

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF LACH DENNIS & LOSTOCK GREEN  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM AT LOSTOCK  
GREEN CHAPEL HALL**

**Present:** Cllr T Hargreaves (Chair)  
Cllr M Weedall (Vice Chair)  
Cllr S Hayes  
Cllr T Roberts  
Cllr J Platt

**In attendance:** Clerk & RFO Mrs L. Sandison

**Also in attendance:** 3 Members of the public (MOP)  
CWAC Cllr M Stocks 7.30pm-7.50pm

**Part 1** – 7.30pm

**CWAC** – the order of business was amended to allow Cllr Stocks to speak first. Item 6b.

Cllr Stocks gave an update with regards to the WS Storage planning application and advised that an extension until the end of January had been granted due to further information being awaited.

Cllr Stocks spoke about the lime bed planning application which went before committee earlier in the day, the variation of the start/end date of the project was approved although further discussion is required regarding access.

Cllr T Roberts enquired whether the picnic area is now gone as there is still a sign for public toilets / picnic area. Cllr Stocks advised that he does not know where HS2 is at in terms of relinquishing the lease.

Cllr Stocks gave an update with regards to the Croxton Lane closure which has been in place for over six weeks. Cllr J Platt advised that the repair time had been excessive and disruptive. Cllr Stocks went on to talk about CWAC Highways in general and the lack of maintenance such as gully cleaning and road sweeping.

**1. Public Forum**

New Penny's Lane homeowners introduced themselves and raised concern about the traffic speed and lack of regard for pedestrians.

Cllr S Hayes spoke about the results of past traffic assessments which have been carried out on Penny's Lane, Cllr M Weedall read out a response from PCSO P Hambleton advising that there is no safe location for a traffic officer to stand or straight stretch of road for a Police van to park to carry out regular speed monitoring, he would however submit another request for the Police to consider carrying out speed monitoring on the lane.

Cllr J Platt asked the residents what they would like the Parish Council to do, they advised that they would like more speed monitoring.

## **2. Apologies**

Cllr J Nixon was absent.  
Cllr P Richardson sent his apologies.  
MP Office A McPake was absent.  
PCSO P Hambleton sent his apologies.

## **3. Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **4. Minutes**

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr M Weedall and seconded by Cllr T Roberts to accept the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

## **5. Update on outstanding items and actions from previous meeting**

<b>Action point</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Update</b>
To receive an Inovyn report	Clerk	Inovyn has worked with CWAC to get the Birches Lane gullies cleansed to improve the flood at Lostock Hollow.  The PC has a meeting scheduled with Inovyn on the 25 <sup>th</sup> January to discuss ongoing concerns.
Birches Lane Crematorium parking on grass verge	Clerk & Cllr M Weedall	-Response awaited re letter sent to the business directors.  -The Police have written to the business with regards to parking along Birches Lane. (PC to request a copy).  -The Crematorium has advised that they are aiming to get the application in next month and will chase the architect.  -Letter sent to CWAC planning requesting advice.
Wildflower Meadow	Cllr T Roberts & Cllr S Hayes	-See Appendix 1 for update.  -Volunteers have facilitated and assisted with the planting of 3 fruit trees at the Church to compliment the community garden.

		<p>They were donated by Mary Lavery <i>Green Infrastructure Officer</i> at CWAC, 1 Plum, 1 Damson and a Pear tree.</p> <p>This was at the same time that volunteers planted 12 fruit trees at the meadow.</p> <p>-The PC <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk can order wildflower seed for the sum of £108.00, Cllr J Platt will first see if he can obtain seed before the Clerk places the order.</p>
Members Budget Grants	Clerk & Cllr T Roberts	Members budget grants have now been received for the flashing speed sign posts (£750.00) and wildflower meadow (£200).
A556 safer crossing request at Birches Lane.	Clerk	CWAC Highway responses were shared with the PC advising that any scheme would be extremely expensive and would have to be based on recorded personal injury collision data. Funding through the Local Transport Plan (LTP) would be required. The PC agreed to submit a request for a more substantial central barrier with a light in the middle.

