

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 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 Cobley, A Ross and T Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk

PUBLIC/PCSO: 1 Member of the public (Mop)

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr P Cobley raised the following:

- A mop was scolded by a lady for cutting through the churchyard grounds to go to the Broseley Estate, the gate off the Church Hall carpark is kept locked although there is open access at the Estate side. The Clerk will contact the Church to discuss the matter further.
- Alsatian dogs which bark at passing pedestrians at a property on Manchester Road are intimidating. The Clerk will write to the homeowners to make them aware.

Cllr K Hodgkinson raised the following:

- A School Lane property is being targeted by youths who are carrying out acts of antisocial behaviour. Clerk to follow up with PCSO.

Cllr A Ross raised the following:

- Abandoned car on Lodge Lane – Cllr M Venables advised that he has spoken to the PCSO regarding the vehicle which is not classed as abandoned.

Cllr T Smith raised the following concerns:

- The steps at the bottom of Townshend Rd require reporting to CWAC.
- The Fryer Rd junction is becoming busy with parked cars who are using the retail area. Clerk to make the PCSO aware.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Walker
-PCSO P Hambleton also sent his apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

-Cllr T Hodges is a member of the Community Centre Association.
-Cllr T Hodges has an ease of access agreement relating to land at junction of Manchester Road.
-Cllr M Litton declared an interest in a matter raised in the public forum and abstained from commenting.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

-Pot hole on approach to Cheshire Business Park traffic lights now repaired.
-Litter pick and removal of fly tipping has now occurred at the overflow car park.

- The Clerk has reported various pavements in need of sweeping: CWAC Ref SS478843282.
- Sunken bobble kerb at pedestrian refuge Island on Manchester Road has been reported: CWAC Ref HW481413360.
- Blocked gully's at Fryer Rd junction and approach to Cheshire Business Park traffic lights reported: CWAC Ref: HW481415039 / CWAC Ref: HW481412407.
- Gibbon Drive junction in need of sweeping reported. CWAC Ref SS481410240.
- Sunken/cracked section of Manchester Rd (potential sinkhole) reported. CWAC Ref HW481407693.
- The Clerk gave a verbal update to the Manchester Rd Planning Enforcement case.
- The Parish Clerk has written to the field owners of the broken fence between Lostock Tiny Tots and the Train Station.
- The Clerk has chased up the long-term pot hole on School Lane.
- The Clerk has added a message to the PC website advising that the Community Centre is in need of volunteers to open/close the hall for hires.
- The Clerk has reported broken drain cover opposite the Manchester Road commercial units. CWAC Ref: HW483537799.

6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: See Appendix.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

8. (a) PLAY AREA

- Play area inspection report circulated prior to Parish Council meeting.
- The Clerk advised of the cost to replace the swing chains, shackles and bushes which are 40% worn and require replacing as per inspection report.
- Cllr M Venables and Cllr P Cobley will look to replace the logs on the cable runway ramp and inspect the cone climber mechanism and re-grease.
- Cllr M Venables advised that the play area trees are overhanging the Manchester Road pavement and will require cutting back. Clerk to obtain a quote.
- Cllr M Venables advised that one of the CCTV brackets has broken. Clerk/ Cllr M Venables to take a photo of the broken part and obtain a quote.

(b) OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT

- Groundworks and Leisure Services Ltd have now installed the bow top fence, invoice now received.
- Advisory signs have been installed on the fence.
- Project now complete.

9. 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>	
22/04630/FUL	33 School Lane Lostock Gramam Proposed two-storey side extension Comments 8 February 2023 No Objection
23/00115/FUL	Land at Junction of Manchester Road Construction of a new dwelling Comments 21 February 2023 No Objection
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

10. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr T Hodges

Cllr Hodges gave an overview of a meeting held with Maptionnaire. Cllr Hodges spoke about the need to engage/communicate more with the community and to share updates about the work of the Parish Council. PC debated forms of communication, including social media, how to manage social media posts and how to get more people involved.

Cllr Hodges will contact other Parish Councils to investigate how they communicate/engage with the public. Cllr M Venables will create a QR code which can be displayed at locations in the parish to take members of the public direct to the PC website.

Cllr A Ross

Sub station light on Cheshire Av. alleyway only comes on when pedestrians are at short range. PC discussed providing a light with a longer-range sensor.

Coffee cup advertisement at the Cheshire Business Park traffic lights is in a poor state and in need of removing. Clerk to contact the owners to ask if it can be removed.

Cllr M Venables

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Volunteer Policy and Consent Form which Cllr Venables has drafted.

Mops wishing to become regular volunteer litter pickers can register with CWAC to arrange equipment loan. A link will be put on the PC website.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- Co-option candidate will attend the March Parish Council meeting.
- Dog fouling complaint received 29/1/2023.
- The Clerk will be attending an Election Meeting at Wyvern House on 6th March 2023 at 5.00 pm.
- PC website has been updated to include latest information about LSEP.
- No communication received yet from the HS2 Select Committee.
- The Clerk has contacted MP Esther McVey / Angela McPake with regards to a meeting with Lostock Gralam Parish Council.

12. FINANCE

-The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the budget vs actual and bank reconciliation. Noted that the PC is likely to have an overspend on the current year's budget which will impact the general reserves. The PC reviewed and agreed no change to current Earmarked funds as per Budget Vs Actual.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300947	Lyndsey Sandison	£874.33
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£29.81
300948	Ash Waste Ltd	£134.88
300949	CG Services Ltd (Dec + Jan)	£504.00
300950	Mark Venables	£39.54
300951	Access Ability Ltd	£60.00
300952	Safety Signs & Notices Ltd	£99.94
300953	Hags SMP Ltd	£81.90
DD	Freeola	£12.56

300954	Groundworks & Leisure Services Ltd	£1,428.00
Income		
Bank TRF	Inovyn	£500.00

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COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Consider installing a noticeboard at the play area.
- Chase up grant for speed assessment.
- Keep Off signs for bulbs/seeded areas in the parish.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Police Update
Lostock Gralam Parish Council Meeting
PCSO Hambleton Monthly Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Three reports of unknown youths knocking on the door and throwing items at an address on School Lane.
- A couple report of vehicles gathering on the car park on Cheshire Avenue, potentially using or dealing drugs.
- Damage has been caused to a window of a garage on Townshend Road, this has been caused by unknown persons and there are no lines of enquiry.
- A report of a neighbour dispute due to noise nuisance, this has been referred to CWAC Environmental Health.
- Female youth spat on a vehicle parked on the driveway of a property on Highfield Avenue, also a male youth has been harassing the occupants. These youths have been identified and have also been involved numerous incidents in Northwich Town Centre and have been arrested for all the incidents and referred to Youth Offending Services.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- 4 reports of shoplifting from the Co-Op.

Road Safety

- Two speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road, 4 offences reported.

Parking

- Report of a vehicle obstructing of the alleyway on Herbert Street. The vehicle has been moved.

Other

- Vehicle stopped checked on A556. 3 suspects arrested for drugs offences. 1 person has been charged with the offence of Possession With Intent To Supply. 2 Released Under Investigation.