

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2017 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

PRESENT: I STEVENS (CHAIRMAN), P EDWARDS, K WOOD, C PEARSON, AND R WOOLLEY.

IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND 10 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – J Coates, vice chairman; A Egerton; G Thompson; and M Morgan.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. Pearson declared a disclosable interest in #9 parking charges at community hospitals. Cllr. Woolley declared a disclosable interest in planning applications 171582 and 171583 Eye Manor.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of minutes from 5 June 2017

DECISION: The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.

4. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public reported that the bins on the B4361 by the Balance Inn and telephone kiosk at Luston are overflowing and need to be emptied. A concern raised was that dog owners were not picking up after their pets. It was agreed to place a notice in Community Eye to encourage owners to clear up after their dogs, and to consider whether to install dog bins at Westland View and Eye Lane.

A member of the public thanked the group parish council for keeping the Holy Well tidy, and said the junction between the Willows and B4361 at Luston needed work as does Eye Lane at Red Hill. The meeting noted that these defects have been reported to Balfour Beatty several times. A pothole at Luston, by the turning to Eyton, was reported.

A member of the public asked about the frequency of SID deployments at the existing sockets in Luston. It was noted that Balfour Beatty, on behalf of Herefordshire Council has stated that the maximum frequency for deployment of SIDs is quarterly. The next deployment at Luston is scheduled for 1 August 2017.

A member of the Luston Group Good Neighbour Scheme asked the group parish council to consider providing additional financial support. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

5. Highways and environmental matters

5.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths: Clear the briars on the railway bridge, Eye Lane.

DECISION: Lengthsman to fix the defect highlighted.

5.2 Review village gate plans at Luston – The traffic working group reported on a meeting held with Balfour Beatty to review the submitted drawings for village gates at Luston. The drawings for the village gates by the Holy Well may benefit from dragons' teeth and line edging to the highway. Regarding the village gates proposed to the south of Luston, Balfour Beatty has suggested moving the location of the gates to the posts which mark the start of the 30-mph speed limit. Using the posts means the gates can be expanded in width to match that of the 30-mph roundel above. Again, the use of line edging was suggested. **DECISION:** It was agreed to place the village gates to the south of Luston on the 30-mph posts, and to renew the dragons' teeth and add white lines at the edge of the carriageway by the village gates at each entrance to the village (north and south). Balfour Beatty will be asked for a quotation for consideration by the group parish council.

5.3 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Report potholes by Eyecote on the B4361 and at Luston, by the turning to Eyton. Clear the overflowing bins on the B4361 by the Balance Inn and telephone kiosk at Luston, and request the bins are added to the fortnightly bin collection.

6. Ward Councillor S Bowen's Brief Report (for information only)

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the Police and Crime Commissioner has proposed adding the fire service to the responsibilities of the role. The proposal is out for consultation and has yet to gain the support of the four county councils within the region covered by the Police and Crime commissioner. It may be a matter for the minister of state to decide.

There are three scrutiny committees at Herefordshire Council, which provides a better range and depth of scrutiny. Members of the public are to be allowed to attend cabinet meetings and put questions.

7. Finance

7.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £192.00

Clerk, cable router for Cawley Hall broadband – £311.98

The Clerk (salary, June 2017) – £478.81

DECISION: Payments were approved and cheques signed.

7.2 Review direct debit payments:

ICO, data protection registration – £35.00

Airband, installation/ broadband service – £302.81

DECISION: The agreed direct debit payments were noted.

7.3 Proposed purchase of a teleconference system to allow members of the public to listen/ participate in group parish council meetings. **DECISION:** Postponed to next meeting.

7.4 Consider cost of assessing suitability of proposed SID sites at Nordan. **DECISION:** Postponed to next meeting.

8. Planning

8.1 171582 and 171583 – Eye Manor, Eye, HR6 0DT. Demolition of late 19th - early 20th Century service extension. Construction of a new service wing, internal repairs to dining room panelling and re-alignment of drive. Removal of modern canopy and reinstatement of sympathetic design. **DECISION:** There was no objection to the planning application. It was agreed to ask planning services to note that the existing porch has been in place since at least the 1860s, and provide a copy of a photo in support of this.

8.2 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. There were no planning decisions to report.

9. Introduction of parking charges at community hospitals

DECISION: To object to the planned introduction of car parking charges at community hospitals for staff as well as patients and visitors. Members of staff should be excluded as the introduction of parking charges is effectively a 'tax'. Volunteers working at the community hospitals should be excluded as well. The group parish council asks that this aspect of the car parking charges scheme is reconsidered, and the appropriate adjustments made to exclude staff and volunteers from the charges.

10. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The meeting reviewed the examiner's questions dated 20 June 2017. **DECISION:** It was agreed to keep the existing reference to Potential Development Sites as this is the terminology used locally and consulted upon during Regulation 16. It is intended to reflect the fact that development of the sites is ultimately the decision of the landowner(s), and that the number of sites in the plan will more than meet the minimum proportional growth guidelines in the core strategy. A copy of the survey findings can be found at lustonparishes.gov.uk.

11. Consultation: Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Neighbourhood Development Plan (Reg. 16)

DECISION: Noted. No action required.

12. Consider Rural Areas Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Issues and Options Consultation

DECISION: The consultation was noted.

13. Review updated code of conduct and request from Herefordshire Council for it to be adopted

DECISION: The new code of conduct was adopted.

14. Clerk's Report and reports on meetings attended by parish councillors

The Clerk's report was noted.

15. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion) – Invite the Police and Crime Commissioner's area ambassador to the meeting on 4 September 2017.

16. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 24 July 2017 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____