## 6. Visiting Officers & Members

- a. **Police-** Monthly newsletter published on PC website, the next PCSO drop-in surgery in the parish will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm-3pm at Lach Dennis Village Hall.
- b. **CWAC** - reordered to first agenda item.
- c. **MP Office-** A McPake was absent.

## 7. Planning –

**Noted:** Planning Application reference: 23/02550/S73 – linked to **22/02867/S73** is to be considered by the Council at its Planning Committee meeting on 9 January 2024.

a.	New/Recent Planning Applications
23/03770/FUL	<p>-77 Birches Lane, Lostock Green</p> <p>-Proposed remodel and extension of existing bungalow. (Amendment to permission 23/00984/FUL to change the external materials from brick to off-white render).</p> <p><b>No objection</b></p>
23/00748/FUL	<p>-The Brocken Common Lane Lach Dennis</p> <p>-Two dormers to the side elevation</p>

	<b>No Objection</b>
<b>b.</b>	<b>New CWAC Planning Decisions</b>
23/01466/FUL	-Green Gables Holmes Chapel Road Lach Dennis -New render to repair existing elevations. Modification to non-original dormer roof -increase in depth / reduction in height <b>Approved 14.12.2023</b>
23/02343/FUL	- 2 Cape of Good Hope Cottage Cape Lane Nether Peover -Two storey extension to side <b>Approved 23.11.2023</b>

<b>c.</b>	<b>Awaiting CWAC Planning Decision</b>
21/00344/DIS	Discharge of conditions 9 (detailed scheme of works – risks to human health, controlled waters and bund stability mitigated), 10 (detailed scheme of works – risks to controlled waters appropriately mitigated), 11 (verification report demonstrating completion of the works detailed under condition 10), 32 (external lighting) and 38 (risks associated with actual or potential contamination) of planning permission 18/04735/FUL Received 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 <a href="#">Awaiting decision</a>
20/04869/DIS	Discharge of conditions 5 (sustainable drainage), 12 (foul and surface water), 13 (suspended solids from surface water), 34 (mitigation plan for protected species), 35 (aquatic habitat and local wildlife site protection), 36 (ecological method statement) and 46 (breeding bird survey) of planning permission 18/04735/FUL Received 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 <a href="#">Awaiting decision</a>
21/03898/NMA	Proposed amendment to Condition 3 (Construction Environmental Management Plan – extension to working hours) of Deemed Planning Permission 12.04.09.04/35C for the Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant at Griffiths Road, Lostock, Northwich 10/00691/DECC (12.04.09.04/35C) Development Land at Griffiths Road Lostock Gralam Northwich Cheshire Received: Thu 16 Sep 2021   Status: Awaiting decision  Not received by clerk <a href="#">Awaiting decision</a>
22/02867/S73	Proposed partial removal of furnace bottom ash (FBA) bunding comprising of two bunds of lime bed 4 and the temporary manufacture of clinker blocks (utilising the extracted FBA) and associate works, including removal of lime (calcium carbonate) from lime bed 4 to lime bed 5, provision of a concrete working platform, temporary access routes, drainage, erection of hoarding's and landscape restoration – Variation of conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 42, 43, and 46, removal of ecological Conditions 34, 35 and 36 and replace with single condition and removal of Conditions 10, 12, 13, 34, 35, 38, 40 and 41 of planning permission 18/04735/FUL  -This application is a resubmission of 22/01283/S73  The same comments for 22/01283/S73 have been submitted with an additional comment about HGV's not impacting the local community.
23/01531/FUL	-Land At Holford Brine fields Holford

	-The drilling and solution mining of four new additional brine cavities, retention 30-May-23 No Objection
23/01865/FUL	Beechwood Common Lane Lach Dennis Northwich First floor rear extension and front extension (Re-submission of 21/04348/FUL) 12-Jul-23 No Objection
23/01998/FUL	- Associated Octel Limited Moss Lane Lostock Green - Creation of landscaping bunds, replacement security fencing and the filling in of an underground tank in connection with the continuing commercial use of the site for the processing of refrigerated trailers.

d.	<b>Appeals</b>

## 8. Play Area

-Cllr M Weedall will purchase further hedge whips once the Garden Centre has restocked after the Christmas break.

