

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: 2 Members of the public (Mop)

1. PUBLIC FORUM

MOP spoke about Neighbourhood Watch and submitted an S137 Grant application to purchase Neighbourhood Watch leaflets which they would distribute in the Lostock Gralam area. The leaflets would cost £15.85 per 150 from the Neighbourhood Watch website.

Cllr T Hodges as a Manchester Road Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator spoke about the existing Neighbourhood watch groups within the parish and the possible benefits if the existing groups worked together. Cllr Hodges advised that it would be worthwhile for the MOP to speak with PCSO Hambleton.

Mop enquired about any further updates regarding the WS Storage trailer park which has emerged without planning permission at the Old Octel Site. The Clerk advised that the matter is with CWAC Planning Enforcement and that a Planning Application is expected within the next eight weeks.

Cllr I Parkinson raised concern about the Environmental impact of the tree felling which has occurred at the Old Octel site.

Cllr P Walker advised that the CHALC Bulletin was promoting an online Community Engagement training course which may be of interest to Cllr T Hodges.

Cllr P Walker enquired about any updates with regards to installing a noticeboard at the play area on Stubbs Lane.

Cllr T Smith thanked Cllr K Hodgkinson and Cllr M Venables for their work installing signage and perimeter markers to the wildflower zones in the parish. Cllr T Smith also thanked Cllr M Venables for his work removing the graffiti off the MUGA.

Cllr A Ross noted that there had been a Facebook discussion about cannabis use at the Stubbs Lane play area. This would be a matter for the PCSO.

Cllr K Hodgkinson advised that there is still a pothole on School Lane in the pavement despite it being marked up for repair some months ago.

Cllr T Hodges advised that a CCTV camera has now been installed to the rear of the Community Centre building overlooking the fire door exit.

Cllr T Hodges advised of an incident which occurred at Celandine Court (Item deemed a Police matter not Parish Council).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

-None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr T Hodges is a member of the Community Centre Association and a Co-ordinator for Manchester Road Neighbourhood Watch.
- Cllr P Walker is a member of the Community Centre Association and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- Planning Enforcement update received with regards to Manchester Road structure.
- Planning Enforcement update received with regards to trailer storage at the old Octel site.
- Many thanks to Cllr K Hodgkinson and Cllr M Venables for preparing and installing the wildflower border posts and signage.
- Play area CCTV repair is ongoing (Cllr M Venables will look to use 3D printer).
- SP Energy has tweaked the lighting range on the Cheshire Av. alleyway.
- The Clerk requested that the Manchester Rd litter bin near to the 30 mph be moved to the Fryer Rd bus stop, which has now been completed. The Clerk notified the council that a MOP complaint had been received with regards to the Manchester Rd bin being moved.
- The Clerk has written to broadband provider with regards to the damage caused to grass verges and planted areas in the parish.

6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept Section one of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

7. GRAFFITI

- Graffiti – on two occasions an individual sprayed graffiti across the parish on 12.3.2023 and 17.03.2023. Both incidents have been reported to the Police via 101, the Clerk has also supplied CCTV clips.
- Cllr M Venables has photographed the various graffiti across the parish. The Clerk has reported the graffiti to asset owners.
- Homeowners have not been asked to clean the graffiti off their property. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that residents should not be contacted.
- SP Energy, and the Cheshire Av. Commercial unit Property Management company have agreed to clean/paint over the graffiti on their assets. Bellway are yet to confirm whether they will take action to remove the graffiti along Cheshire Av. The Clerk has reported the train station wall to CWAC, Zzoomm have been notified of graffiti on their asset.
- Cllr M Venables purchased paint thinner to remove graffiti off the Muga target practice board, this rubbed some of the blue paint away, he therefore purchased blue paint and repainted the roundel.
- There is graffiti on the Community Centre Fire door and back wall which we presume the Community Centre Association will clean/paint over.
- Cllr T Smith requested that the Police & Crime Commissioner be invited back to the Parish Council to give an update with regards to outstanding concerns previously raised.

8. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton gave a report: See Appendix.

9. MARK STOCKS

Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

10. PLAY AREA

- No matters to report.

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>	
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- No matters to report.

13. CLERKS REPORT

-Local parent reported incident which occurred at the MUGA on 22.3.2023 between 17:23 to 17:37 to the Police 101 and the Parish Clerk. The Clerk and Cllr M Venables arranged a viewing of the CCTV with the parent. The parent reported that youths would not return their child's football and were swearing/intimidating/ unkind behaviour.

-The Clerk & Cllr M Venables will be attending the House of Commons on Tuesday 18th April to present before the Select Committee with regards to the Parish Councils HS2 petition/s. The travel costs will be at the Parish Councils expense not HS2. The Parsi Council has received an Assurance letter from HS2 with regards to using Station Road during construction. The Clerk and Cllr M Venables recommended that the Assurance be accepted.

-The Leading Military Fitness Classes will be changing to Monday p.m. to p.m., Wednesday p.m. to p.m. and Friday 9.30 am to 10.30 am permanently after Easter (Tuesday morning class dropped).

-Meeting with MP Esther McVey and Angela McPake went well.

-The Clerk gave a Parish Council Election update.

-To note ASH Waste will be increasing their pricing.

14. FINANCE

-The Parish Council considered an S137 Grant Application to purchase Neighborhood Watch leaflets. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to award a sum of up to £150.00

-The Period for the exercise of Public Rights will be Monday 5 June - Friday 14 July 2023.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300959	Lyndsey Sandison	£1082.03
DD	Nest	£29.81
300960	HMRC	£106.87
300961	Ash Waste Ltd	£151.39
300963	Mark Venables	£29.60
300964	Safety Signs & Notices Ltd	£32.94
300965	Northwich Town Council	£63.00
Income		

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- No Time Hodges at the May PC Meeting.
- Update on Parish boundary road signs.
- Update on informal footpath through Churchyard.
- Update on Bus shelter for inbetween Stubbs Lane and Lodge Lane.
- Invite Ashley Hayes Parish Council Chairman to speak with regards to improving community engagement.
- Townshend Road traffic calming update.
- Manholes rattling near to traffic refuge island on Manchester Road.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

Please note the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting.

The Clerk will be on leave from Monday 10th April to Friday 14th April.

L. Sandison

Appendix**PCSO Hambleton Update for March the Shakerley Ward****Anti-Social Behaviour****Lostock Gralam**

- Unauthorised Encampment on Cheshire Avenue, moved on with a few days.
- Report received of youths taking photos of pupils at the school, when staff of approached the youths have run off.

Burglary**Lostock Gralam**

- No reports received

Theft**Lostock Gralam**

- 2 reports of shoplifting from the Co-Op.

Road Safety**Lostock Gralam**

- One Enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road, 6 offences captured.

Parking/highway Obstructions**Lostock Gralam**

- No reports received.

Other**Lostock Gralam**

- Proceeds of Crime Warrant has ben executed and various items of property seized, investigation on going.

Schools

- Visits to Lostock Gralam, Byley and Lower Peover schools, to chat with staff to discuss any concerns /problems and provide reassurance.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Saturday 8th April, between 2pm - 3pm.
Costa Coffee Lostock Gralam

Saturday 15th April, between 4pm – 5pm on Hulme Lane, Lower Peover, a police vehicle will be parked near to the shop.

Thursday 20th April, between 10am – 11am outside Lostock Green Chapel, Birches Lane. A police vehicle will be parked outside the chapel.

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