

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st AUGUST 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Litton, M Venables, T Hodges, T Smith, K Hodgkinson, P Kelly, A Ross, P Cobley and P Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: 2 members of the public

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Celandine Court residents raised the following concerns;

- New CWAC recycle bins not successfully delivered, residents are currently using old style recycle boxes which are being refused collection.

Clerk to phone CWAC to chase getting new style recycle bins delivered

- CCTV- they would like monitored movements between 11pm to 6am.
- Two/three residents know to be using drugs.
- Drug dealing activity taking place on overflow carpark between 11pm to 1.30am.
- Security doors / fire doors being propped open leaving the building unsecure.
- Security guard no longer in place since full occupancy, CCTV not being used to full advantage/being reviewed.
- In wet weather, vehicles use the overflow carpark to do donuts.
- Water being sprayed across Manchester Road from the potato field opposite Celandine Court.

Clerk to contact the farmer about wasted water and hazard for drivers

Cllr P Kelly gave the following updates;

- Two sets of white pole markers have appeared on Manchester Road near 30mph signs.
- Street scene have removed graffiti from signs.
- Cllr M Stocks is looking into bigger bins for near the commercial units on Manchester Road.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr L Kelly and PCSO Hambleton.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

-Cllr 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 PCC.

4. MINUTES

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Private and Confidential Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

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5. PROGRESS REPORT

- The PC **RESOLVED** to order boundary signs with the PC logo.
- The memorial bench has now been installed at the Stubbs Lane play area.
- The Clerk has written to the new Landlord of the Slow & Easy to welcome them to the parish.
- The Clerk has written to a property on Lodge Lane regarding conifer which is affecting the pavement surface.
- The PC HS2 Petition has now been submitted at a cost of £20. There will not be an additional charge for the AP1 Petition.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent the following report:

Anti-Social Behaviour

- A number of youths have been disrupting the Army Boot Camp training, CCTV being viewed to identify the youths involved.
- Continued reports of parking issues on Townshend Road and abusive neighbours, there is an ongoing investigation regarding a hate crime.
- Reports received regarding the untaxed and vehicles with no MOT on Townshend Road, these have again been reported to the DVLA.
- Numerous of reports received regarding issues between residents at Celandine Court. Those involved have been visited by Torus Housing and ourselves.
- Report received of youths throwing items at the windows of the flats on Hesketh Drive.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- One report received, male has filled a basket with items and exiting the Coop, without making payment.

Road Safety

- Speed enforcement has been carried out on Manchester Road, 2 sessions have been carried out, 6 offences recorded.

Other

- The male arrested for being involved with the supply of drugs, has appeared in court and received a fine for being in possession of a controlled substance.
- The youths involved in causing the damage to the light on the park/community centre, two have been formally interviewed and admit causing the damage, the other two have been named and will be interviewed in the coming weeks. The incident will then be referred to the youth offending services, to agree a suitable community resolution.
- Sports in the park sessions planned during the school holidays. The first session last week was well attended, further sessions on Thursday 4/8/22 between 2pm and 4pm, Friday 12/8/22 between 1pm and 3pm, Saturday 20/8/22 between 2pm and 4pm, Thursday 25/8/22 between 2pm and pm

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Friday 5th August, between 5pm – 6pm Princess Road, Allstock, Police vehicle to be parked near to the play area, we will be offering free security bike marking at the same time.

Thursday 11th August, between 2pm – 3pm, Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam. we will be offering free security bike marking at the same time.

Wednesday 17th August, between 5pm - 6pm, Hulme Lane, Lower Peover, Police vehicle to be parked near top the shop, we will be offering free security bike marking at the same time.

Friday 26th August, between 5pm – 6pm, Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road, Police vehicle to be parked on the Village Hall Car Park, we will be offering free security bike marking at the same time.

7. MARK STOCKS

-Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting but has been in contact with the Clerk and Cllr P Kelly in the month with regards to a larger bin for Manchester Road near to the commercial units and HS2. Cllr Stocks has also offered to support the PC with a Christmas light switch on grant.