## 9. Highways

-Lostock Hollow flooding -CWAC and Inovyn have now worked to clear the gullies at Lostock Hollow. Inovyn has appointed a contractor to investigate the flood near to the substation (top of the hill). The Clerk has requested that the road be swept to keep the gullies clear.

-Some of the pot holes along Birches Lane have been repaired.

-The Clerk has reported the water running off the fields onto Birches Lane which is causing further potholes and black ice to form when cold. CWAC reference number HW567352848 Fault type: Highway maintenance – Flooding.

- Cllr J Platt has contacted Highways with regards to the water flowing across Crowders Lane. CWAC reference number HW555830311.

-Cllr S Hayes spoke about traffic speed on Penny's Lane, and the cost of having roundels painted at the speed sign repeaters. Cllr T Hargreaves commented that he did not see the benefit in roundels and suggested that a flashing speed sign may be more effective, the PC **RESOLVED** to look into options to improve Penny's Lane speeding, the PC will write to the PCC and CWAC Highways. There was agreement that Penny's Lane is a priority.

-The PC discussed the state of the pavements on Birches Lane/Lostock hollow, the Clerk has chased up Highways due to the issue being reported on several occasions without a resolution. The PC discussed a new CWAC Highway initiative (not yet approved) for volunteers.

-Cllr T Roberts advised that he has cleaned, and tightened road signs along Birches Lane, he also advised that the signs between Lach Dennis and Lostock Green have been defaced.

## 10. HS2 Ph2B

-The Clerk read out an update from the HS2 working group advising that they are still working to have the safeguarding lifted in our area and empty houses sold off.

-It was noted that the HS2 Working Group has gone down to just one member, it was therefore agreed that the HS2 Working Group be dissolved and local resident K O'Donoghue be appointed as the Parish Council HS2 Liaison Officer.

## 11. Keuper Gas Storage Project

-The next Community Liaison Meeting is expected to take place in January.

-An email was shared with the PC, advising that the hydrogen pipeline will terminate in the parish crossing King Street and maybe Crowders Lane which will cause disruption to traffic.

## 12. Finance

- a. The PC reviewed and accepted an up-to-date bank reconciliation:

Balance B/f 31/03/2023		14,956.91
Income for Y/e 31/03/2024		11,937.55
Expenditure for Y/e 31/03/2024		16,905.73
Uncashed Cheques		1,823.75
Bank Balance		11,812.48
Current Account Unity		5202.78
Savings Account Unity		6,609.70
		11,812.48

- b. The PC Noted income received:

INCOME -	Details & Period	Amount (£)
Members Budget Grants	Sign posts and Wildflower Meadow	£950.00
Unity	Bank Interest	£68.65
<b>Total Income Received</b>		<b>£1018.65</b>

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

Payee	Details & Period	Amount (£)	
Margaret Weedall	Lostock Green Planter plants	£49.96	PAID 4.12.2023
Lyndsey Sandison	Lostock Green water butt	£47.99	PAID 4.12.2023
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£18.00	PAID 31.12.2023
UK Landscape Ltd	November Maintenance December Maintenance	£120.02 <u>£120.03</u> £240.05	DUE 10.1.2024
Lyndsey Sandison	Salary + Back pay	£1,310.95	DUE 10.1.2024
HMRC	Tax + NI	£186.00	DUE 10.1.2024
Tony Roberts	W/ Meadow- Bat Boxes W/ Meadow -Bird Houses & seed	£14.99 <u>£9.27</u> £24.26	DUE 10.1.2024
Penny Suckling	Lach Dennis planter plants	£62.49	DUE 10.1.2024
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£ 1,823.75</b>	

### 13. Clerks Report

#### a) MOP / Other correspondence received since the last meeting:

-Request received from a member of the public (MOP) to ask Highways to consider installing pedestrian warning signs at the Pennys Lane junction of the A556. The request was passed over to CWAC Highways who advised that: As a Highway authority, we would only sign formally recognized pedestrian routes, as signing an unofficial route would suggest that this was where pedestrians should be crossing. There is no footway on Penny's Lane or where it meets the A556, so we would not support the introduction of warning signs. The CWAC highway response was shared with the MOP who in turn sent a response for the Parish Council to consider. The PC again discussed Pennys Lane and the dangers for pedestrians along the lane due to no footpath and the speed limit.

Having discussed the MOP emails to the Parish Council, the PC **RESOLVED** to request that CWAC Highways consider repainting the slow down stripes or upgrade to rumble strips on the A556 approach to the Morrison's roundabout.

-MOP enquiry about the picnic area received, Cllr M Weedall clarified the situation with the MOP who was in attendance at the PC meeting.

#### b) Updates from any external meetings attended and other local updates:

- The Clerk has attended an LSEP LLC meeting, a verbal update was given.
- Broken manhole cover on Greenside Drive has now been repaired.

#### c) CHALC/CWAC/Other Agency updates and Information:

#### **d) Items for consideration by the Parish Council**

-The Lach Dennis Village Hall has agreed to provide the Hall Hire FOC and does not wish to charge the Parish Council for meetings.

-The PC **RESOLVED** to accept the below Parish Council meeting dates for 2024:

12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	7.30pm Lach Dennis Village Hall	
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	7.30pm Lostock Green Chapel Hall	(Annual Meeting & AGM)
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	7.30pm Lach Dennis Village Hall	
10 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm Lostock Green Chapel Hall	
12 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm Lach Dennis Village Hall	

-The Clerk has contacted a local resident in the parish if they would consider running another community defib training course, a response is yet to be received, the Clerk will chase up a response.

**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL** - 9.10pm

#### **14. Community Events**

-There is a Community Hub weekly drop in at the Lostock Green Chapel Hall every Thursday, 10am to 12 noon.

#### **15. Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting/s:**

-Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Lach Dennis Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm





## Appendix 1

### **LACH DENNIS WILDFLOWER MEADOW** **Parish Council meeting progress update**

The Meadow is progressing well, with a good group of local dedicated volunteers but we could do with a few more. It was suggested that we could do a leaflet drop. I note a picture of the meadow has been posted on the Lach Dennis Notice board, thank you!

We have had a work party since the last Parish meeting. To complete the Woodchip path and to plant the 12 Fruit trees, kindly donated by CWAC.. A thankyou and a picture has been sent to OJT, they replied, stating we could have more Woodchip anytime. Bird feeders have been hung and being filled by a local resident. Plan to arrange another work party before the spring to tidy up if needed and scatter new seed.

We may need to arrange a group meeting, early 2023!

Tidy and cut Hedge and restore as required.

A local Farmer had agreed to cut the hedge but has not yet been carried out.

Need to purchase Wildflower seed, suggest spend around £100

We will also look at cutting back the overhanging branches from the tree closest to the flashing speed sign.

The team has met with the Rep from the Barn Owl trust, with a view to installing a box in the Meadow.

2 Bird boxes and a Bat box has been installed.

Tony has created a small shallow pond in the current field drain ditch. The group has decided not to purchase a 2-sided sign, at the present.

Simon from the Meadow and Rosemary from the Church are attending the pruning course at Vickers Cross Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.