

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** PCSO P Hambleton

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

-No public comments received.

-Cllr K Hodgkinson advised that Lodge Lane grass requires cutting and the footpath leading from Stubbs Lane to the A556.

-Cllr P Cobley advised that a tree branch is hanging down across the Manchester Road pavement next to the Lodge Lane junction.

-Cllr Cobley informed the PC that local members of the public (mops) had spoken to him about suspected drug dealing along the Highfield Avenue alleyway, the mops suggested that the alleyway be closed off.

-Cllr L Cashmore advised that she has reported a sink hole on Stubbs Lane. She had also received a complaint about the recent restaurant closure on Manchester Road.

-Cllr T Smith commented that the grass is very long at the bottom of the Townshend Road hill, Cllr Smith also raised concern about shoppers parking on the Fryer Road /Manchester Road junction. Cllr Smith also noted that the blue, advisory not suitable for HGV's sign is facing the wrong way at the Birches Lane/A556 junction.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Walker, Cllr A Ross, Cllr T Hodges and Ward Cllr M Stocks.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

-None

**4. MINUTES**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

**5. PROGRESS REPORT**

-Planning Enforcement -The Manchester Road structure is now fully removed.

-Cllr Venables has now completed works to repair the CCTV cameras which may have been hit by a football. Cllr P Cobley advised that he will look to source an additional antivandal frame.

## 6. POLICE

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PCSO P Hambleton gave the following update;

### **Theft**

- Three thefts reported from the co-op (alcohol and food)

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Damage to plant equipment at the WS Trailer Storage site.
- Two children fighting at the play area.
- CCTV footage reviewed in connection to vandalised Stubbs Lane play area signage. Youths involved have been positively identified.

### **PCSO Surgery Dates**

- PCSO drop in surgery – Lostock Gralam Costa Coffee Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

The PC considered the youths intent to vandalise various items of play equipment and damage signage at the Stubbs Lane play area. The PC **RESOLVED** to submit a Police Witness Statement and proceed with holding the youths to account for their actions.

## 7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr M Stocks sent his apologies but will continue to chase up ongoing matters.

## 8. LITTER BINS

The Parish Council discussed the on-going issue of the public litter bin next to the Manchester Road retail unit carpark which is often overflowing potentially because motorists' empty litter from their vehicles into the public bin. The PC therefore **RESOLVED** to request CWAC to move the bin to the opposite side of the road near to the Manchester Road play area entrance gate.

## 9. PLANTERS

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept Northwich Town Council's (NTC) price increase for the existing planter contract.

The PC **RESOLVED** to move the PC adopted School Lane planter, to the Hall Lane traffic lights (Slow & Easy side of the four-arm junction). The Parish Clerk will apply for a license to place the adopted planter within the CWAC Highway.

The PC **RESOLVED** to source concrete flags to form a base for the adopted planter with it being sited on the grass verge.

The PC **RESOLVED** to add the adopted planter to the NTC planter contract, increasing the existing contract to three planters.

The PC **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should enquire about the cost of NTC filling the new adopted planter with compost.

The Clerk has queried a £300.00 grant which was expected from CWAC.

## 10. PLAY AREA

- The Clerk advised that the basket swing was incorrectly reinstalled after the chains were replaced. The Clerk will meet the contractor at the July play area inspection to resolve the matter.
- Cllr M Venables gave an update with regards to recent repairs at the play area and planned cleaning/painting. Cllr Venables also advised that Sharpe sand will be trialled between the shrunken wet pour and pin curb in a small test area of the cable runway surface.

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

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| <b>APPLICATIONS –</b><br><i>The PC no longer automatically receives paper copy plans, please view documentation at <a href="https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></i> |  |
| APPEALS  |  |
| DECISIONS  |  |
| 22/02387/FUL   | -Land Rear of 226 To 248 Manchester Road Lostock Gralam<br>-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 childrens play area, opening of angling facilities to members of the public subject to pre-booking<br><br><b>Withdrawn (revised application expected)</b> |

## 12. **CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr T Smith recommended that the PC remove the Lodge Lane/Manchester Road bus shelter earmarked reserve of £4750.00 due to other bus stops along the route being more popular since covid. The PC considered the project viability and **RESOLVED** to remove the earmarked reserve and release the money for other projects which will benefit a similar demographic of the community.

Cllr M Venables recommended that the Sports Management Committee Working Group be dissolved as it is no longer required. The PC **RESOLVED** to dissolve the SMC Working Group.

Cllr M Venables proposed that the PC conduct a parish walk to identify issues in the parish. The PC **RESOLVED** to hold a parish walk on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. starting at the Community Centre.

Cllr M Venables informed the PC about a restriction placed on the Cheshire Limes estate litter bins, advising of no dog waste. The PC concluded that residents should report any concerns to the Managing Agent responsible for the area.

Cllr M Venables suggested that the PC hold a community litter pick. The PC **RESOLVED** to hold a community litter pick on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00 pm starting at the Community Centre.

Cllr A Ross submitted an update report which was considered by the PC.

It was **noted** that;

- The PC adopted School planter will be moved to the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- CWAC grass cutting of the grass verges is of poor standard. The daffodils are still yet to be cut.
- The bins at the Cheshire Limes Estate is not a PC matter.
- The PC will not remove graffiti on privately owned property. Cllr T Smith enquired whether the Police had caught the graffiti offender. PCSO Hambleton advised that 'RIPPA' graffiti can be found from Manchester to Northwich, the offender has yet to be identified.

Cllr T Smith advised that the Townshend Road wildflowers have not grown on one side of the junction and will likely require extra seed in the Autumn.

Cllr T Smith requested that the PC invite the PCC back to give an update.

### 13. CLERKS REPORT

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- Cllr T Hodges is due to attend a full day of Social Media training at Knutsford Town Council on Tuesday 13 June, priced at £60.00 + vat.
- Concern raised by Silverlea Road resident about potential for an increase in dog waste on the open space area since the managing agent affixed signs to their bins advising of no dog waste, the resident would like more dog poo bins in the area.
- Celandine Court resident complaint received with regards to overgrown trees (trees near to Costa Coffee carpark outside of Celandine Court boundary) blocking the light from their apartment. The Clerk notified the Managing agent who has agreed to trim the trees after the bird nesting season.
- Station Road resident complaint received regarding lack of action in stopping the WS Trailer Storage site.
- PCC Meeting, the Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer is holding a meeting for the CWaC Borough, Town and Parish councils on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 18:00 – 19:30.

### 14. FINANCE

- The year end file has now been submitted to PKF Littlejohn for external audit.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to renew the Mid Cheshire Footpath Society Subscription priced at £8.00 pa. Cllr T Smith enquired whether a report is produced to update subscribers of society's activities.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

| <b>Cheque</b> | <b>Payee</b>             | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 300973        | Lyndsey Sandison         | £910.18       |
| DD            | Nest                     | £33.20        |
| 300974        | Ash Waste Ltd            | £151.39       |
| 300975        | CG Services Cheshire Ltd | £252.00       |
| 300976        | Knutsford Town Council   | £72.00        |
| Income        |                          |               |
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### COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The meeting finished at 8.22pm

#### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meetings will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*