

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 8.15pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors M Venables (Chair), M Litton, T Hodges, T Smith, I Parkinson, A Ross, P Walker, L Cashmore, and K Hodgkinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr P Cobley and CWAC Cllr M Stocks.

PCSO Hambleton sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Hodges, Cllr K Hodgkinson and Cllr P Walker declared a personal interest in Lostock Gramam Community Centre as members of the Community Centre Association Committee.

Cllr P Walker declared a personal interest in St Johns Church as a member of the Church PCC.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public in attendance.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. The Manchester Road hedge has now been cut.
- b. The Clerk has written a parish newsletter however the content ran over the two sides of A4 resulting in a price increase for the printing. 1500 copies of the newsletter will cost £192.00 (Vat exempt).

6. POLICE

- a. Report read out from PCSO Hambleton. See Appendix for report.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks was not in attendance.

8. BULB PLANTING

The PC agreed to hold a further daffodil bulb planting session on Sunday 17th November at 10.30 am at the Townshend Road junction with Hall Lane.

9. CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

-Light switch on date will be Friday 22nd November, lights to be switched on at 5.00pm, Lostock Gramam Primary School choir invited to sing outside the church hall at 5.30pm to 5.45pm.

Number	Company/Item	Description	Cost £ (Net)	PC Outcome
1	Cheshire Parties	Balloon modelling 5.30pm to 7.00pm Provisionally booked	£160.00	PC RESOLVED to accept
2	Church Hall	Hall Hire 4pm to 8pm Booked	£75.00	PC RESOLVED to accept
3	Bailey Audios	PA system at the Tree side Provisionally booked	£194.12	PC RESOLVED to accept
4	Northwich Town Council	Supply & Install Christmas tree Booked	£2,685.00	PC RESOLVED to accept
5	Music	The Chairman has asked the PCSO to provide music. Confirmed		PCSO has agreed to help with music.
6	Light Switch on	Chairman M Venables has asked Tee from the Chemist to switch on the lights.		Tee has accepted invitation to switch on lights.
7	Choir	The PC has invited the school choir to sing outside the church hall at 5.30pm on 22 nd November.		Awaiting choir numbers
8	Food	<i>Purchase of Hotdogs, baking ingredients, drinks, tea & coffee, gingerbread decorating items etc.</i> <i>PC agreed to 150 hotdogs (Community Centre kindly donated 100 hotdog sausages)</i> <i>PC agreed to 200 baked cakes.</i> <i>PC agreed to the following kitchen volunteers:</i> Helen, Leanne, Mel and Kath Further items for shopping list: Kitchen Roll, napkins, fresh onions, Heinze ketchup, French's mustard, floor wipes.	£300.00 approx.	PC RESOLVED to accept
9	Cadbury	Selection boxes -awaiting choir numbers	£60.00 approx.	PC RESOLVED to order 40 selection boxes
10	Amazon	Paper plates, napkins, paper cups, table cloths, food prep gloves	£80.00 Approx.	PC RESOLVED to accept
12	Cllr Stocks	Clerk has applied for a member's budget grant.		Cllr Stocks has agreed to a £500 grant
13	Inovyn	Clerk has asked for a grant, awaiting an outcome.		Outcome awaited
14	Christmas Banner	To install Christmas banner onto the play area fence.		Cllr Venables to install
Total anticipated cost			£3,554.12	
Budget + confirmed grants			£3,398.00	

10. PLAY AREA

- a) Play area inspection report received and circulated to Cllrs, only minor issues reported.
- b) Cllr M Venables gave a verbal update regarding maintenance carried out at the park and advised that now the Station Friends of Group is established he will spend more time at the park. CG Services has been asked to leaf blow the MUGA.
- c) No concerns/issues regarding the park bin emptying/litter picking raised.

11. PLANNING

PC PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS IN THE MONTH	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PC	
24/02898/FUL	-280 Manchester Road, Lostock Gramam -Change of use, part demolition and conversion of existing building to 5 apartments (Re-submission of Planning Approval 20/04578/FUL)
RESOLVED: No objection	
CWAC PLANNING DECISIONS	

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a. Matters for Consideration

1. Cllr T Hodges spoke about the lack of disabled access at the Lostock Gramam train station. Cllr Hodges had contacted the local care homes to ask how the lack of disabled access affects them and their visitors.

Cllr M Venables advised that he would raise the matter at the next Northern Rail station meet up and obtain an official response.

b. Members updates

1. Cllr M Litton gave an update with regards to a meeting with CWAC Highways to discuss boundary sign locations. Highways advised that the best location for a sign on Station Road would be on the church hall grass verge, the canal bridge sign on Manchester Road be relocated to the existing road sign opposite the Griffiths Road junction, a sign to be installed on Hall Lane and the existing Manchester Road sign near to the business park be cleaned (this sign could be used at Hall Lane). The Clerk has written to the church to request permission to install a sign on the church hall grass verge (response awaited).
2. Cllr T Smith gave an update to the Finance Working group and advised that follow up letters had been sent to the first batch of companies, to date no responses have been received. Letters to be send to a second batch of companies. Finance Working group to arrange a meeting to discuss progress. Minutes of the Working Group were noted by the PC.
3. Cllr M Venables gave a Lostock Gramam Friends of Lostock Station update.

c. Members Reports

1. Cllr P Walker reminded those present of the Church Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November at 10.45 am.
2. The Community Centre Association will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service.
3. Noted how good the lamppost poppies look.