8. (a) PLAY AREA

-HAGS were booked to carry out an operation play inspection on 29th July 2022.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept CG Services Ltd quote of £220.00 + vat to repair the damaged wet pour at the foot of the junior slide on the Stubbs Lane play area.

-The PC considered a quote to remove bramble at the play area. Cllr Venables and Cllr Cobley offered to remove the bramble for the PC, FOC.

-CCTV footage of an incident at the play area involving youths and a fitness class has been supplied to PCSO Hambleton.

9. 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>	
22/02458/FUL	-226 Manchester Road, Lostock Gralam -Rooflights to front, alterations to roof to include rear dormer.
	No Objection
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr P Walker –

-Gave a verbal overview of an Orsted LLC meeting which he was due to attend in the month.

-Gave a verbal overview of a Wildflower meeting he attended, and advised that the PC should make contact with Jason in the CWAC Wildflower team to discuss potential wildflower locations in the parish.

-Advised that the Hall Lane pelican crossing call units have been graffitied.

Cllr T Hodges –

-Spoke about his progress with offering to house Ukraine refugees.

-Asked the Clerk to add information to the PC website advising how local people can help Ukraine refugees.

Cllr M Litton –

-Asked the PC to consider Christmas light switch on ideas for 2022. The following was noted;

- Community light switch on party to be held at the Church Hall.
- Clerk to enquire about the size of last years fairground rides to check if they will fit on the Church Hall carpark.
- The light switch on date will be Friday 25th November.
- Clerk to enquire if the balloon man is available/cost.
- Gingerbread decorating – contact Robert’s bakery for donation request.
- Raffle prizes needed.
- Apply for funding.
- Invite primary school choir to sing at the tree side, each choir member to receive a selection box.
- Invite the Church to be involved – tombola / choir
- Ask PCSO Hambleton if he could provide music at the Hall.
- The PC will purchase hotdogs / drinks as in previous years.
- Cllr Venables will update the advertising banner with this year’s date.

-All Highway Meeting Agenda Items

- Manchester Road junction with Griffiths Rd-very dangerous due to vehicles coming over the canal bridge at speed. Traffic lights probably better than roundabout.
- Hall Lane traffic lights
- Speeding on Manchester Road – Depth perception (red tarmac and painted 30mph on the road), discuss positioning of the 30mph signage.
- Parking opposite Celandine Court junction and HGV’s bumping up Wells Avenue pavement.
- Request cables across the road to gather speeding data.

Highways separate notes:

- Ask J Gibbs about the traffic calming for Townshend Road.
- Contact DVLA regarding untaxed/ no MOT vehicles parked on Townshend Road.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- Reports of wire fence being cut at the back of the Townshend play area and concern for possible escaped cows. Thanks to Chair M Litton for investigating and contacting the farmer.
- The Clerk attended an LSEP LLC meeting in the month. The plant is expected to be operational Q4 2025 which is the same time HS2 plan to start the realignment of the A556. The section 36 outcome is still awaited.
- The Clerk will arrange a community litter pick for September to enable the primary school to participate. In the meantime, the Clerk, Cllr Venables and Cllr Cobley will carry out a general littler pick of Manchester Road.
- The Clerk has contacted Mid Cheshire Rail with regards to the flimsy plastic bin bags used at the train station.
- The Clerk has written to Lostock Lodge and Marshalls with regards to cars parked opposite the Celandine Court junction. This matter will also be raised with CWAC Highways.
- Freedom Fibre Communication: [The Freedom Fibre lightning-fast broadband network is coming to Northwich, Comberbach and Hartford!](#)

12. FINANCE

- The Clerk has now received the PKF External Audit.
- The current account bank balance is £7,073.37 and deposit account bank balances is £35,002.85.
- The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300897	Lyndsey Sandison	£864.71
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£24.09
300898	Ash Waste Ltd	£143.82
300899	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300900	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£60.00
300901	Zurich Municipal	£1,032.89
300902	Lostock Gralam Primary School	£100.00
300903	CHALC	£25.00
300904	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£480.00
Income		
n/a		NIL

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Chase up Commercial Unit works.
- Cllr M Venables will produce an HS2 update.
- Cllr P Walkers PC email isn't working.

The meeting finished at 8.12pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison