

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th AUGUST 2024 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

PUBLIC/PCSO: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reason for absence from Cllr P Walker, CWAC Cllr M Stocks and PCSO P Hambleton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr K Hodgkinson is a member of the Community Centre Association Committee.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

- a. Cllr Litton advised that the Northwich bound flashing speed sign, has stopped working possibly due to foliage covering the sign from the business park.
- b. Cllr Smith raised concern about litter in the parish and made the PC aware of a litter complaint posted on Lostock Life FB.
- c. Cllr Cobley- Station Road fence has been part repaired.
- d. Cllr Hodgkinson – School Lane gullies have been emptied.

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Manchester Road gullies have been emptied.
- b. Pair of unknown woman soldier silhouettes have been received.
- c. The Clerk has written to two Townshend Road properties with regards to overgrown hedges encroaching onto the footpath. Hedges now cut back.
- d. The PC considered responses received regarding the production of the 'Wincham Word' newsletter and Great Budworth Bulletin. Suggestions received; questionnaire to community groups, would local colleges want to be involved in producing the newsletter? a summer and winter edition would be ideal, further research required, family fun day ideal opportunity to ask the community what they want. Ordinary newsletter to be produced this year whilst further research is carried out. To be discussed further on next agenda.
- e. The Clerk sent the litter picking tool kit request link to mop as per Cllr Cobley's request.

6. POLICE

PCSO Hambleton sent a report. See Appendix 1.

Cllr Cobley – not seen PCSO Hambleton as much recently in the community.

Cllr Smith – Not many vehicles reported speeding these days, has speeding declined, query PCSO.

Cllr Smith – Chase up PCC attending a parish council meeting.

7. MARK STOCKS

Cllr Stocks not in attendance.

8. BOUNDARY SIGNS

PC discussed CWAC response, refusing permission to attach boundary signs to lampposts at Hall Lane and Station Road. PC requested that the Clerk go back to CWAC and ask what the PC can have and where.

9. PARISH WILDFLOWERS, STRIMMER & BULBS

- a. The PC **RESOLVED** to accept CG Services quote to cut the Stubbs Lane and Townshend Road wildflowers back and remove cuttings.
- b. Cllr Smith has donated a petrol strimmer to the PC.
- c. The PC **RESOLVED** to purchase £100.00 of daffodil bulbs and £50.00 of crocus and snowdrop bulbs.

10. PLAY AREA

- a. PC discussed operational play inspection report *noted* no ambers received, cone climber needs greasing and some painting still to be done.
- b. Cllr Venables gave a verbal update regarding maintenance jobs carried out at the park.
- c. The PC was successful with a £777.95 grant application to the Manchester Airport Community Trust to purchase a double bin, to include recycling. The bin has been ordered and is expected to be delivered on 29th August 2024.
- d. PC discussed/considered park bin emptying/litter picking over the summer break and decided not to pursue additional paid for bin emptying.

11. PLANNING

The council noted the Minutes of the Planning Committee decision.

PC PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS IN THE MONTH	
23/02766/FUL	-Land At Winnington Avenue Northwich -Re-engineering, remediation (through the creation of a development platform), restoration, and subsequent installation of a commercial scale photovoltaic solar park including a battery energy storage system (BESS) and other associated development. OBJECTION <i>The Clerk & Cllr Venables attended the CWAC Planning Committee Meeting in Ellesmere Port, the Clerk spoke on behalf of the PC.</i>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PC	
CWAC PLANNING DECISIONS	
23/02766/FUL	-Land At Winnington Avenue Northwich (as above) -REFUSED

12. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Cllr Venables gave an update from the 'Friends of Lostock Gralam Station' volunteer group. £500.00 has now been received into the PC bank account and the funds Earmarked for station works.
- b. Cllr Smith – The PC considered and **RESOLVED** to accept the Finance WG sample letter, and agreed that letters can be sent out.

