

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: Three members of the public (MOP)
PCSO P Hambleton
Ward Cllr Mark Stocks

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Cobley.

2. 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 PCC.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Three Lostock Manchester Road residents attended the Parish Council meeting to raise their concerns with regards to Manchester Road from the canal bridge to the carwash. The mops asked the Parish Council to support them in lobbying their Town Councillor and CWAC to improve road safety in the area. The Parish Council agreed to write to their Town Councillor in support of improving road safety.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- A works order has been raised to cleanse the gullies. HW555599648.
- The newsletter is printed and ready for distribution.
- Sink hole next to telecommunication manhole has now been repaired on Stubbs Lane.
- Eroded manhole cover on Stubbs Lane now replaced by SP Energy.
- Fly posting at the Cheshire Business Park traffic lights has been removed by the owner of the flyposting.
- The farmer has been asked to clean the Manchester Road footpath, a response has been received advising that the road was satisfactorily cleaned, on inspection the farmer had tried to clean the footpath although still dirty.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton gave the following report:

Anti-Social Behaviour

Report of a draw containing used needles and drugs paraphernalia being left in the bushes at Lostock Gralam Community Centre – these were safely removed.

Report of a smell of cannabis coming from a residential property. Housing being contacted to remind tenant of their housing agreement.

Report of damage to the front door of a residential property.

Theft

Two reports from the Co-op, alcohol and food taken.

Theft of a mobile phone sold via Facebook Marketplace, purchaser collected the phone, producing a receipt for making payment, seller did not receive payment.

Burglary

One report of Costa Coffee being broken into overnight, sandwiches and money taken.

One report of an attempted break into Subway, no entry gained into premises, two suspects arrested, charged, and sentenced to 6 months for the incidents.

Road Safety

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

Concerns about the number of vehicles using Smithy Lane, as a short cut to the school and properties on School Lane.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks spoke about HS2 being cancelled, and the need to know whether any money will be coming to the area considering the cancelled project. He also spoke about the need for HS2 to sell their land and property portfolio to raise funds and to allow communities to get back to normality.

Cllr Stocks spoke about the Octel planning application, he has also chased up the 60 outstanding planning applications in the ward.

Cllr Stocks also went on to talk about, chasing up when gullies will be cleansed, the CWAC deficit, CWAC Seeking money back from the cost of HS2, CWAC looking to cut staff numbers, CWAC looking to apply for 3rd level levelling up funding for the Winnington swing bridge, and Cheshire East leisure centre closures.

8. CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHT SWITCH ON

The Parish Council reviewed the current cost proposals and booking so far for the Christmas light switch on.

Cllr M Stocks has agreed to award a £200.00 Members Budget Grant to the PC for the Christmas Light Switch on Celebrations.

INOVYN has agreed to award the PC £500.00 to go towards the cost of the Christmas light switch on.

The PC discussed the number of cupcakes required, the need to find gingerbread men from elsewhere considering no Roberts Bakery donation this year and a Risk Assessment for the event including a First Aider and Crowd Control.

9. PLAY AREA

- Hags Play Area operational inspection report received.
- CG Services has installed new cable runway part and leaf blown the MUGA (leaf blowing is part of the grass cutting contract).
- Indigo have now carried out an 18-month tree inspection (awaiting report) – The Clerk will obtain quotes for the work required.
- Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update re the ongoing play area repairs.
- The new 'No Dogs' sign at the Manchester Road pedestrian entrance gate has been replaced due to the new sign falling off its tracks and been taken away by a park visitor. The sign was replaced FOC and fitted by Cllr Venables.
- The PC discussed the play area litter picking / bin emptying.
- PC **RESOLVED** to accept the Play Area Litter Maintenance Risk Assessment.
- Drug paraphernalia found in hedge next to the Community Centre entrance (member of the public reported the findings to the Police).

10. PLANNING

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

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – <i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</i>	
NEW PLANNING DECISIONS	
22/03271/FUL	-Land At Cheshire Avenue Lostock Gram Northwich. -Construction of a three-storey building containing 6 apartments with associated car parking. Approved
23/02346/FUL	-455 Manchester Road Lostock Gram -Rendering of house Approved

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-Cllr M Venables – gave a lamp post poppy and Tommy soldier update. The poppies and soldier will be taken down before the Christmas light switch on.

-Lostock in Bloom – the wildflowers have now been cut and new seed sown. CWAC will be advised that the grass verge around the Townshend Road bank will need cutting as no new wildflower seeds have been sown there (right hand side from Hall Lane) due to being too wet.

-Cllr K Hodgkinson asked Cllrs to help litter pick Manchester Road. The Cllrs agreed to meet on Saturday 25th November at 10 am.

-Cllr P Walker – Attended a Renescience LLC Meeting in the month, Cllr Walker gave a verbal overview of the meeting.

13. CLERKS REPORT

- The Clerk attended an LSEP meeting in the month- the Clerk gave verbal overview of the meeting.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept new Public Participation Policy.
- The Clerk will be working on a Biodiversity Policy in response to new Government Guidance on Biodiversity.

- Remembrance wreath purchased; Chairman M Litton will attend the wreath laying service at 10.45 am on Sunday 12th November at St. Johns Church.
- Cheshire Fire Authority Risk Plan circulated via email in the month.
- The Clerk has asked the PCSO about the rules of parking on a bus stop – particularly along Townshend Road.
- The Cllrs agreed to meet on Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm in the Slow & Easy for Christmas get together.

14. FINANCE

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept Lostock Tiny Tots S137 grant application for £200.00 to provide a Christmas dinner and gift to the preschool children.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

Cheque	Payee	Amount
Bank TRF	Lyndsey Sandison	£1030.52
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£33.20
301007	Ash Waste Ltd	£159.79
301008	Boston Seeds Ltd	£120.50
301009	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£636.00
301010	Mr Simon Roberts	£119.50
Bank TRF	Mark Venables	£24.90
301011	Graham Oakes	£400.00
301012	T J Hough	£150.00
301013	Hags-Smp Ltd	£84.00
301014	Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (Online Playgrounds)	£78.00
301015	Lostock Tiny Lots	£200.00
Income		

15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Daffodil bulbs order.
- Bins have been removed by POS Land-care.
- Missing Stubbs Lane bin.
- Cllr Hodges spoke about CWAC drive on checking dog walkers have the means to pick up after their dog or face £1000 fine.
- Cllr Walker advised that in 1861 the Church agreed to fence the field off however the Church does not currently have the funds.
- Cllr Walker spoke about the inconvenience of recent roadworks at the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- Cllr Hodges sends his apologies for the PC meeting on the 4th December.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th December at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison