

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors T Hodges, M Litton, P Walker (7.00pm to 7.25pm), T Smith, K Hodgkinson, P Kelly, L Kelly, M Venables, P Cobley and A Ross.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: 1 x Mop & 2 Community Centre Committee Members (CCCM) & PCSO P Hambleton.

1. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE DISCUSSION

-CCCM spoke about having inflatables, food van, ice cream, face painting etc at the Community Centre/ Play Area site and that the Church and possibly Lostock Events may want to get involved.

-Having the drop kerb project completed would enable the inflatables to be on the play area grass, alternatively amusements could be on the Community Centre car park.

-Possible date for the event is Saturday 4th June 2022.

-It was noted who would be available to help organise the event and those able to help on the day.

-It was agreed that a Working Group should be formed to manage the organisation and obtain funding for the event. Membership to include CCCM M Geoghegan and P Walker, PC Cllr M Venables and Cllr A Ross also a representative from the Church and possibly Lostock Events. Cllr M Venables was appointed as Chair and Cllr A Ross as Vice Chair.

-The Working Group Chair will report to the Parish Council in March.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

-There were no public comments received.

-Cllr P Kelly gave the following update:

-CWAC Highway gully emptying was expected to be complete by now, however there are areas yet to be done.

-Cllr Kelly confirmed that CWAC Highways maintain the Chester Walls, however funding was through a separate budget.

-Three separate vehicle collisions have occurred on the gyratory with two of the incidents knocking down road signs.

-Bin two is not being regularly emptied despite the Clerk reporting the missed collection on two occasions. Cllr Stocks to look into the matter.

-Business Park advertising board has blown over in the high winds and requires attention.

-Costa Coffee cup is damaged.

-Advertising flag at the Cheshire Business Park has gone.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr M Stocks. It was noted that Cllr P Walker left the meeting at 7.25pm and reasons for leaving were accepted.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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-Chairman T Hodges is a member of the Lostock Gralam Community Centre Association Committee.

-Cllr P Walker is a member of the Lostock Gralam Community Centre Association Committee and the Lostock Gralam Parochial Church Council.

5. **MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

6. **WARREN AVENUE**

-The PC reviewed the utility plans from CWAC Highways and agreed that it was not financially feasible to convert the grass green into parking.

-The Clerk will update the residents who raised the parking suggestion.

7. **PROGRESS REPORT**

-Hall Lane and Stubbs Lane pavements still require sweeping- (reported Dec 2021 to CWAC)

-SP Energy has adjusted the sensitivity on the sensor at the Cheshire Avenue substation light.

-The Clerk has notified CWAC Ian Lovatt that lamp post 19 & 37 are the PC's preferred locations for speed camera signage.

-The Clerk has instructed Bus Stop Infrastructure to continue with the bus shelter project (dependant on the gas survey results).

-The Clerk in collaboration with Cllr Smith has written to the Manchester Rd retail unit owner with regards to the service entrance wall and railings.

-The Clerk has written to Costa with regards to the napkins and requested signage and regular litter picks.

-The Clerk has written to the Cheshire Business Park retail unit Management Company advising that the Barnardo's shop manager does not feel safe with the rear of the shop unfenced.

-The Clerk reported the Birches Lane pothole – CWAC response: Our investigation has been completed. We did not identify any safety related defects at this stage and will continue to monitor via our regular highway safety inspections.

-The Clerk reported a rocking manhole outside Gibbon Drive (raised by Cllr P Kelly in the month) CWAC Response: Our investigation has been completed. We did not identify any safety related defects at this stage and will continue to monitor via our regular highway safety inspections.

-The Clerk reported lack of lit bollards to pedestrian refuge Island on Manchester Road (raised by Cllr P Cobley in the month). CWAC response: The old bollards will be replaced in the new financial year however these won't be lit as the current one's aren't illuminated.

-The Clerk reported litter bin not emptied at the 30mph after gyratory (raised by Cllr P Kelly in the month) CWAC response: Your enquiry has been investigated and work has been scheduled to be completed as part of our street cleansing programme. The frequency of bin emptying depends upon usage and footfall, for more information please [visit our website](#).

-The Clerk is working with Cheshire Archive to arrange the Minutes, Annual Reports and Accounts to be properly Archived through CWAC Record Office. They do not take invoices, receipts or general correspondence. The Clerk will need to purchase some archive boxes and produce an inventory of each box.

8. **POLICE**

PCSO P Hambleton gave the following report:

ASB

- Townshend Road – matter involving a window reported.
- Townshend Road play area, fence panels have been removed.

Theft (including shoplifting).

- 4 Reports of shoplifting reported.

Burglary

- No Reports Received.

Vehicle / bicycle theft

- No Reports Received.

Parking/Highway disruptions

- Townshend Road parking issue reported.
- RTC on Manchester Road near the Stubbs Lane junction.

9. MARK STOCKS

-Cllr M Stocks sent the following update:

- The Mersey Forest can supply feathered stock 1-2m tall or smaller trees for the Queens Jubilee.
- Enquiry about funding requirements for the Queens Jubilee.
- Wildflower Information for the ward received. Cllr T Smith's comments were noted with regards to the lack of consultation from CWAC on the proposed wildflower areas.

10. HS2

- The Clerk and Cllr M Venables attended the HS2 Hybrid Bill briefing – Meeting presentation was circulated via email to Cllrs.
- Further HS2 Information from J Boot at HS2 was circulated via email.
- The Clerk has now taken delivery of the Hybrid Bill information.
- Cllr M Venables and the Clerk will produce a short presentation highlighting key area for concern- to be presented at the March PC meeting.

11. PLAY AREA**(a) Play Area**

- The PC considered four operation play inspection quotes and **RESOLVED** to award HAGS the contract at £204.75pa.
- The PC considered four, three-year grass cutting tenders and **RESOLVED** to award CG Services Cheshire Ltd the contract at £2,520.00pa.
- The Clerk is waiting to receive the HAGS quote for the shrunken wet pour and replacement zipwire ramp planks. HAGS advised that the Hippo Springer requires monitoring for now.
- The Clerk is in the process of gathering Tree Inspection H/S quotes.

-(b) Sports Facility Management Committee (SFMC)

- Groundworks and Leisure Services Ltd has now completed the MUGA access footpath making the MUGA and teen shelter fully accessible to our disabled visitors. The surrounding ground will likely need grass seeding in the spring.
- The SFMC will report back at a later date with regards to the MUGA lighting feasibility study.
- Cllr M Venables has covered point 1 of the MUGA code of conduct regarding hires and how to enquire about hires.
- The Stubbs Lane corner of the field is looking very worn and boggy; D Marshall has been advised to use the MUGA where possible and the other side of the field to allow the Stubbs Lane corner time to recover.
- The PC considered drop kerb quotes and **RESOLVED** to accept RM Groundworks quote to complete the drop kerb and install a 10ft wooden gate and posts at a cost of £2,310.00.

-(c) CCTV

- The CCTV is working well and the camera positions have been adjusted.
- The PC considered and **RESOLVED** to accept the ICO. Freedom of Information Act (Model Publication Scheme).
- Parent request received to view incident on MUGA involving their school age child. The Clerk reviewed the CCTV and responded to the parent, no further action was required.

12. 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>	
APPEALS	
PP/A0665/W/21/3278 595	Lostock Lodge Care Home, Cheshire Avenue Decision -The appeal is dismissed
DECISIONS	

13. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Chairman T Hodges - Would like to take part in the NACO tree planting day on Friday 11th March to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The PC **RESOLVED** that an oak tree should be sourced (possibly through Cllr Stocks) and planted at the Stubbs Lane play area.
- Cllr P Kelly – Asked the PC to consider planting a live Christmas tree at the Stubbs Lane play area. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CWAC to enquire whether permission would be granted for a live tree at the Hall Lane traffic lights. Cllr Kelly advised that prices range from £200.00 for a 4ft tree to £1000.00 for a 23ft tree.
- Cllr P Kelly- would like to arrange a community litter pick. The Clerk will order tools from the CWAC tool bank for the Easter holidays and promote on social media and the website.
- Cllr M Venables – Delivered a brief report about the recent HyNet consultations which has been launched by Cadent. The PC **RESOLVED** that Cllr Venables should submit a consultation response highlighting the timeframe clash with the HS2 compounds.
- Cllr T Smith -Item for next agenda - to discuss the commercial unit service entrance should no response be received from the site owner.
- Cllr P Cobley advised of his concern regarding pedestrian safety from White Hill onto the A556 footpath due to the open access.

14. CLERKS REPORT

- The LSEP LLC Meeting on 25th January 2022 was cancelled. A press release was later shared with the PC informing them that CNIM had gone into administration. The LSEP project and Section 36 Application are continuing.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to adopt the new CWAC Member Code of Conduct from April 2022.

15. FINANCE

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

Payee	Details and Period	Amount
300860	Lyndsey Sandison	£802.99
300861	Lostock Gramam Church Hall Hire Ass.	£192.00
300862	Groundworks and Leisure Services Ltd	£6,364.58
300863	Ash Waste Ltd	£102.34
300864	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£212.00
Income		
n/a		NIL

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Cllr Walker will not be at the next meeting.
- Commercial unit service entrance wall/fence.
- Christmas tree at the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- HS2 presentation from Cllr Venables and the Clerk.
- Cllr K Hodgkinson would like funding to plant the planter outside the school for the jubilee (red/white/blue).

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison