

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th AUGUST 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Litton, L Cashmore, I Parkinson, T Smith, P Walker, A Ross, T Hodges and P Cobley.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

ALSO: PCC J Dwyer, Insp J Murray & one member of staff.

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

1. **PCC J Dwyer**

Insp. Murray spoke about drug dealing/use in and around the parish over the past 12 months, eight drug related reports have been received from August 2022 to July 2023. Insp. Murray briefly spoke about all eight reports at locations on the A556, Birches Lane, A559, Cheshire Avenue and a property in the parish.

He went on to talk about three individual offenders who have been apprehended from the parish and the expected course of action for each offender. Seventy-two intelligence reports were received with the majority relating to these three offenders.

Insp. Murray advised that just two reports of drug dealing have been received this year in comparison to 16 reports for 2021-22, suggesting that drug dealing has declined and/or that cases are not being reported to the Police.

Insp. Murray went on to discuss concerns raised by the Parish Council with regards to the Highfield Av. alleyway, advising that if there is significant drug use/dealing seen there it is not being reported. The PC could contact CWAC if they have safety concerns relating to the alleyway.

Insp. Murray went on to talk about the 'Rippa' graffiti vandal and advised that only three reports were received. CCTV was reviewed however a clear ID was not achievable. Any future cases should be reported straight away to the Police.

PCC Dwyer spoke about anti-social behaviour and a recent survey he has circulated from the home office.

Insp. Murray spoke about 25 reports of theft at the Co-op and the factors the Police consider when/if to follow up, he also advised that the Police have produced a bespoke report to help the shop with crime prevention. Insp Murray went on to advise that a cereal thief from the Northwich area has been caught in the past two weeks.

Cllr T Smith congratulated the PCC and the team for all the positive outcomes highlighted, he also thanked them for attending the meeting.

Cllr Smith enquired whether the Insp. was aware of any reports from the Ascol Drive area, giving a brief description of the issue which has been raised, Insp Murray advised that this was out of his area, but he could make some enquiries.

Cllr P Walker enquired about Highfield Av. alleyway being trimmed back, the insp. advised that this would be a matter for CWAC.

There being no further questions for the PCC, he and his team left the PC meeting at 7.30pm.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

MOP again raised concerns with regards to planning application 23/01630/FUL. The Chairman advised that the PC did submit comments including proposed conditions for the planning application, which will be determined by CWAC Planning. The consultation for the planning application has now closed.

MOP enquired whether the PC can apply for further post boxes in the parish. The Clerk advised that the Royal Mail has previously turned down the PC's request for further post boxes in the parish.

MOP raised concern with regards to disabled access at the railway station and potential improvements to the appearance of the wall at the station.

MOP requested that the PC ask for a bus to stop at Wells Avenue as some residents at Celandine Court struggle with mobility.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr K Hodgkinson, Cllr M Venables and Ward Cllr M Stocks.

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 Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

6. **PROGRESS REPORT**

-Noisy manhole cover near Gibbon Drive has now been repaired.

-School Lane, pavement pothole has now been repaired.

-CWAC refused the litter bin relocation request (opposite vets).

-Station Road Mop complaint received regarding the muddy/wet pavement along Lostock Hollow. Issue reported to CWAC ref SS534245408.

7. **POLICE**

PCSO P Hambleton gave a report: see appendix.

8. **MARK STOCKS**

Cllr Stocks was not in attendance but did send an HS2 update with regards to the CWAC HS2 Working Group and details about a funding opportunity to help tackle climate change.

9. **PLAY AREA**

-Lowest quote approved to repair cable runway and basket swing wet pour at a cost of £1,920.00 + Vat.

-The Clerk gave an update on latest repairs and jobs carried out at the play area in the month.

- The PC **RESOLVED** to order a new cable runway seat and D bolt at a cost of £80 +vat, Cllr M Venables to install FOC.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to order plastic caps to stop further rotting of the music board posts at a cost of £19.20 +vat, Cllr M Venables to install FOC.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept HAGs SMP quote 2301256/000 to replace the junior and infant swing shackles, chains, and seats.
- Noted** that the Clerk will gain further quotes for a replacement cable runway buffer tyre to include a wear & tear dampener.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to Earmark an additional £500.00 for play area maintenance, the PC **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Venables can use this fund to purchase small items to carry out repairs and maintenance at the play area, and claim back his expenditure through Expenses.