13. CLERKS REPORT

- a. Complaint received from parent who struggles to carry pushchair down to the train station platform whilst holding onto child.
- b. Complaint received with regards to mud on the Manchester Road pavement, the Clerk contacted the field owner and reported to CWAC. Ref SS655403796.
- c. Response received regarding Townshend Road grass bank complaint: Ref HW645715966.
Thank you for your enquiry.
Our grass cutting programme has been delayed due to the prolonged wet weather.
Our teams are cutting the grass in areas where possible, and we are hopeful that ground conditions will continue to improve to allow us to fulfil our normal programme.
Our grass cutting schedule will be published and available to view online as soon as the full programme commences. If we have identified that your enquiry poses a safety issue which requires urgent attention then we will prioritise accordingly. Thank you for your patience while we reschedule our grass cutting operations.
- d. Complaint received from INOVYN regarding the hedge encroaching over the highway. The clerk re-reported and informed Cllr Stocks. Ref HW655400100.
- e. PC copied into complaint from a Rose tree Meadow resident regarding the WS Storage appeal to Cllr M Stocks and MP Esther McVey.
- f. The clerk has ordered a poppy wreath for the Chairman to lay at the St. Johns Church Remembrance Service on 10th November at 10.45 am.
- g. Cadent Gas Limited HyNet North West Hydrogen pipeline project is running a consultation which affects Northwich. The consultation runs from 14th October to 19th November 2024. Further information can be found at www.hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk.
- h. The Local Government Service Pay Agreement 2024/25 has now been agreed from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. For all spinal column points to 43, the agreed award was a flat payment of £1,290 per annum (pro rate). The PC **RESOLVED** to accept and arrange back pay to the Clerk from 1st April 2024.

14. FINANCE

- a. The PC considered a grant application from Lostock Gralam Primary School to purchase a defib battery and pads. Grant requested £599.00, to cover full cost or donation towards the cost. The PC **RESOLVED** to award the Primary School £100.00 towards the cost of replacement defib parts.
- b. Lloyds have written to advise that they will be changing the Treasurers Account to a Community Account designed for not-for profit organisations from 14th January 2025. The new account will incur a monthly maintenance fee of £4.25..
- c. PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the Budget vs Actual and Bank Reconciliation. Chairman M Venables signed the bank statements to confirm that the amounts match the bank rec.

Bank Reconciliation-

Lloyds Current Account	1,184.92
Lloyds Savings Account	28,054.51
Uncleared Cheques	0.00
31/03/2024	<u><u>29,239.43</u></u>

- d. The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due and note any income received.

Payment	Payee	Amount
TRF	Royal British Legion	£95.98 PAID
TRF	Mark Venables	£69.64 PAID
TRF	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,181.55
DD	Nest	£64.35
TRF	T J Hough	£160.00
DD	Freeola	£13.46
TRF	ASH waste Ltd	£145.20
TRF	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
TRF	HAGS SMP Ltd	£90.00
	Income	
Online	CWAC – Members Budget	£500.00

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Planter at Hall Lane traffic lights requires repositioning.
- Discuss how grants are awarded.
- Christmas W/G and grow our own Christmas tree.
- Bus route update.
- Savings Account.
- Move Townshend Rd bin.
- Demographic analysis of parish.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Monday 2nd December at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Parish Council Christmas gathering Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm – La Turka.

L. Sandison

Appendix 1

Monthly PCSO Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- Two Speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road with 0 offences captured.
- Stop check of a vehicle on Manchester Road, following reports of a drug driver, driver provided a negative drugs test.
- Stop check of a vehicle on A556, which had been driven at over 100mph, driver provided a negative breath test and reported for driving offences.
- Stop check of a vehicle on A556, which had been travelling in excess of 130mph, driver reported for driving offences.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- Report of vehicles blocking the alleyways at the rear of the properties on Station Road. Letters to delivered to all properties in the area regarding parking rules and obstructions. Monitoring have taken place and will be continually monitored.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Wednesday 6th November, between 11am – 12pm.

Princess Road, Allostock. A police vehicle will be parked near to the play area.

Monday 11th November, between 5pm - 6pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Saturday 16th November, between 11am – 12pm.

Hulme Lane, Lower Peover. A Police vehicle to be parked near to the shop.

Thursday 21st November, between 3pm – 4pm.

Lostock Green Chapel, Birches Lane. A Police Vehicle will be parked outside.

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.