

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: None

1. PUBLIC FORUM

No public in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 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 PCC.
- Cllr M Venables is the Chairman of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group.

4. MINUTES

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- The Clerk has informed the PCSO with regards to the rough sleeper and possible drug dealing/taking under the Octel bridge.
- A Community Litter Pick took place on Saturday 2nd April.
- The drop kerb and gate work are booked in for the 19th/20th April.
- Costa Coffee Litter bin issue is ongoing with Cllr Stocks and the Clerk contacting Costa head office.
- Noted-** Costa coffee advertising cup is damaged, Clerk to contact the Co-op with regards to getting a replacement.
- The new speed camera /speed limit signs has been ordered through CWAC Highways. The Clerk will obtain designs for Parish Boundary signs and report back to the PC at the next meeting.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent the following report:

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PCSO Hambleton Update

ASB

- Reports of a drunken male causing a nuisance at the Travelodge. Male was sent on his way by Police in a taxi.

Theft (including shoplifting).

- 1x reports of shoplifting from the Coop.

Burglary

- No Reports Received.

Vehicle / bicycle theft

- No Reports Received.

Parking/Highway disruptions

- Numerous reports of parking issues on Townshend Road, near to the flats. PCSO Hambleton is conducting work around this.

Suspicious Activity

- 7x reports of suspicious activity in the area.

PCSO Report

- Cheshire Police are continuing to push our residents voice surveys where residents can fill in the survey and express concerns that they have in their local area. This allows us to plan our Policing response around the concerns of the public. All councillors welcome to fill in this survey and express any concerns.
- We are also continuing to push our Operation SHIELD initiative where we hand out forensic property marking kits to members of the public to deter burglaries.

-Cllr P Cobley advised that 3 youths had been seen riding around on bikes trying door handles on the Barratt and Bellway estate. Cllr Cobley advised the resident who alerted him to report the matter to the Police via 101.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr P Kelly advised of the following update from Cllr Stocks:

- Cllr Stocks will enquire why CWAC Highways hasn't completed the gully emptying for Lostock Gramam.
- Cllr Stocks will enquire about the lack of CWAC litter picking on Manchester Road.

The Clerk has asked Cllr Stocks for an update on the CWAC wildflower project.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

- The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for the AGAR. --
- The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the form.

9. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE WORKING GROUP

- The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Queens Platinum Jubilee Working Group Minutes of the 17th March 2022.

-Cllr Venables, Chairman for the Working Group gave a verbal update with regards to the Jubilee Working Group, the Community Centre event of 4th June and the Church's events and participation in the Community Centre event.

-Suggestion received that the working group enquire if the Weavers Whistle will be holding an event in the evening of the 4th June which visitors from the Community Centre event could then go onto afterwards.

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

-The PC reviewed the findings of the Tree H/S report and agreed to look at the recommendations for trees T5 and T13. The PC will also look to arrange another tree H/S report in early Autumn 2023 as advised. Cllr Venables and Cllr Cobley will look at the work required.

-Cllr Cobley and Cllr Venables will look at seized up rotating Cone Climber with a view to greasing.

11. PLANNING

The Council considered the following planning applications and **RESOLVED** to respond as below:

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| APPLICATIONS – | |
| <i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</i> | |
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| APPEALS | |
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| DECISIONS | |
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12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- The PC **RESOLVED** to order a Queens Green Canopy plaque from The Workshop Aberfeldy at a cost of £43.00 + £9.00 delivery. The Clerk will enquire whether the Community Centre Association will allow the plaque to be installed on the Community Centre building.
- The PC held a voting ballot for the election of 2 representatives for CWAC Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee. Tim Hodges and Francis Tunney will be put forward as the PC's preference.
- The Chairman asked for new project suggestions, an outdoor gym at the play area was suggested by Cllr Venables which was well received. The Clerk and Cllr Venables will look into funding and equipment and report back to the PC.
- Cllr P Kelly gave an update regarding litter, and litter picking at the retail units on the Cheshire Avenue, fly tipping and removed dead tree from the gyratory. Cllr Kelly also advised that CWAC is looking into charging for >3 bags of rubble at waste recycling sites.
- Councillor key interest areas were confirmed as:
 - Cllr Cobley – maintenance
 - Cllr Smith- parish appearance, flowers/planting, verges & Lostock in bloom
 - Cllr P Kelly- litter, speeding & highways
 - Cllr Litton – procedures
 - Cllr Ross – school & projects
 - Cllr Venables- HS2, maintenance, major projects & assist others
 - Cllr Walker – church, highways & flower planters
 - Cllr Hodgkinson- flower planters, Lostock in bloom & litter picking

13. CLERKS REPORT

- The year end folder will be posted to John Henry Internal Auditors mid-April.
- Environment Statement Consultation response has now been submitted to HS2.
- ASH Waste Ltd has written to advise that from 1st April 2022 the Church Yard bin will increase per container lift by £2.74 per m3 or part thereof.
- The public bench is looking worn, and in need of a sand down and coat of wood protector. Cllr Venables and Cllr Cobley will look to carry out the maintenance works/source suitable sealer.
- The Chairman attended a CWAC Ukraine response meeting as the Clerk was unable to attend. The Chair gave a verbal overview of the meeting.

-Response received from Warren Avenue resident re-parking- the Clerk has responded.

14. FINANCE

- The Dates for the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights will be Monday 13th June to Friday 22nd July 2022.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

| Cheque | Payee | Amount |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|
| 300869 | Lyndsey Sandison | £936.49 |
| 300870 | HMRC | £39.70 |
| 300871 | Ash Waste Ltd | £120.86 |
| 300872 | CG Services Cheshire Ltd | £212.00 |
| 300873 | Mark Venables | £9.00 |
| Income | | |
| n/a | | NIL |

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Dog waste bags being left at Octel walking route – ask Inovyn to put up signage
- Field on Hall Lane has been ploughed up to the river, also a caravan has been on site for a long time.
- Commercial Unit owner to meet with Cllr Smith and the Clerk.
- Planters are looking flat – Clerk to ask NTC if they can just provide watering service.
- Rough sleeper had been using sexton house at the church yard, this has now been bricked up.
- Hall Lane traffic light timings- long queues especially if lorries turning right into Hall Lane.
- HS2 has written to advise that they want to take more land than set out in the Environmental Statement.
- Memorial bench position to be agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison