

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

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

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – M Morgan. The Chairman informed the meeting that Ms S Churchward is moving out of the group parishes and because of this has decided to resign. Electoral services will be informed of the vacancy.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. None.
- 2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.
- 2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.
- 2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of Annual Meeting minutes from 8 May 2017

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

4. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public asked about the outcome of planning application 163479 Land at Townsend Park. Cllr. Egerton said a member of the public has asked to keep the noticeboards tidier, and kindly agreed to keep an eye on the noticeboards at Eyton and Croft Lane. Cllr. Wood kindly offered to look after the noticeboards at Luston. Cllr. Egerton asked the meeting to note that the frequency of Council Matters articles in Community Eye has gone down, and that the articles should be more regular. Cllr. Wood said a member of the public has said the Balance Inn sign at the end of Eye Lane blocks the line of sight on the junction. A letter on this is expected. A member of the public asked if the SIDs could be moved to other locations on the B4361 in Luston.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the culvert under the B4361 at Luston has been brought to the attention of Balfour Beatty, and rubbish by Cheese Bridge, Eyton has been removed. The first scrutiny committee meetings have been held, and Ward Cllr. Bowen has been re-appointed chairman of the general scrutiny committee. Ward Cllr. allowances have been increased by £23.00 per year.

The new waste power plant at Hartlebury is fully automated and very impressive, producing 18-21MW of power, which is sufficient for the needs of a town like Kidderminster. Consequently, very little waste now goes to land-fill. Filters in the chimney remove pollutants.

6. Highways and environmental matters

6.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths: School sign is obscured in Luston. Lower branch of tree by telephone box, Luston may block the line of sight used by the SID. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to fix the defects highlighted.

6.2 Proposed weight restriction, Cheese Bridge, Eyton – The Vice Chairman said there has been a report that the road is uneven when crossing the bridge, and this could be due to problems with the culvert. The culvert may have difficulty coping with the increased weight carried by modern tractors and trailers, which can be up to 10 tonnes and 15 tonnes respectively. **DECISION:** Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly said he will raise the culvert with Balfour Beatty as soon as possible.

6.3 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Re-report defects at the entrance to the Willows, Luston and road surface at Red Hill, Ashton.

7. Finance

7.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £300.00

D C Gardening Services, footpaths – £168.00

Cawley Hall, meetings – £78.00

The Clerk (salary, May 2017) – £478.81

DECISION: Payments were approved and cheques signed. In addition, a direct debit for annual payment of the £35.00 ICO data registration fee was agreed and signed.

7.2 Proposed purchase of a cable router for the wifi at Cawley Hall. **DECISION:** The purchase of a £279.99 Netgear Nighthawk X8 R8500 wireless cable router was agreed.

8. Planning

Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. Works to trees within the conservation area allowed for 171496 Luston Primary School. Listed building consent 170889 Berrington Hall, and planning permission 170888 Berrington Hall.

9. Consider options for the use of the telephone kiosk at Luston

DECISION: To convert the existing kiosk, once adopted, into a self-service library.

10. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The meeting reviewed the examiner's questions dated 30 May 2017, taking note of draft responses prepared by the steering group at a meeting held earlier in the evening.

DECISION: The proposed responses were agreed unanimously, and will be submitted to the examiner via Herefordshire Council.

11. Sale of the county smallholdings

The meeting looked at the decision and implementation by the county and its agents.

DECISION: No action required.

12. Consider Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation - Dog Control

DECISION: The consultation was noted.

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

The Clerk's report was noted.

16. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion) – None.

17. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 July 2017 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____