

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: None

1. PUBLIC FORUM

No public in attendance.

Cllr comments received: -

- Cllr K Hodgkinson advised she has received good comments about the Parish Christmas tree this year.
- Cllr P Walker queried traffic monitoring devices which have appeared on the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- Cllr T Hodges advised that the Community Centre is looking for volunteers who may be able to help open/close the Community Centre for hires – they would not need to become a committee member.
- The Clerk advised that communication has been received from a MOP with regards to a grass verge being driven over and damaged, the Clerk will pass on the complaint to CWAC Highways.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Kelly, Cllr L Kelly and Cllr P Cobley.
- PCSO P Hambleton also sent his apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr P Walker is a member of the PCC and a member of the Community Centre Association.
- Cllr T Hodges is a member of the Community Centre Association.

4. MINUTES

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

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- The Clerk shared a response received with regards to an uncut hedge and mud on the pavement along Manchester Rd. The PC agreed that the Clerk should respond to ask if the PC can trim parts of the hedge which are covering road signs.
- Update re painting the wall and railings at the Manchester Road Commercial units received.
- No progress to report with regards to planning enforcement.
- The grass verge opposite the Stubbs Lane junction is CWAC adopted highway.
- The Clerk has made several attempts to contact the new owners of the overflow carpark to report fly tipping- no response received to date.
- Daffodil order – the Clerk was unable to source further daffodil bulbs due to them being sold out. The Clerk will therefore earmark funds to purchase bulbs next year.
- PCC response received and circulated to councillors.

6. POLICE

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PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: See Appendix.

7. MARK STOCKS

-Cllr M Stocks sent information with regards to Highways S.106 funds. The PC agreed that the Clerk should invite CWAC Highways to discuss possible traffic calming for Townshend Rd.

8. (a) PLAY AREA

-Cllr M Venables gave an update with regards to repairs which were carried out by HAGS.
-The play area cleaning project will commence once the weather improves.

(b) OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT

-The outdoor gym equipment is scheduled to be installed on 3rd January 2023.
-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that up to £80.00 can be spent on signage advising the gym equipment terms of use.
-The PC considered fence options and prices to form a divide between the children's play equipment and adult gym equipment. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept a quote from Ground Works and Leisure Services Ltd for green powder coated bow top fencing at a cost of £1,190.00 + Vat.

9. PLANNING

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

- Letter received from INOVYN advising that an application for non-material change in relation to the natural gas stored and layout of the site.

APPLICATIONS –	
<i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</i>	
22/04018/FUL	-Unit 7 469 Manchester Road Lostock Gramam -Proposed extension to existing retail shop -No objection, PC comments noted re request to improve the appearance of the site perimeter wall and railings to be included in CWAC planning response.
22/03548/FUL	-1 Silverlea Road Lostock Gramam Northwich -Replacement of existing temporary fence with bespoke brick wall at entrance to existing residential estate and associated planting -No objections received via email consultation.
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-Cllr M Venables and Cllr P Walker gave a verbal overview of the HS2 petition meeting which they attended on Friday 2nd December.
-The PC agreed that MP Esther McVey should be invited to attend the next meeting.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- On Friday 18th November Manchester Airport submitted documentation to the CAA for the CAP1616 Stage 2 Develop & Assess Gateway. The outcome is expected in the new year.

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the agreed NALC pay scales for 2022-23 which are to be implemented from 1 April 2022. The Clerks hourly rate will increase by £1.00 and be back paid to the 1st April 2022.

12. FINANCE

-Bank account balances as at 29/11/2022

Current Account	£12,338.58
Deposit Account	<u>£27,325.00</u>
Total	£39,663.58 (as at 29.11.2022)

-The PC received and accepted an up-to-date Budget vs. Actual and Bank reconciliation.

-The PC considered an S137 grant application from Lostock Gramam Toddler group to pay for a Christmas party. The PC **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £200.00.

-The PC considered a grant request from the Church for churchyard grounds maintenance. The PC **RESOLVED** to award the budgeted amount of £1,600.00.

-To review and approve the following payments which are due and note any income received:

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300928	Lyndsey Sandison	£467.95
300929	Lyndsey Sandison	£904.55
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£24.09
300930	Ash Waste Ltd	£131.46
300931	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300932	Northwich Town Council	£1,248.00
300933	Lostock Church Hall	£75.00
300934	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£60.00
300935	Defib4life Ltd	£315.60
300936	Lostock Gramam Mother & Toddler Group	£200.00
300937	St Johns Church	£1,600.00
Income	Income	
Bank Transfer	Mark Stocks	£200.000
Bank Transfer	David Marshall	£187.86

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-One of the Tommy Soldier rifles has broken off – PC agreed to store the silhouettes away until the next Remembrance Day commemorations.

-Clerk to chase up Boundary sign order and provide an update on the next agenda.

-Cllr M Venables will look at producing a Volunteer Policy and review how expenses are approved and paid. Cllr Venables noted that a new brush and gloves are needed for Mr Oakes who volunteers at the Stubbs Lane play area. These items are to be included on the next agenda.

-Further bulb planting to be included on the next agenda.

-Cllr T Hodges queried if there have been any updates with regards to a recent planning application.

The meeting finished at 8.18pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Appendix

Police Update **Lostock Gralam Parish Council Meeting** **PCSO Hambleton Monthly Update**

Anti-Social Behaviour

- A report of off-road bikes razzing around a field off Townshend Road, bikes had left prior to police attending. The area will be visited regularly to prevent any further incidents.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- One vehicle stolen from the Cheshire Limes estate; enquiries are ongoing.

Road Safety

- Stop check of a vehicle, driver provided a positive drugs wipe and arrested.
- One speed enforcement session carried out on Manchester Road, 10 offences reported.

Parking

- Report of vehicle obstructions outside a property on Townshend Road within the marked parking bay. Highways contacted to assess the markings for the parking bay.

Other

- In the week before Christmas we are giving a presenting two hampers across the Shakerley area, to residents who have made a contribution within the local community, as a Thank You from Cheshire Police.
- We are recognising young people within the community who have made a difference within the community and are working with the local schools for the nominations.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Wednesday 14th December, between 1pm – 2pm,
Hulme Lane, Lower Peover. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

Monday 19th December, between 5pm – 6pm,
Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road. A Police vehicle will be parked on the car park.

PCSO Phil Hambleton
Shakerley Police Beat Team