 fixed term deposit comes to an end.
- c. The PC **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments which are due.

Payee	Payment	Amount
Lyndsey Sandison	TRF	£1,401.35
Nest	DD	£91.61
Ash Waste Ltd	TRF	£146.04
HMRC	TRF	£607.00
Lloyds Bank	S/O	£4.25
TJ Hough	TRF	£210.00
Mark Venables	TRF	£73.06
Lawtons	TRF	£696.00
Income		

15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Tick sheet consultation for Christmas event.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 3rd November at 7.00 pm, in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

L. Sandison

Appendix 1

Monthly Update for September 2025 for the Shakerley Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- Report of off roads bikes being ridden around Winnington Woods, the report was received two days after the incident. Patrols taking place to monitor/deter the incidents.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- Two Speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road with 6 offences being captured and reported.
- A556, vehicle stop checked, following checks it was established the vehicle had no insurance and the driver wasn't driving in accordance with their licence. Driver reported for the offences committed and the vehicle was seized.
- Manchester Road, vehicle stop checked. Driver provided a positive drugs wipe test. Driver was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of cannabis.
- Two reports of a vehicle being driven, where the driver does not have the suitable documents to drive. Vehicle details were provided at the time wasn't sighted at the time of the reports.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Thursday 9th October, between 10am – 11am.

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**