

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

PRESENT: I STEVENS (CHAIRMAN), J COATES (VICE CHAIRMAN), P EDWARDS, A EGERTON, K WOOD, C PEARSON, G POULTON, M MORGAN AND R WOOLLEY.

IN ATTENDANCE: MR D GUERCHE, POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AMBASSADOR; WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND 16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – The meeting noted the resignation of Mr G Thompson.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. Pearson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in #7 163479 Land at Townsend Park. Cllr. Coates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in #12 defibrillator at Eyton. Cllr. Poulton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in #7 172686 Land at the Nest.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. To co-opt a new member of the parish council

Three members of the public expressed an interest in being co-opted. The Chairman invited each member of the public to say a few words. Members of the group parish council then voted. **DECISION:** Mr Guy Poulton of The Nest, Moreton, Eye was co-opted. Mr Poulton signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

4. Policing Matters

Mr Dan Guerche, Police and Crime Commissioner Ambassador for Herefordshire provided an overview of activities and initiatives. Members of the group parish council and members of the public asked a number of questions. Mr Guerche said he would look in to several of these and provide a response via the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Mr Guerche for his time and interesting presentation, and Mr Guerche left the meeting.

5. Approval of minutes from 24 July 2017

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

6. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public said the salt bin up the hill to Berrington has been damaged. Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will ask the locality steward to look at this. Concern was expressed that the road signs showing the start of the 30mph zone north of Luston on the B4361 are still obscured by the hedge. The Clerk said the stretch of road is considered too hazardous for the lengthsman to cut back, and the defect has been reported to Balfour Beatty. The suggestion was made to ask the landowner to make sure the road signs are kept clear.

A member of the public asked when the SIDs will be deployed again in Luston. It was noted that the maximum frequency under guidance provided by the highways authority is once per quarter for a period of 28 days or so. This means the next deployment will be on 25 November 2017.

The slow down sign on the A49 at Ashton was reported to be defective. Ward Cllr. Bowen said it has been reported to Highways England three times. Cllr. Pearson said it may be an intermittent fault.

Cllr. Egerton asked when the commons at Eyton are due to be topped off. The Vice Chairman said the grass has not been cut for hay this year, so can be topped off at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr. Egerton asked if the lengthsman could remove the weeds that are growing on the side of the carriageway through Luston. There are a couple of bad stretches by Lilac Grove. The Clerk said the lengthsman has been asked for the road to be sprayed for weeds, after which Balfour Beatty will arrange for the road to be swept.

A member of the public proposed the group parish council organize litter picks.

It was reported that several large potholes were repaired recently at Eyton, but that smaller potholes were left. Ward Cllr. Bowen said the crews only fill the potholes they are told to do, but that this will be a question raised at the forthcoming review of Balfour Beatty in November 2017.

7. Planning

[Cllr. Pearson left the meeting.]

7.1 163479 – Land at Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZ. Proposed single dwelling. Members of the public spoke against the proposed plans. **COMMENT:** The group parish council objected to the amended plans for the following reasons: The proposed site lies outside the Luston village settlement boundary as set out in the Luston Group Neighbourhood Development Plan which is now at the stage of Referendum; and the group parish council believes the flooding risk as set out in the representation dated 12 December 2017 remains unacceptably high.

[Cllr. Pearson rejoined the meeting.]

[Cllr. Poulton left the meeting.]

7.2 172686 – Land at the Nest, Eye Lane. Proposed erection of dwelling house on derelict tennis court. Members of the public spoke for and against the proposed plans.

COMMENT: The meeting agreed to support the planning application.

[Cllr. Poulton rejoined the meeting.]

7.3 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. Listed building consent allowed for 171853 Eye Manor and 171952 The Steppes. Works to trees within the conservation area allowed for 172119 The Steppes. Planning refused for 172195 Land at Watchcott. Planning permission granted for 171853 Eye Manor.

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

The report was postponed to the next meeting.

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths: Postponed to the next meeting.

9.2 Review proposed locations for SID socket at Nordan. Postponed to the next meeting.

9.3 Consultation on proposal to divert part of footpath EX13 at Eye. Postponed to the next meeting.

9.4 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. Postponed to the next meeting.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £588.00

The Clerk (salary, June 2017) – £479.01

DECISION: Payments were approved and cheques signed.

10.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service July and August 2017 – £120.00

DECISION: The agreed direct debit payments were noted.

10.3 Sign contract with BT to adopt the Luston telephone kiosk. Postponed to the next meeting.

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

10.5 Consider request for a donation for churchyard maintenance from Eyton PCC. Postponed to the next meeting.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Luston Group Parish Council reviewed the Examiner's report. **DECISION:** The group parish council decided to support the recommendations in the Examiner's Report, subject to agreeing the indicative number of dwellings number for 136/212 and 136/214 which the examiner has recommended are revised "to a realistic figure" (Recommendation 7: Policy LG6). At the meeting, the group parish council agreed to increase the numbers at 136/214 to 15, which is a figure that takes into account the constraints of the oil pipeline and comments of highways regarding access on to the B4361. The group parish council looked at the density of housing next to 136/212, and believes 5 is a realistic figure using this benchmark.

In addition, it was agreed to include the bullet points from the policies recommended for deletion by the examiner (LG8 and LG9) in a new 'aspirational' section as recommended.

12. Review estimated timing to receive faculty to place the Eyton defibrillator at All Saints Church

Request from Eyton PCC to review. Postponed to the next meeting.

13. Consider Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) – Issues and Options consultation

Postponed to the next meeting depending on closing date of consultation.

14. Consider reports of ongoing noise incidents at the Broad

Postponed to the next meeting.

15. Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation

Postponed to the next meeting depending on closing date of consultation.

16. Herefordshire Council's Budget Priorities consultation

Postponed to the next meeting depending on closing date of consultation.

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

Postponed to the next meeting.

18. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)

Postponed to the next meeting.

19. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2 October 2017 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.12 pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____