

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 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: None

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr P Cobley raised concern about a vehicle which regularly parks on the Manchester Road pavement near to floor shop carpark entrance.

Cllr T Hodges asked if the Parish Council can promote help opening/closing the Community Centre before and after hires.

Cllr A Ross raised concern about broken wooden railings between the pavement and a field on the approach to the Lostock Gralam train station.

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.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th December 2022, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed and signed as being a correct record.

5. MEETING DATES FOR 2023

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the following meeting dates for 2023, the Clerk will book the Church Hall accordingly.

Monday 6th February 2023 - 7.00pm
Monday 6th March 2023 - 7.00pm
Monday 3rd April 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 15th May 2023 -7.00pm (1st & 8th May bank holidays – Election Year)
Monday 5th June 2023 -7.00pm

Monday 3rd July 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 7th August 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 4th September 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 2nd October 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 6th November 2023 -7.00pm
Monday 4th December 2023 -7.00pm

6. PROGRESS REPORT

- The Clerk circulated an update from the CWAC Planning Enforcement Officer with regards to an unauthorised structure on Manchester Road.
- The Parish Council is now advertising the two councillor vacancies. The vacancies may be filled by co-option.
- Managing agent for the Cheshire Business Park commercial landscape areas has agreed to remove fly tipping at the overflow car park, and conduct a litter pick.
- The Clerk has reported the pothole on Manchester Road just before the Cheshire Business Park traffic lights on the Manchester bound carriageway.

7. POLICE

PCSO P Hambleton sent a report: See Appendix.

8. MARK STOCKS

-Cllr M Stocks was absent from the meeting.

9. HS2

-The House of Commons agreed a motion to appoint the following MPs to the High-Speed Rail (Crewe Manchester) Bill Select Committee:

Wayne David, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris, Holly Mumby-Croft, Gavin Newlands, Andrew Percy and Martin Vickers.

Now that Committee membership has been approved, it is able to commence its work considering petitions against the Bill. Hearings with petitioners will start in the New Year.

-Allison Blakeway (Engagement Manager) has now left HS2. The Parish Councils new point of contact for HS2 will be Tina Yourelis.

-The Parish Council agreed to invite MP Esther McVey to an Extraordinary HS2 meeting to brief her on the impact HS2 will have on the parish.

-Cllr M Venables spoke about engaging with the community to update them on the potential effects HS2 will have in the parish. The PC agreed that a pole should be held on the Parish Council website to find out if the community would want to attend an HS2 presentation by the Parish Council.

10. (a) PLAY AREA

-No updates received; Play Inspection Report awaited.

(b) OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT

-Cllr M Venables gave an update on the Outdoor Gym project. The bow top metal fence to segregate children's play equipment from the gym has been delayed by around three weeks. It is noted that

people have been seen using the gym despite it being fenced off. The Parish Council therefore agreed that a temporary fence should be installed to create a barrier between the children's play equipment and gym to enable the outdoor gym to open.

-The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Venables can purchase five wooden fence posts at a cost of £20.00 to enable the gym to open to the public. The £20.00 will be deducted from the £200.00 allowance for cleaning the play equipment.

-Signs for the gym terms of use have now been ordered.

11. 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>	
APPEALS	
DECISIONS	

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr K Hodgkinson asked the PC to consider further funding for the Lostock in Bloom project- The PC considered further funding for the project. On review of the proposed precept for 2023/24 there is little room for additional provision for bulbs. The Chairman agreed to donate his remaining allowance of £37.00 if it had not been used by the end of his 12-month term.

Cllr M Venables spoke about the benefits of introducing a Volunteer Policy. The Parish Council agreed that a Volunteer Policy would be a good idea and to proceed with refining the draft policy Cllr Venables has produced.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr M Venables expenses of £16.12 to purchase a new broom and gloves for the play area volunteer litter picker. The expenses will come out of the £200.00 play equipment cleaning allowance.

Cllr M Venables advised that the Tommy Soldier silhouettes have been cleaned and stored away at his home address for next year's Remembrance commemorations.

Cllr M Venables advised that the Clerks appraisal is now due. It was agreed that Cllr T Hodges and Cllr M Venables will conduct the appraisal in February, the Chairman will endeavour to also attend.

Cllr T Hodges spoke about improving community engagement and involving the community more. Cllr Hodges has been in touch with a company called Maptionnaire, who would be able to deliver a 30/40-minute zoom meeting about improving communication. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to attend a free zoom meeting to improve how the Parish Council reaches out to the community.

13. CLERKS REPORT

-There is a PCC and CWAC Borough, Town and Parish Council meeting, Monday 16th January 2023, from 6 – 7.30 pm at the Police HQ. The Clerk will aim to attend. The PC is keen to progress with speed monitoring on Manchester Road.

- The Clerk attended a Renaissance Meeting on 8th December. The main topic discussed was smells coming from the plant.
- The Clerk will be attending an LSEP Meeting on Wednesday 11th January 2023.
- MOP complaint received regarding various issues from overflowing litter bin near to the school, leaves on pavements, litter in the parish, the noticeboard etc. The Clerk has now responded.

14. FINANCE

-The PC reviewed the proposed budget and budget forecast for 2023/24 and **RESOLVED** to request a precept for 2023/24 of £27,108. This would increase the current band D charge from £34.11 pa to £35.11 pa.

Noted: discussion regarding Church yard bin and composting flowers, an allowance for the 2023 election fee has been included in the precept calculation.

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
300938	Lyndsey Sandison	£1222.19
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£75.57
300939	HMRC	£278.81
300940	Ash Waste Ltd	£160.14
300941	Northwich Town Council	£2,728.80
300942	Royal Mail Group Ltd	£378.00
300944	Mark Venables	£16.12
300945	Lostock Church Hall	£288.00
300946	Broxap Ltd	£7,801.20
Income		

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Pot hole on School Lane has been marked up for some time.
- Chase up paint/railing remediation at the Manchester Road commercial area.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

L. Sandison

Appendix

Police Update
Lostock Gralam Parish Council Meeting
PCSO Hambleton Monthly Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

- A report of off-road bikes razzing around a field off Townshend Road, bikes had left prior to police attending.
- A report of vehicles being razzed around the car park on Cheshire Avenue and potential drugs use/dealing. Patrols being conducted in the evenings, two days after the report, two male youths stopped and searched, one was found in possession of drugs and a set of scales. The male was arrested for possession with intent to supply, and enquiries are ongoing.

Burglary

- No reports received.

Theft

- Shoplifting from the Co-Op, alcohol and shampoo taken.

Road Safety

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

Parking

- Report of vehicle obstructions outside a property on Townshend Road within the marked parking bay. Highways contacted to assess the markings for the parking bay.

Other

- We presented a Christmas hamper to Graham for his continued support to the community, by littering picking the park.

We recognised 6 young people from Lostock Gralam at part of the Christmas Awards.

Testimonials

An incredibly hardworking pupil at our school, determined to succeed in everything they undertake and has been made one of the Head Pupils within school this year in recognition of their excellent attitude to learning. Takes great pride in their role as a buddy to a EYFS pupil, and regularly supports other younger members of the school during break and lunchtime.

They also give up time to help care for their disabled brother and support their family.

A pupil chooses to spend their playtime and lunch times picking litter up and caring for the school environment which is something their beaver and cubs leaders have confirmed he continues to do out of school also.

A selfless young person who frequently gives up their time to help others. They are a strong advocate for the charity Bliss for babies born prematurely or sick, regularly takes part in fundraising campaigns and sponsored events to raise crucial funds for Bliss. Also volunteers at a local football club called 'Lostock Dads' which sees a group of local men who suffer from mental health difficulties coming together to support one and other through football. During one of these training sessions, they played a very important role in alerting the first-aiders that some was facing a medical emergency and needed both paramedics and a defibrillator. In school, they lead the eco team and takes their work very seriously and completes it with pride. Always picking up litter during their lunchtime and leading the 'eco warrior' team with proficiency and maturity. Felt strongly that they wanted to honour the soldiers and their families on Remembrance Day this year and wrote a poem that they read out at our worship at the local cenotaph.

After having major surgery on their leg which affected their mobility for 6 weeks following. This meant that they had to miss a significant period of school time. Despite this, they worked hard on completing work at home with parents and came to visit school regularly to see friends. Since returning to school, they have continued to try their very best and doesn't let anything stand their way and always comes into school with the biggest smile and warmest embrace for teachers and friends. They are a shining star in our school and we couldn't be prouder of them, and their resilience and bravery.

They have shown such care and commitment towards helping others through their recent fundraising to help the homeless. They baked cakes to raise money to buy items for the homeless in Manchester via 'Don't walk past Manchester'. Funds raised were used it to purchase sleeping bags, backpacks, hats, blankets, coats. They show kindness and consideration to others in school daily and can always be relied upon to help out.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Wednesday 11th January, between 3pm – 4pm,
Costa Coffee, Lostock Gramam.

Monday 16th January, between 3pm – 4pm,
Hulme Lane, Lower Peover. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

Thursday 26th January, between 2pm – 3pm,
Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road. A Police vehicle will be parked on the car park.

PCSO Phil Hambleton
Shakerley Police Beat Team