

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th
OCTOBER 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Venables (Chair), M Litton, T Hodges, I Parkinson, P Copley, A Ross, P Walker, and K Hodgkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of Lostock Gralam Primary School PTA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr T Smith, Cllr L Cashmore and CWAC Cllr M Stocks.

PCSO Hambleton sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Hodges, Cllr K Hodgkinson and Cllr P Walker declared a personal interest in Lostock Gralam Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Association Committee.

Cllr P Walker declared a personal interest in St Johns Church as a member of the Church PCC.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

PTA members introduced themselves and thanked the PC for the grant which helped them to raise money for an all-weather pitch which is due to be built winter 2024.

Cllr Hodges asked the PTA if they would like to be involved in the Parish Council newsletter, the PTA were positive about the suggestion.

The PTA expressed concern about getting the school choir to the Christmas tree light switch on with the event now being popular and crowded. The PTA would again like to fund raise for the school at the Christmas light switch on.

8. CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS- the Chairman brought agenda item 8 forward.

- a. The PC considered the concerns raised by the PTA, and their request to fundraise. Cllr M Venables advised the council that CWAC have now given approval for a light switch on event at the Hall Lane traffic lights and that the Police had recommended that the risk assessment include a missing child procedure, Cllr Venables went on to say that the Clerk has requested permission for the public to stand on the privately owned grass verge.
- b.
 1. Considering CWAC's approval of the light switch on, the PC **RESOLVED** to hold a light switch on gathering at the Hall Lane traffic lights at 5.00pm on Friday 22nd November.
 2. The PC **RESOLVED** that the light switch on party will be held at the Church Hall from 5.30pm with the school choir invited to sing in the Church Hall carpark 5.30pm to 5.45pm. The light switch on party would then follow previous years arrangements of hotdogs, cakes, balloon modelling, gingerbread decorating, and music by PCSO Hambleton. The PC agreed that they would like

Christmas music to be played at the tree side whilst the community gather for the light switch on, but no microphones would be needed for the school choir due to the Church Hall carpark being a quieter location than at the traffic lights.

Cllr Venables advised that PCSO Hambleton will try to arrange additional PCSO members to help steward the crowd. Cllr Venables will also update the risk assessment to include provision for missing children.

3. The PC invited the school choir to sing at the Church Hall carpark from 5.30pm. The PTA will confirm their attendance once agreed by the school.

c. Cllr M Stocks has agreed a £500.00 Members budget grant for the Christmas light switch on and tree.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Townshend Road hill footpath has been cleared of foliage encroaching over the footpath.
- b. Smithy Lane property has trimmed back ivy which was encroaching over the footpath.
- c. The Clerk has written to a Lodge Lane property with regards to ivy growing over the Stubbs Lane/Manchester Road footpath. The PC agreed that a follow up reminder letter should be sent if still not resolved.
- d. Foliage has been cut back which was obscuring motorists view from School Lane to Stubbs Lane.
- e. Noted that a hedge on Harris Road is encroaching on the footpath- review next meeting.

6. POLICE

- a. Report read out from PCSO Hambleton. See Appendix for report.
- b. The PCC will attend a PC meeting 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm on Monday 4th November, the meeting will be open to the public, Cllrs to send questions for the PCC to the Clerk to enable the PCC to have sight of questions to be asked before the meeting.
- c. The PCC has funding available for projects which improve safety, prevent crime and support victims.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks was not in attendance but has advised that an appeal as been submitted regarding the WS Storage planning refusal.

9. PLAY AREA

- a. N/A
- b. Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update with regards to maintenance jobs carried out at the park in the month.
- c. Cllr T Hodges queried if those carrying out community service could be used for litter picking, question for the PCC.

11. PLANNING

N/A

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a. Matters for Consideration

1. Cllr I Parkinson – discussion regarding the Manchester Road traffic refuge island. The Clerk shared the 2019 Pv2 traffic assessment results which demonstrated that at that time the crossing only qualified for a traffic refuge and lane narrowing.

Concern was raised about vehicles going around the traffic refuge island on the wrong side of the road, especially when there are parked cars up to the Manchester Road retail park.

The PC agreed that it would like to arrange a meeting with highways to discuss the above.

- 2a. The PC **RESOLVED** to install the remembrance soldier silhouettes at the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- 2b. The PC **RESOLVED** to install the lamp post poppies and soldier silhouettes over the weekend of 12th/13th October.
- 2c. The PC **RESOLVED** to purchase a poppy wreath priced at £19.99. The Chairman will attend the Remembrance Service on the 10th November at 10.50 am.

b. Members updates

1. Cllr T Smith sent his apologies, therefore a WG update will be received at the next PC meeting.
2. Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update with regards to the 'Friends of Lostock Gralam Station' activity over the past month.
3. Cllr P Walker attended a Renaissance meeting in the month and provided a written overview of the meeting.

c. Members Reports

1. Cllr T Hodges requested that the PC consider disabled access at the train station. Item for next agenda.
2. Cllr K Hodgkinson queried how many people will man the kitchen at the Christmas light switch on, it was also noted that the Community Centre will donate 100 hot dog sausages.
3. Cllr P Cobley would like an update on bus routes.

13. CLERKS REPORT

- a. MOP concern with regards to dog left outside all day barking on Townshend Road. The Clerk advised the mop to report the matter to CWAC.
- b. The Clerk reported water running down the Townshend Rd footpath from the French drain, ref HW645717889, however the complaint was closed with no action required.
- c. The Clerk attended an LSEP meeting in the month.
- d. Many thanks to those who helped with the bulb planting sessions. A further bulb planting session is required to plant bulbs at the Townshend Road junction.
- e. The Clerk has chased Highways for an update on the S106 traffic calming project for Townshend Road.
- f. The Clerk will work on a newsletter over October with a view to delivering newsletters in the first two weeks of November. A quote of £108.50 has been received to print the newsletter on double-sided, A4, folded once.

14. FINANCE

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to award the Lostock Gralam Primary School PTA £100.00 towards the cost of purchasing a remembrance soldier silhouette with the condition that the PTA has the shortfall in funds to make the purchase.
- b. The Co-op bank accounts have now been closed.
- c. The Clerk recommended that the PC look to invest some of its reserves to gain a higher interest rate, this can be from just having a 32- or 95-day notice period to withdrawn money.
- d. The PC **RESOLVED** to make the following payments and note income received.

Payment type	Payee	Amount
Online TRF	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,167.10
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£64.35
Online TRF	HMRC	£355.49
Online TRF	Mark Venables	£26.23
S/O	Freeola	£14.46
Online TRF	Boston Seeds	£149.00
Online TRF	Ash Waste Ltd	£152.52
Online TRF	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
	Income	

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Receive Highway update regarding boundary signs.
- Grow our own Christmas tree.
- WG for Christmas 2025.
- Look at savings accounts.
- Disabled access at the train station
- Agree a date/time for bulb planting.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Monday 4th November: PCC Meeting 7.00pm to 7.30pm and Ordinary PC Meeting 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Appendix 1

Monthly PCSO Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

Report of a dangerous dog running loose on Townshend Road. The dog owner has been identified and no formal complaint made on this occasion. The incident has been referred to CWAC Dog Warden for a visit and advice for the dog owner.

Report of a drunk aggressive male, swearing and banging on windows and doors at Celandine Court. Male believed to live in the one of the flats although this is unconfirmed. Public Order Offences have been recorded.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

Report of a burglary on Hesketh Drive, where an e-bike has been stolen. Investigation is continuing.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

A report of a child's bike being stolen from the park at the community centre. The bike has been returned to the owner.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

Two Speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road with 8 offences captured.

Stop check of a vehicle on Manchester Road, enquiries established the vehicle had no insurance and was seized.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

No reports received.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Monday 7th October, between 2pm – 3pm.

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

Tuesday 15th October, between 11am - 12pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Wednesday 23rd October, between 4pm – 5pm.

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

Monday 28th October, between 10am – 11am.

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

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