10. HS2

- The Clerk read out the HS2 Select Committee outcome for the First Provision and Additional Provision 1.
- The PC considered information shared by Cllr M Venables relating to the HS2 AP2 consultation. It was **Noted** that Cllr T Hodges raised concern about no mitigation being mentioned in relation to the impact of junction modifications at Stubbs Lane which may have an affect on the play area, Community Centre and homes in the area.
- The PC **RESOLVED** not to Petition against AP2 proposed amendments. (7/1) Cllr Hodges voted in favour of Petitioning.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to submit an HS2 Environmental Statement Consultation response highlighting the impacts of the proposed changes in the AP2.

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	-Associated Octel Limited Moss Lane -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. Objection
23/02346/FUL	-455 Manchester Road Lostock Gralam -Rendering of house No Objection
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr T Smith raised concerns relating to Ascol Drive under the PCC and Police section of the meeting.

Cllr M Litton and Cllr M Venables met with the Church in the month to discuss the informal footpath leading to the Broseley Estate. Cllr Litton gave a brief overview of the meeting and advised that the footpath is nothing to do with the Parish Council.

Cllr M Venables sent a report advising that the offenders who did the damage to the Gym Equipment signs have admitted their actions. One of the offenders has written an apology letter as part of a Community Resolution to the Parish Council. The other offender has been referred to the Youth Offending Team. Being the original signature on behalf of the PC for statements, Cllr Venables has signed the case records as closed as of 18/07/2023.

11. CLERKS REPORT

-The Clerk advised that Graham will be stepping down in November from volunteer litter picking and bin emptying at the play area. The PC will need to decide what services they require from November and whether to purchase additional bins. Item to be included on the September Agenda for consideration.

-Cllr M Venables has been working on getting all Cllr email addresses working. It was **Noted** that Cllr L Cashmore and Cllr I Parkinson are having difficulty sending emails from the PC email accounts, Cllr T Hodges also requires further help.

12. FINANCE

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
900986	Lyndsey Sandison	£903.38
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£33.20
300987	Ash Waste Ltd	£152.11
300988	Northwich Town Council	£294.00
300989	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300990	Mark Venables	£24.15
300991	HAGS-SMP Ltd	£84.00
300992	Knutsford Town Council -Reissued -	£72.00
300993	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£60.00
Income		
Leading Military Fitness	6-month open space charge	£207.00

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss play area plans for managing litter picking and bin emptying.

Plan for cutting back and seed sowing for Wildflower area.

Christmas light switch on.

CWAC – no drop kerb on Stubbs Lane to Packhorse Close alleyway.

Newsletter

Community Centre Fun Day Saturday 2nd September, 2pm to 4pm – volunteers required

Mobile Library van does not stop in LG anymore.

The meeting finished at 9.02 pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Clerk will be on Annual leave from 19th August to 26th August.

L. Sandison

Appendix

PCSO Hambleton Update for July for the Shakerley Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- 2 reports of groups of people screaming and shouting on Station Road, on both occasions left prior to police attending.
- Report of three people in the churchyard, one with a needle sticking out of their leg, all three are well known, but no offences on the day.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- A report of Alcohol and cleaning products stolen from Co-op.
- A report of Milk being stolen from outside a residential property.
- A report of a woodchipper being stolen from a compound.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- Two speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road, 11 offences reported.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received

Other

- Three vehicle stops in Lostock Gralam, one resulted in a vehicle seized for no insurance and the driver being reported for the offence, the second results in the driver being arrested for providing a positive drugs wipe, investigation is ongoing, the third had a wanted person on board which resulted in their arrest.
- A male was stopped and searched in Lostock Gralam, following numerous reports of suspicious activity possibly related to drugs supply. The male was found to be in possession of a large quantity of Class B drugs and was subsequently arrested for possession with intent to supply, investigation is ongoing.
- Sports in the park sessions held on Lostock Gralam Community Centre, two sessions run so far, well attended. Another two planned for Sunday 13th August between 2pm & 4pm, and Tuesday 22nd August between 1pm-3pm
- Indoor Climbing sessions being run throughout the summer, most sessions fully booked.