

**MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE CHURCH HALL**

**Part I**

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Sandison, Clerk

**PUBLIC/PCSO:** None

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

Cllr P Kelly reported that;

- The PCC was on TV talking about noisy cars.
- He does not agree that the PCSO speed enforcement results are a true reflection of speeding on Manchester Rd.
- Bar codes on litter bins – report damaged bins using bar code.
- Cllr Stocks has agreed to fund a traffic Assessment for Manchester Rd although funds will not be available until after the Chester by-election.
- Fly tipping has occurred on a Manchester Rd field, with bank statements found within the waste-Clerk to report to CWAC.
- Mud is still on the pavement opposite the Cheshire Business Park – the Clerk has reported the mud to CWAC and written to the farmer.
- MOP communication received regarding police sirens/lights to attend retail unit on Cheshire Avenue.

Cllr T Smith requested;

- An update from the Police & Crime Commissioner re meeting held in July.
- Contact commercial unit owner for an update regarding wall and fence railings.

Cllr P Walker suggested that the Church Hall could be an option for solar power funding grant application.

Cllr A Ross noted how nice the lamppost poppies look in the parish and suggested that the PC consider Christmas themed lamppost decorations for another year.

Cllr L Kelly raised concern about long grass at the cremation area of the churchyard.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr T Hodges.
- 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.

**4. MINUTES**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

## 5. PROGRESS REPORT

- The weeds growing along Manchester Road have been reported to CWAC. CWAC has scheduled to spray weed killer – the Clerk will monitor and chase up if the weeds show no sign of dying back.
- The new paediatric defib pads have arrived and are now available with the defib. The Clerk will check the expected battery lifespan as it is now out of warranty.
- The Clerk has reported the flood light which is not working along the Cheshire Av. alleyway.

## 6. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: See Appendix.

## 7. CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS & BUDGET

- Inovyn has agreed to award the PC a grant of £500.00 for the light switch on party.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to book Cheshire Parties at a cost of £150.00 due to Jon the Balloon Man no longer being available.
- The PC **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should order 50 selection boxes for the school choir children approx. cost £50-£60 from Cadbury direct.
- Roberts Bakery has agreed to donate a box of gingerbread men.
- The PC **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Kelly and Cllr L Kelly will switch on the tree lights.
- Cllr Venables is in the process of completing a Risk Assessment for the light switch on event. Cllr Venables will also be the first aider for the event.
- Poster and play area fence banner to be installed this week.
- The Clerk and Cllr Hodgkinson will purchase the food and drinks items for the light switch on party on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- Children's and adult tombola along with a bric-a-brac table to be run by the Church.

## 8. LOSTOCK IN BLOOM

- The PC **RESOLVED** to order a 20kg bag of daffodil bulbs at a cost of £28.00.

## 9. MARK STOCKS

- Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

## 10. HyNet Consultation

- Cllr M Venables was unable to attend the HyNet consultation, however he has looked into the consultation material and advised that the PC does not need to submit a response based on the proposed route not affecting Lostock Gralam.

## 11. (a) PLAY AREA

- HAGS SMP Ltd has now carried out repair works at the play area. It was noted that the Clerk needs to query a missing bolt on the zip wire which should have been replaced.

-Cllr Venables advised that cleaning materials will be purchased to enable the play equipment and entrance gates to be cleaned and algae removed as per the HAGS Operational inspection report. An allowance of £200.00 was agreed at the October PC meeting.

## (b) OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT

- As per a meeting at the play area on 5<sup>th</sup> November, the preferred location for the adult gym equipment is between the Community Centre building and the play area. The Clerk will ask Broxap to inspect the suggested location and create an equipment location plan.

- Broxapt has advised that fencing should be installed to clearly separate the children's playground equipment from the fitness equipment.
- Cllr Venables suggested a two-bar fence be installed to ensure compliance.

## 12. 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>	

## 13. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

-All Cllr updates received in point 1 of the meeting.

## 14. CLERKS REPORT

- The PC printer stopped working in the month. The Clerk sought permission from the Chairman and Vice Chairman to buy a replacement printer at a cost of £129.99.
- PC **RESOLVED** to award Graham Oakes £400.00- for litter picking fuel expense.
- The Clerk has reported the flooding near to the Griffiths Road junction. Highways have responded to say they will clean out the gullies and sweep the road to improve drainage after rainfall.
- The Clerk attended an LSEP LLC meeting in the month. The Section 36 application outcome is still awaited.
- The PC is still awaiting the outcome of the HS2 Petition's.
- The Clerk has informed Renescience about a smell complaint along Manchester Road on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- The Clerk will change mobile phone sim provider to seek an improved signal.
- To note there will be an exhibition in the Church Hall over the Remembrance Service weekend.

## 15. FINANCE

- The PC reviewed and accepted Q1 & Q2 Budget to Actual with bank reconciliation.
- The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
300918	Lyndsey Sandison	£946.50
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£24.09
300920	Ash Waste Ltd	£130.92
300921	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
300922	Bailey Audios	£230.40
300923	Hags Smp Ltd	£2,767.59
300924	Royal British Legion	£96.00
300925	Mark Venables	£4.68
Income		

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- To consider Tommy soldier locations / whether to install permanently.
- The NALC pay scales for 2022/23 have now been agreed – PC to consider accepting the recommended pay award at the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.

*L. Sandison*

**Appendix**

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

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Report received of a broken window at Comms Care, those responsible have not been identified on the CCTV, but a suspect has been named, enquiries are ongoing. There has been a group of youths gathering around the Business Units, these have been spoken, and no reports have been received since.
- Reports of youths disrupting hirers at the Community Centre, those haven't been identified, due to the timescale the CCTV had been wiped over. Patrols planned to attend the Community Centre when the groups are meeting in the future to deter further problems.
- Vehicle damaged on the Cheshire Limes Estate by having paint thrown over it, no witnesses or CCTV to progress the investigation.
- Window broken on a property on Lodge Lane, no witnesses or CCTV to progress the investigation.
- Report of a group of youths damaging Halloween Decorations on a number of roads in the area, the group have been captured on CCTV, and some have been identified, they will be getting home visits in the next few days.

**Burglary**

- No reports received.

**Theft**

- No reports received.

**Road Safety**

- Speed enforcement has been carried out on Manchester Road, 1 session has been carried out by the Slow & Easy, 8 offences recorded.

**Parking**

- 4 Reports received about parking obstructions on Townshend Road, these have been reported a number of days afterwards.

**Other**

- Attended the school to speak with a number of pupils, who are being Anti-Bullying peers in years 3 to 6, to assist them with the assembly being held next week, as part of an Anti-Bullying week in schools.
- A Neon Disco was held at Brio Northwich on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, in partnership with Northwich Youth Fed, and supported by a number of Partner Agencies, to provide local young people with activities to deter Anti-Social Behaviour. It was attended by over 120 young people from across Northwich.

**Updates**

- A warrant was executed at a property on Hesketh Drive, drugs and weapons were recovered. The investigation is ongoing.
- Following an incident, an arrest was made at a property on Pack Horse Close, this involved Armed Response Officers, Air Support and local officers. Following a search of the property, a number of weapons were recovered. The investigation is ongoing.

**Weekly PCSO surgeries**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 6pm – 7pm, outside Lostock Green Methodist Chapel, Birches Lane, a Police Vehicle will be parked outside the Chapel.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 1pm – 2pm, near to the park on Princess Road, Allostock, a Police Vehicle will be parked near to the park.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, between 11am – 12pm, Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

All 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**