

MINUTES OF THE LOSTOCK GRALAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025 AT THE CHURCH HALL

Part I

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors T Smith, A Ross, P Cobley, T Hodges, K Hodgkinson, L Cashmore, and M Litton ^{7.08pm}

IN ATTENDANCE: L Sandison, Clerk & RFO

ALSO

IN ATTENDANCE: CWAC Cllr M Stocks

In the absence of a chairman or vice chairman by 7.03 pm, the Cllrs elected Cllr A Ross to chair the meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM (Order of business changed- item 3 brought forward to item 1)

- Cars parked on Fryer Road bend create a pinch point - the road used to have road markings.
- MOP request received via email for anti HS2 banner to be removed from the gyratory.
- Half of the WS trailers have gone.
- Concern about dogs barking on Moss Lane- Clerk to pass onto neighbouring parish.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The PC **RESOLVED** to accept apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr M Venables and Cllr I Parkinson, Cllr P Walker was absent.

PCSO Hambleton sent his apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024, having been copied to members was taken as read and confirmed as being a correct record.

5. PROGRESS REPORT

- 1) Foliage which was left on Stubbs Lane grass verge has been removed.
- 2) The Clerk has reported two sunken areas in the middle of Station Road, CWAC has closed the case advising that no safety concerns were identified.
- 3) The Clerk has reported the leaves on Stubbs Lane, Hall Lane footpath and Manchester Road footpath refs SS669441622, SS669436482 and SS669434405.
- 4) The Clerk is working on a grant policy in collaboration with Cllr Ross, Cllr Litton and Cllr Smith.
- 5) The Clerk has submitted a request to move the Townshend Rd bin. Awaiting response. Ref SS671205571.
- 6) CWAC Highways advised that two new boundary signs, and the repositioning of two existing signs will cost an estimated £1500 which is in excess of the sum the parish council had earmarked for the project. Cllr M Stocks agreed to match fund and contribute £750.00 to the project. The parish council

RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase of the new signs and thanked Cllr Stocks for his Members Budget Grant towards the project.

6. POLICE

- a. PCSO Hambleton sent a report – see appendix for report.

7. MARK STOCKS

-WS have lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) against the CWAC decision to refuse planning permission. CWAC are still awaiting to hear from PINS as to how the appeal will be considered. CWAC will wait for a decision before taking action.

-Council Tax will go up by around 5%.

-The garden bin charge has increased to £52.50.

-Most public concern Cllr Stocks receives is about highways, pot holes, gullies, and road sweeping. CWAC are looking to purchase an additional sweeper for the borough.

-Councils will receive government funding specifically for potholes, the funding will be spread across a number of years.

-Cllr P Cobley asked if the Barrat and Bellway estate has been adopted.

8. PRECEPT

The PC considered the £33,210 precept budget requirement for 2025/26. The PC considered a possible cost saving to reduce the precept request, the council agreed to not collect the grass cuttings from the Stubbs Lane play area, reducing the precept request for the year to £32,712.

The PC, **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £32,712 which is a 15.1% increase on last year. The annual band D charge will therefore increase from £36.47 to £41.99.

10. PLAY AREA

- Play inspection report and inspection quote to be considered at the next full council meeting.
- No play area maintenance update received.
- No concerns/issues regarding the park bin emptying/litter picking raised.

13. PLANNING

PC PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS IN THE MONTH	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PC	
24/03586/FUL	31 School Lane, Lostock Gralam Single storey extension
	No objection
CWAC PLANNING DECISIONS	

14. CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a. Matters for Consideration

None

b. Members updates

1. Cllr T Smith advised that the Finance Working group will meet after the Christmas 2025 discussion has taken place.
2. Cllr M Litton gave a 'Friends of Lostock Station' update.

c. Members Reports

1. Cllr P Cobley advised that the gully opposite La Turka is blocked.

15. CLERKS REPORT

- a. The grass cutting tenders will be considered at the February PC meeting, the Clerk has invited four contractors to submit tenders and advertised on the PC website.
- b. The Clerk has ordered five small signs which have been installed on the play area fence with the following wording: All unauthorised signs will be removed from these railings unless permission has been granted by Lostock Gramam Parish Council. Price £10.50 net + £4.95 gross postage.
- c. The paediatric defib pads will expire on 28/01/2025, the PC **RESOLVED** to purchase replacement pads priced at £80.00 from Defib4life.co.uk.
- d. There is a meeting with the PCC Dan Price at the Police HQ on 22/01/2025, 6pm to 7.30pm in which he will present on the following: - Hotspot policing, Police & Crime Plan, SWAP Fund, Scrutiny of policing and Commissioned services. Cllr T Hodges advised that he will attend.
- e. Communication from Cllr T Hodges / Home Watch regarding improved public communication with the Police received. The Clerk and Cllr Venables met with the PCSO to discuss potential improvements. It was agreed that the PCSO would create a poster for the parish council noticeboard, and the Clerk would post PCSO drop-in surgery dates and police update reports on social media. Additionally, the Clerk will update and revamp the Police information section on the parish council website.

16. FINANCE

- a. The PC considered a grant request from St. John's church for churchyard maintenance. The PC **RESOLVED** to award a churchyard grant of £1600. From April 2025, the grant procedure will change, a letter will be sent to all regular grant applicants to advise them of the policy changes for future requests.
- b. The PC reviewed and **RESOLVED** to accept the following payments which are due.

Payment	Payee	Amount
TRF	Lyndsey Sandison	£1,196.80
DD	Nest	£68.65
TRF	HMRC	£68.65
TRF	ASH Waste Ltd	£146.04
TRF	Mark Venables	£50.00
TRF	Sign Shed Ltd	£17.55
TRF	CG Services Cheshire Ltd	£252.00
	Income	

17. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Consider grant policy
- Receive outcome of request to move a Townshend Rd bin to Manchester Rd.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

There will be an informal meeting to consider Christmas 2025 ideas on Monday 20th January at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall.

The next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd February at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.

L. Sandison

Appendix

Monthly Update for January for the Shakerley Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- No Reports Received.

Lach Dennis/Lostock Green

- No reports received.

Lower Peover

- No reports received.

Allostock

- Report of a fight in the car park of the Three Greyhounds, officers attended it was established there was a verbal agreement between two parties.

Byley

- No reports received.

Sproston

- No reports received.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Lach Dennis/Lostock Green

- No reports received.

Lower Peover

- No reports received.

Allostock

- No reports received.

Byley

- No reports received.

Sproston

- No reports received.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- A report theft of alcohol from the Coo
- Two reports of theft of parcels delivered to residential properties, but not received by the resident.

Lach Dennis/Lostock Green

- No reports received.

Lower Peover

- No reports received.

Allostock

- No reports received.

Byley

- No reports received.

Sproston

- No reports received.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.
- Stop check of a vehicle on Manchester Road, enquiries established the vehicle had no insurance, and the driver only held a provisional licence. The vehicle was seized.
- Vehicle stop check, the driver provided a positive drugs wipe test, driver arrested, investigation on going.
- Two vehicle Road Traffic Collision, where the vehicles have hit the traffic island on Manchester Road, demolishing the bollards.

Lach Dennis/Lostock Green

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.

Lower Peover

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.

Allostock

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.

Byley

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.

Sproston

- No monitoring or enforcement carried out.
- Two vehicle Road Traffic Collision, 1 driver arrested for drink driving. Investigation is ongoing.
- Report to Highways regarding the Mud on Holmes Chapel Road.
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Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Lach Dennis/Lostock Green

- No reports received.

Lower Peover

- No reports received.

Allostock

- No reports received.

Byley

- No reports received.

Sproston

- No reports received.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Tuesday 7th January, between 10am – 11am.

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

Monday 13th January, between 6pm – 7pm.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Saturday 18th January, between 2pm – 3pm.

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

Tuesday 4th February, between 5pm - 6pm.

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.

PCSO Phil Hambleton
Shakerley Police Beat Team

Appendix 1

Monthly PCSO Update

Anti-Social Behaviour

Lostock Gralam

- No reports received.

Burglary

Lostock Gralam

- Possible burglary being investigated.

Theft

Lostock Gralam

- Theft of vegetable oil from behind Manchester Road restaurant.

Road Safety

Lostock Gralam

- One Speed enforcement sessions carried out on Manchester Road with 2 offences captured.

Parking/highway Obstructions

Lostock Gralam

- Vehicle parked causing an obstruction on Langford Road.
- Vehicles reported travelling the wrong way on School Lane.
- Reports of vehicles causing an obstruction on School Lane.
- PCSO to set up community speed watch in the new year.

Weekly PCSO surgeries

Tuesday 3rd December, between 3pm – 4pm.

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

Monday 9th December, between 10am – 11am.

Costa Coffee, Lostock Gralam.

Saturday 14th December, between 4pm – 5pm.

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

Friday 20th December, between 10am – 11am.

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

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