13. CLERKS REPORT

- a. The Clerk and Cllr Venables attended an online Manchester Airport Parish/Town council meeting on 10th July, slides from the meeting were shared with Cllrs on 22nd July via email.
- b. The Renescience LLC meeting on Tuesday 16th July was cancelled.
- c. The Clerk attended an LSEP LLC meeting on Thursday 18th July along with a site tour. The Clerk gave a verbal update.
- d. PC litter pick held on Saturday 20th July, many thanks to those who volunteered.
- e. Cllr Stocks has agreed to award Members Budget grants to the PC for the following; £300 towards the cost of new Christmas Tree lights and a further £200 towards the Christmas light switch on, many thanks to Cllr Stocks for again supporting the PC. The PC considered the NTC quote for various Christmas tree sizes and coloured lights. The PC agreed to have a 20ft tree but agreed to defer deciding on the lights until further information is available.
- f. Cllr Walker attended the Household Waste Recycling Centre consultation meeting; Cllr Walkers notes were shared with the PC. The consultation can be found at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/HWRC-Consultation. The closing date for responses is Sunday 1 September 2024.
- g. Cllr L Cashmore and Cllr M Venables agreed to attend an online Highways meeting on 18th September, 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
- h. The Clerk has written to the landowner next to the train station with regards to the broken fence.
- i. Community Centre Fun day, Saturday 31st August, 1pm to 4pm. The PC **RESOLVED** to have a stand at the fun day and agreed that the Clerk should purchase a parish council banner, table cloth and Haribo's for the stand, a budget of up to £80.00 was agreed. Newsletter samples and communication questionnaires to be available on the stand.
- j. The Clerk was made aware of a Facebook post regarding a smell of cannabis on the park. The PC requested that the Clerk look at the legalities of imposing a no smoking ban at the park.

14. FINANCE

- a. PC **RESOLVED** to close both Co-op bank accounts.
- b. PC **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments which are due and note income received:
Noted the ASH Waste payment will be held back until a copy of the invoice has been received.

Payment type	Payee	Amount
Online TRF	Royal British Legion Industries	£350.00 PAID
Online TRF	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,162.91
Direct Debit	Nest - (Direct Debit)	£64.35
Online TRF	Ash Waste Ltd	£146.64
Online TRF	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
Online TRF	DM Payroll Services Ltd	£60.00
Online TRF	Northwich Town Council	£234.00
Online TRF	Zurich Town & Parish	£1,240.57
Online TRF	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	£65.51
Online TRF	HAGS SMP Ltd	£90.00
Online TRF	HMRC	£355.49
Online TRF	PKF Littejohn LLP	£252.00
	Income	
Bank TRF	Manchester Airport Trust Fund	£777.95
	Northern Rail	£500.00

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Parking outside restaurant on Manchester Rd.
- Overgrown grass at the Hall Lane traffic lights.
- HS2 funding (Cllr Hodges to send over information).
- Safer crossing at the Manchester Road pedestrian refuge island.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Appendix 1

Monthly PCSO Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- Report of possible Gun Shots near to Fryer Road, on attending it was established that fireworks being set off.
- Report of a motorcyclist riding along Stubbs Lane, without a helmet.
- Report of damage caused to vehicle tyres, no witnesses or CCTV to identify who was responsible.
- A resident had some gardening work carried put, paid upfront, the work wasn't completed, and the garden was left in a mess. Attempted to recontact the gardener and the mobile number provided no longer connects.
- Report of youths drinking and smoking cannabis on the park. CCTV has been checked. Regular patrols to continue to prevent further issues and identify those involved.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- One reported on Townshend Road, unknown persons have entered a garden and shed removing items. CCTV obtained of the suspects and awaiting their identification.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- One Speed enforcement session carried out with no offences captured whilst at the location.
- Vehicle stop check on Manchester Road, the driver provided a positive drugs wipe, cannabis was found in the vehicle, the driver was arrested for the offences, and the investigation is ongoing.
- Vehicle stop check Manchester Road, driver provided a negative drugs wipe, the driver was making takeaway deliveries without the appropriate insurance, which resulted in the vehicle being seized for no insurance.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Monday 5th August, between 3pm – 4pm.

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

Saturday 10th August, between 3pm - 4pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Friday 16th August, between 11am – 12pm.

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

Wednesday 21st August, between 5pm – 6pm.

Lach Dennis Village Hall, Holmes Chapel Road. A Police vehicle will be parked on the car park.

Thursday 29th August, between 3pm – 4pm.

This will be online on Northwich South Police Face Book.

Wednesday 4th September between 10am – 11am

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

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