

## MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 Walker, A Ross, T Smith, L Cashmore, and I Parkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** PCSO P Hambleton & 1 Member of the public (Mop)

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

MOP raised concern about speeding on Station Road and concern about HGV's using Station Road.

Cllr T Smith raised the following:

- Concern about the dug-up Townshend Rd grass verges.
- Mole hills on Townshend Rd.
- New broadband provider has flattened the flowers in the parish. The works have been chaotic with no warning to residents. Request for Clerk to write and request compensation for the parish.
- Disappointed with the flower planter on the Hall Lane traffic lights, PC to consider whether to terminate current contract – item for next agenda.
- Old Octel site has been cleared of all the trees – request to find out more about what is planned for the area.

Cllr M Venables raised the following:

-Old Octel site has been cleared, the PC need to understand more about the new owners intention for the land and route HGV's will take. Request for the Clerk to contact Cllr M Stocks for assistance.

Cllr K Hodgkinson raised the following:

-Pot hole along School Lane pavement still awaiting repair.

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr P Cobley

### 3. CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

-The Parish Council considered and **RESOLVED** to Co-opt Leanne Cashmore and Imelda Parkinson onto the Parish Council filling both parish councillor vacancies.

-Leanne and Imelda signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and took their seats on the Parish Council.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

-Cllr T Hodges is a member of the Community Centre Association.

-Cllr P Walker is a member of the Community Centre Association and Parochial Church Council (PCC).

### 5. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

## 6. PROGRESS REPORT

- The Clerk gave an update with regards to a Manchester Road Planning Enforcement case.
- The Fryer Road wall paint has now been removed; the Clerk has asked the site owner for an update on planned improvements.
- The PC considered signage quote for the wildflower and bulb planted areas. The PC **RESOLVED** to order 6 x A4 Wildflower Keep Off signs at a cost of £5.49 each.
- Cllr Venables and local MOP have now investigated the damaged CCTV camera casing. Cllr Venables will endeavor to make a replacement casing FOC as first port of call. Should this not successfully secure the camera, quotes will be obtained.
- The Clerk has reported the short sensor range on the Cheshire Av. substation light. The Clerk will report back if a new light with a longer range sensor is required along with quotes.
- The Clerk has reported the Townshend Rd steps and the damaged grass verges near to the Townshend Rd junction with Hall Lane. (Noted -Cllr Smith advised that the Townshend Rd steps have been cleaned).

## 7. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton gave a report: See Appendix.

## 8. MARK STOCKS

Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

## 9. ASSET REGISTER

The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the 2023 Asset Register.

## 10. RISK ASSESSMENT

The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the 2023 PC Risk Assessment.

## 11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the 2023 Annual Governance Statement & Administration Policy.

## 12. PLAY AREA

- The PC agreed to wait until the Annual Rospa Play inspection is completed before deciding to proceed with replacement swing chains.
- The Clerk will gather Operational play inspection quotes for the May PC meeting.
- The play area cleaning project is ongoing.
- Further quotes are required for the tree pruning at the Stubbs Lane play area site.

## 13. 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>	

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

### Cllr P Walker

- Spoke about the route being used as a cut through from the Church yard to the Broseley Estate. Further archive investigation is required as decisions relating to this area of land date back to 1980. Cllr Walker will report back on the matter when the investigation is complete.
- Suggested that a noticeboard at the Stubbs Lane play area / Community Centre would be well placed to share updates / information to the public.

### Cllr T Hodges

- Gave an overview of the Town & Parish Conference which he attended on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Cllr Hodges spoke positively about a guest speaker from Ashton Hayes Parish Council. Cllr Hodges also highlighted the positives of having a neighbourhood plan and possible ways to improve how the Parish Council can communicate/involve the community more.

### Cllr M Venables

- Spoke about the HS2 Petition responses received, Cllr Venables also advised that the Parish Council may be summoned to appear before the Select Committee in Westminster. Cllr Venables advised that there may be a travel cost should he and the Clerk need to travel to London. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to cover the cost of travel should the Clerk and Cllr Venables be required to travel to Westminster.
- HS2 are holding an online information meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm. to 7 pm.

## **15. CLERKS REPORT**

- Photo ID at polling stations from May 2023

*From 4 May 2023, people who wish to vote in person (including those acting as a proxy), will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper.*

*This will apply to:*

*Local elections*

*Town and parish elections*

*Neighbourhood planning referendums*

*UK parliamentary elections (the requirement for voter ID to be provided at UK parliamentary elections will take effect for polls after 5 October 2023)*

*Police and crime commissioner elections*

*There is currently no requirement for postal voters to provide photographic identification for the May 2023 election.*

- The Clerk will be sharing Parish Council Election process information in due course.
- Complaint regarding Fitness Class at the play area received. The Clerk has added a message to the PC website to advise of the class times/days including the temporary day change from a Thursday to a Friday.
- Complaint received regarding litter and anti-social behaviour around the Fryer Road junction/commercial area. Site owner has been made aware and PCSO Hambleton. The PC **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should enquire about moving the litter bin near to the 30 mph to the Fryer Road bus stop area.

- Dog Fouling Complaint- The Dog Warden has been conducting parish visits and will continue to do so. Cllr Hodgkinson has witnessed/spoken to a mop who attempted to not pick up after their dog.

-Orsted are looking for a buyer for the Lostock Works plant.

## **16. FINANCE**

-The current account balance is £2,391.78; the deposit account balance is £15,000.00 as at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
300955	Lyndsey Sandison	£868.89
DD	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£29.81
300956	Ash Waste Ltd	£137.04
300957	CG Services Ltd	£252.00
300958	Mark Venables	£5.58
DD	Freeola	£7.20
Income		

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

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

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

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*

**PCSO Hambleton Update for February the Shakerley Ward**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**Lostock Gralam**

- Two reports of unknown youth walking through a garden on Smithy Lane.
- Report of an unknown male, who appeared to be a football coach who was shouting and swearing at youths playing football.
- Unknown persons have broken a window at Crossways Care Home. There are no known witnesses or CCTV to progress an investigation.

**Burglary**

**Lostock Gralam**

- Manchester Road, entry gained to a property and car taken, which was subsequently involved in a collision in Greenbank where a number of vehicles were damaged. 2 suspects were arrested shortly after the incident, the investigation is ongoing.

**Theft**

**Lostock Gralam**

- 4 reports of shoplifting from the Co-Op.

**Road Safety**

**Lostock Gralam**

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

**Parking/highway Obstructions**

**Lostock Gralam**

- No reports received.

**Other**

**Weekly PCSO surgeries**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, between 11am – 12pm.  
Costa Coffee Lostock Gralam.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, between 5pm – 6pm.  
Hulme Lane, Lower Peover. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, between 5pm – 6pm.  
Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road, A Police vehicle will be parked on the car park.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, between 5pm – 6pm.  
Princess Road, Allostock. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the play area.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, between 2pm - 3pm.  
Costa Coffee Lostock Gralam

Everyone is welcome to come along to say hello and discuss any local issues or concerns.

I am aware that not everyone will be able to attend these surgeries, if you wish to raise any concerns please complete the Residents Voice Survey on the Cheshire Police Website, search for Residents Voice Northwich, and when completing the survey, the Policing area is Shakerley.

**PCSO Phil Hambleton  
Shakerley Police Beat Team**