

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** 1 MOP and PCSO P Hambleton

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

Cllr P Kelly gave the following updates;

- Wilson Crescent resident has lodged complaints with the Police, WVHT and MP E McVey regarding cannabis smell coming from neighbouring property.  
-PCSO P Hambleton confirmed that WVHT has written to the neighbouring property with regards to the smell of cannabis.
- Cllr Kelly is not satisfied with the size of the new 30mph/speed camera signs.
- Cllr Kelly is not satisfied with the frequency of bin emptying at the Coffee drive thru.
- Cllr Kelly advised that CWAC took 13 days to empty bin No. 1.
- The A556 barrier has now been repaired after three months.
- Cllr Kelly advised of the difficulties Cllr M Stocks is having with CWAC staff who work from home.
- Fryer Road drains are blocked and should be reported to CWAC.

Cllr T Smith requested that the Clerk ask for an update on the proposed remediation works at the Manchester Road retail units.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

-None

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

-Cllr 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.

**4. MINUTES**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

**5. PROGRESS REPORT**

-Two speed camera/30mph signs have now been installed on Manchester Road.

-Cllr M Stocks has approved a £200.00 Christmas light switch on grant application.

-The Highway meeting will be arranged for September due to CWAC staff holidays in August. PCSO Hambleton to be invited.

-The Church Hall is available on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm to 8pm. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the hall hire charge of £75.00 for the Christmas Light Switch on party.

-Following on from Cllr T Hodges visit to Lostock Lodge care home, Marshalls have confirmed that the care home own the land next to the site. Cllr P Walker has also advised that Rev Andrew, will get in touch with

the care home with regards to starting services come September, and that the choir will look to visit monthly.

-The Mersey Forest has agreed to replace the dead oak tree in November.

-Recycle bins, have now been delivered to Celandine Court. Torus provided an update regarding other matters raised, which are essentially Torus and PCSO matters.

## **6. POLICE**

PCSO P Hambleton gave the following report:

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Damaged fence reported.
- Vehicle damage on Townshend Rd reported.

### **Burglary**

- No reports received.

### **Theft**

- Pairs stolen from Packhorse Close.
- Theft of pushbike which had been loaned to family member then sold on.
- Meat stolen from the Co-op.

### **Road Safety**

- Speed enforcement has been carried out on Manchester Road with 7 offences recorded.

### **Other**

- Reports of HGV's using Birches Lane/ Station Road. The Police are unable to take action due to the road sign at the A556 being an advisory notice.
- A World War 2 training bomb was deactivated at Winnington woods.
- Sports in the park events were well attended.

## **7. LOSTOCK IN BLOOM**

-The Lostock in Bloom councillors have now gained approval for two wildflower locations in the parish, one at the Townshend Road / Hall Lane junction and another near to the Stubbs Lane junction.

-The PC considered the wildflower seed quote recommended by the CWAC Wildflower team and **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £161.66 Net / £193.99 Gross.

-The Lostock in Bloom Councillors would like the PC to consider purchasing further daffodil bulbs at the next PC meeting.

## **8. MARK STOCKS**

-Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

## **9. HS2**

-Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update with regards to the recent Petitions submitted and Environmental Statement AP 1 consultation response.

-Cllr M Venables recommended that Councillors read some of the local petitions which can be found on the Parliament website.

## **10. (a) PLAY AREA**

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept CG Services Ltd quote of £220.00 + vat to repair the damaged wet pour around the Hippo springer.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the HAGS quote of £2,306.33 + vat to carry out various repairs which are required as per the Operational play area inspection.
- The Community Centre has put out a sign to advise that the carpark is for hall hirers only to prevent MOP cars from being locked in after hire's finish.
- The Sports Facility Management Working group has put together a schedule of works required at the play area and will require a small budget to purchase materials. Costs to be considered at the next meeting.

## 11. PLANNING

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

<b>APPLICATIONS –</b>	
<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>	
<b>APPEALS</b>	
<b>DECISIONS</b>	

## 12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Cllr K Hodgkinson:

- The PC considered Cllr Hodgkinson's request for 'No Bikes' signage on the MUGA. The PC concluded that the existing MUGA rules signage already states that no bikes are to be used on the MUGA and therefore no further signage is required.
- The PC considered Cllr Hodgkinson's request to switch the Christmas Tree lights on before the choir sing. The request was considered and agreed.

### Cllr P Cobley

- The PC considered Cllr Cobley's suggestion of unknown Tommy soldier silhouettes for the parish. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to order a pair of statues from the Royal British Legion, with a 'Lest we forget' message at a cost of £350.00.
- The statues will ideally be located at the Hall Lane traffic lights dependant on permission from CWAC.

### Cllr T Hodges

- The PC considered Cllr Hodges request to look at further activities for the younger end of the community in light of recent events in Liverpool and the drug situation in Lostock Gralam. The PC concluded that no further action is required.

## 13. CLERKS REPORT

- Many thanks to Cllr M Venables for sanding and varnishing the public bench.
- PC **RESOLVED** to accept Remembrance Sunday wreath from Royal British Legion quote of £17.00.
- A steady flow of HGV's (tipper wagons) has been reported using Station Road as a haul route, some going towards Wincham others going to the Lostock Works and Middlewich.

## 14. FINANCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the up-to-date budget to actual and bank reconciliation.

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
300905	Lyndsey Sandison	£828.65
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£24.09
300906	Ash Waste Ltd	£117.86
300907	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£708.00
300908	Mark Venables	£14.27
300909	HAGS SMP LTD	£81.90
300910	Boston Seeds Ltd	£193.99
300911	Royal British Legion	£350.00
Income		
n/a		NIL

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

-Chase up Commercial Unit works.

-Daffodil bulb quote.

-Sports Facility Working Group -consider setting an allowance to complete recommended play area housekeeping works.

Apologies for the next meeting from Cllr P Walker, Cllr T Hodges and Cllr T Smith.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

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

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*