

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Litton, M Venables, K Hodgkinson, P Kelly, L Kelly and P Cobley.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: 5 Members of the public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

-A Manchester Road resident raised their concerns regarding planning application 22/02387/FUL Land rear of 226-248 Manchester Road. Concerns include Road Safety, increased traffic on Griffiths Road and Manchester Road, affect on property price, noise concerns. The site plan also appears to incorporate land which is not owned by the applicant.

-A second Manchester Road resident raised their concerns regarding planning application 22/02387/FUL. Concerns include, Lostock appears to gain everything negative, bad smells from Lostock Works, an unknown dust which regularly covers vehicles, HS2, an Incinerator. Speeding is a concern on Manchester Road, with motorists presuming Manchester Rd residents are indicating for the Griffiths Rd junction rather than a property. Having motorhomes and additional traffic using the Green Hill Farm entrance will add further hazard to the Griffiths Road junction. Privacy will be lost by having campers/ fishing facilities at the back of their property which was once a wooded area before being cleared by the land owner.

-A third Manchester Road resident raised their concerns regarding planning application 22/02387/FUL, concerns include flooding at the Griffiths Road junction including grids which are blocked and full of weeds. Concerns regarding the impact on traffic and safety at the Griffiths Road junction.

-Further comments were received advising that touring caravans can be seen at the back of the properties and that the land appears to be in use by a van hire business. Concerns were also raised about how the site will be managed in terms of controlling the camping period. Concerns about the site being used all year round and that the pond does not seem suitable for a commercial fishing pond.

-Cllr M Venables advised that he had received a complaint that there are overhanging branches at the grass green on Stubbs Lane.

-Cllr P Kelly advised that the gas substation next to his home is due to be upgraded in the coming days, Cllr Kelly also advised that it's the Farmers responsibility to maintain the hedges.

-Cllr P Cobley raised concerns about weeds growing in the road along Manchester Road.
The Clerk advised that this has been reported to CWAC and that they have scheduled weed spraying.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr T Smith, Cllr T Hodges, Cllr P Walker and Cllr A Ross.
-PCSO P Hambleton also sent his apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

-None.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- The hedge has now been cut on Manchester Road either side of the canal bridge.
- The wildflower areas on Townshend Road and Stubbs Lane have now been prepared and seed sown.
- Tommy soldier silhouettes have now arrived.
- Lotto funding has been received for the outdoor gym.
- The Clerk met with the Manchester Road Business Centre owner- verbal update given.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent the following report:

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Reports received regarding the untaxed and vehicles with no MOT on Townshend Road, these have again been reported to the DVLA.
- Report received of youths throwing items at the windows of Comms Care, youths responsible have not been identified.
- A youth has been shouting abuse at a resident, the youth has been identified and spoken with. There was no formal complaint, and the incident has been recorded as Public Order with the identified youth recorded as the suspect. The same property has also had damage caused to the vehicles parked on the driveway, no suspect has been identified for causing the damage.
- A couple of the wooden posts around the play area on Townshend Road, have been removed by unknown persons, and left at the location. This has happened on a couple of occasions, the same posts on each time.
- Damage has been caused to the covered area outside Restaurant, staff have been abused by unknown youths.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- No reports received.

Road Safety

- Speed enforcement has been carried out on Manchester Road, 1 session has been carried out, 1 offence recorded in an hour.

Other

- The youths involved in causing the damage to the light on the park/community centre, two of the offenders attended the Community Resolution meeting, both apologised for their involvement. A third offender failed to turn up to the meeting, has been given the opportunity to provide a formal written apology, if this does not happen, then the criminal process will take place.
- Attended the school to arrange school talks throughout the year, a morning visit to chat with pupils, parents and staff.

PCSO surgery

Thursday 6th October, between 4pm – 5pm,
Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

All 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

7. CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS & BUDGET

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the Northwich Town Council quote of £2,274.00 + Vat for a 20ft Christmas tree, installation, maintenance service and picket fence.

The PC considered and **RESOLVED** to accept the following Christmas light switch on expected costs:

Description	Proposed Cost	Outcome
Hall Hire Cost 4pm to 8pm	£75.00	Approved on 5.9.2022
Bailey Audio Hire	£192.00 + Vat	Approved on 3.10.2022
Jon the Balloon Man £80 per hour 5.30pm to 7pm?	£120.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Frankfurter Sausage x 150 at Av. 26.3p each (based on Asda price)	£39.45	Approved on 3.10.2022
White Hot Dog Rolls x 150 (6pk x 17) Av. 13.33p each (based on Asda price)	£19.96	Approved on 3.10.2022
Mince pies x 60 (£1.25 for 6 at Sainsburys)	£12.50	Approved on 3.10.2022
Cakes x 60 / Biscuits	£20.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Fruit shoot type drinks x 60 Av. 23.33p each (Asda) + Cordial £1	£15.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Bottled water x 60 Av. 17.5p each	£10.50	Approved on 3.10.2022
Ketchup & Mustard	£6.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Napkins x 200 £12, paper plates x 200 £14, paper cups x 200 £19, mulled wine plastic glasses x 100 £24, Table Cloths, Bin Bags (Amazon prices)	£80.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Tea/Coffee/Milk/Sugar	£15.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Onions	£2.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Selection Boxes	£35.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Gingerbread decorating	£20.00	Approved on 3.10.2022
Music	Free	Ask PCSO Phil Hambleton
Total Expected Cost	£662.41	

Funding	£	Notes
Budgeted Light Switch on Expenditure	£500.00	Budgeted cost
Mark Stocks Members Budget Grant	£200.00	Not yet received
INOVYN		Grant enquiry sent, awaiting response

- The kitchen will require four volunteers – Cllr K Hodgkinson advised that this is covered.
- The Clerk will run the gingerbread decorating table.
- Cakes/ drinks table – Ask Cllr T Hodges if available as he has run this in the past.
- All Cllrs able to help steward the crowd to participate.
- Cllr M Venables to produce a Risk Assessment for the event- Hall max. capacity required for assessment.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to ask a local volunteer who coaches weekend youth football on the MUGA to switch on the Christmas tree lights.

8. LOSTOCK IN BLOOM

- The Townshend Road and Stubbs Lane wildflower area have now been prepared and seed sown.
- The PC considered a list of various bulbs and quantities for further planting. It was agreed that the Clerk should add just daffodil costings for consideration to the next agenda.
- The PC considered communication received from a Harris Road resident with regards to planting an area on the green between Harris Road and Paulden Road. The PC **RESOLVED** to look at the request next year due to a lack of available funds in this current financial year.

9. **MARK STOCKS**

- Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

10. **HyNet Consultation**

- Cllr M Venables gave a verbal overview of the HyNet consultation and advised that it looks like Lostock Gralam will not form part of the route.

- Cllr Venables will attend a consultation event in October and report back at the November PC meeting which will still allow time to respond to the consultation.

11. **(a) PLAY AREA**

- CG Services has completed the wet pour repair around the hippo springer. HAGs have ordered the parts required and will install once received.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to grant an allowance of up to £200.00 to purchase cleaning materials and paint. The play equipment and entrance gates require the algae to be washed off and some pieces of equipment require repainting. Volunteers will be required to complete the works.
- Cllr M Venables will arrange a demonstration of the solar powered light he has loaned, once the darker nights have set in.

(b) OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT

- Lotto funding of £6,547.00 has now been received for outdoor gym equipment.
- Cllr Venables spoke about the need for a 25m gap between play equipment and outdoor gym equipment to clearly pass safety inspections. If a 25m gap is not achievable, a fence should be installed to create a barrier between play equipment and adult gym equipment. This would likely cost around £200.00 in materials.
- The PC considered gym equipment quotes and **RESOLVED** to accept the lowest quote of £6,501.00 (net) by Sunshine Gym (Broxap).
- The PC was not able to agree on a location for the gym equipment. The gym location will therefore be agreed at the next PC meeting after a site visit.
- If the gym equipment is to be located on land leased to the Community Centre, permission will be sought.

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>	
22/02867/S73	<p>-Land Off Cookes Lane Rudheath Northwich</p> <p>-Proposed partial removal of furnace bottom ash (FBA) bunding comprising of two bunds of lime bed 4 and the temporary manufacture of clinker blocks (utilising the extracted FBA) and associate works, including removal of lime (calcium carbonate) from lime bed 4 to lime bed 5, provision of a concrete working platform, temporary access routes, drainage, erection of hoarding's and landscape restoration - Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 42, 43, and 46, removal of ecological Conditions 34, 35 and 36 and replace with single condition and removal of Conditions 10, 12, 13, 34, 35, 38, 40 and 41 of planning permission 18/04735/FUL</p> <p>This is a resubmission of application 22/01283/S73 – comments to be resubmitted from 22/01283/S73 and include no HGV's using Station Rd as a haul route.</p>
22/02387/FUL	<p>-Land Rear of 226 To 248 Manchester Road Lostock Gramam</p> <p>-Change of use from paddock to camp site for 10 motor homes / caravans and 5 tents for the period from 1st June to 31st August each year, erection of mobile toilet/ shower block and mobile office and children's play area, opening of angling facilities to members of the public subject to pre-booking.</p> <p>-Objection</p>
22/03271/FUL	<p>-Land at Cheshire Avenue, Lostock Gramam</p> <p>-Two Storey Structure to contain 8 Apartments with Associated car Parking.</p> <p>-Objection (5 Cllrs objected, Chairman M Litton- No Objection)</p>
22/02755/FUI	<p>-Lostock Lodge, Cheshire Avenue</p> <p>-Three Storey extension and extension to parking area.</p> <p>-No Objection</p>
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

13. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-Cllr P Kelly and Cllr M Venables gave a verbal overview of the highway meeting with CWAC Head of Highways and a CWAC Highway Area Engineer on 27.9.2022. Cllr P Kelly advised that it is wrong that the PC is expected to pay £300.00 should they want a speed assessment carried out on Manchester Road. Cllr Kelly is in communication with Ward Cllr Stocks regarding the matter.

-The PC will consider a speed assessment request once the cost has been investigated.

14. CLERKS REPORT

-The PC mobile phone is having intermittent technical sound problems. The Clerk will obtain phone options along with costs for consideration at the next PC meeting.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to order 32 lamppost poppies for Remembrance Sunday. The recommended donation is £3.00 each to the Royal British Legion.

-Ash Waste has written to advise of a price increase from 1st October 2022 for the Churchyard bin.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to order replacement paediatric defib pads at a cost of £79.99 + Vat from thedefibpad.co.uk.

-Many thanks to Cllr P Walker and the Church for making the book of condolence for Queen Elizabeth II available throughout the mourning period. The book was available on numerous occasions at the Church, then passed to the Lostock Gram Primary School, Crossways, Lostock Lodge and Acorn Hollow. The Church was also open the day after the Queens passing for the community to pay their respects.

15. FINANCE

-The current account bank balance as at 3.10.2022 - £8,365.95, the Deposit Account balance as at 3.10.2022 -£35,002.85.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to award Lostock Tiny Tots an S137 grant of £200.00 to pay for Christmas presents for the children and party food for a Christmas party.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300912	Lyndsey Sandison	£870.90
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£24.09
300913	Ash Waste Ltd	£230.12
300914	HMRC	£42.28
300915	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£516.00
300916	Lostock Tiny Tots Preschool	£200.00
Income		
Lotto	Outdoor Gym Equipment Grant	£6,547.00

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr P Kelly and Cllr L Kelly informed the Chairman and the Parish Council that they wish to step down as Councillors from Christmas. The Chairman thanked them both and accepted their reason for wishing to leave. The Chairman acknowledged the length of time served on the Parish Council and their efforts.

The meeting finished at 8.52pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Clerk will be on annual leave from Tuesday 18th October to Saturday 29th October 2022.

L. Sandison