

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

**PRESENT: J COATES (VICE CHAIRMAN), A BRANDISH, E COATES, P EDWARDS, A EGERTON, K WOOD, C PEARSON, R WOOLLEY AND G POULTON.**

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

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – I Stevens (Chairman).**

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

**2.1** Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. C Pearson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in APP/W1850/W/18/3196295 Appeal re: 163479 Land at Townsend Park.

**2.2** Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

**2.3** Non-Pecuniary. None.

**2.4** Written requests for dispensation. None.

## **3. Approval of minutes from 5 March 2018**

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

## **4. Clerk's Report and reports on meetings attended by parish councillors**

The Clerk's report was noted.

## **5. Matters raised by local residents**

A member of the public spoke against the proposed development of Land at Townsend Park (16347). Concern was raised at the time taken by Balfour Beatty to unblock the pipe at Holy Well.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen provided a written report which was noted.

## **7. Planning**

[Cllr. Pearson left the meeting.]

**7.1** APP/W1850/W/18/3196295 Appeal re: 163479 Land at Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZ. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council asks that Policy LG6 Scale and type of housing in Luston is upheld, namely that "New housing development in Luston shall be located within the settlement boundary on a site shown on the Policies Map as a housing allocation or on an infill site or through the conversion of an existing building". The site proposed for development lies outside the settlement boundary that was set in the neighbourhood development plan which has been made by Herefordshire Council.

Please note that the last sentence in Clause 5.3.5 should have been removed in line with the comments received from Herefordshire Council during Regulation 14 and highlighted in clause 5.3.9 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan when work was undertaken to identify development sites. Indeed, the sentence was removed in the Regulation 16 version of the neighbourhood development plan so that clause 5.3.5 solely comprised: "The constraints imposed by the topography and geography of the neighbourhood area are primarily flood risk, water management and surface water run-off" (see page 25 of the Reg. 16 plan which is available online at herefordshire.gov.uk). The reason for its re-inclusion in the post Examination version is unknown and can only be attributed to a drafting error.

As well as lying outside the settlement boundary, the site proposed for development in planning application 163479 Land at Townsend Park represents an unacceptable flood risk as highlighted by the group parish council to Herefordshire Council on 12 December 2016. This spring has seen high rainfall which has made the land boggy and can be seen first-hand by a visitor to the site. Other problems with the site include privacy and access and details of these are set out in the 12 December 2016 representation.

[Cllr. Pearson rejoined the meeting.]

7.2 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. Planning permission has been granted for 180262 Meadow View. Consent to display advertisements has been granted for 173760 Broad Farm. Concern was expressed that Herefordshire Council has yet to make a decision on 174097 Mile End, and that in the meantime the noise and disturbance at The Broad is reported to be ongoing.

## 8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Review data from Speed Indicator Deployment, February 2018. The data indicates that the measure used to trigger enforcement has yet to be reached though it is near for vehicles approaching Luston from the direction of Eyecote. **DECISION:** Make headline data available via [lustonparishes.gov.uk](http://lustonparishes.gov.uk).

8.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Ask locality steward for preferred solution for removal of moss on the pavements at the Willows and Lilac Grove.

8.3 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Re-report problem at Holy Well, follow up on report of the defective pavement by the Methodist Chapel at Luston. Report poor condition of the roundabout by Brightwells, including the badly placed road sign that blocks visibility for traffic leaving Leominster, to Highways England.

8.4 Proposed SID socket locations – The traffic working group recommended placing a single SID socket on the B4361 near Watchcott at Nordan. **DECISION:** The location was agreed, and a request will be made to Balfour Beatty.

8.5 Schedule of work to implement village gates and associated works at Luston. The traffic working group proposed up to four stages to implement the village gates project.

**DECISION:** The stages were noted, and Balfour Beatty will be asked to provide a quotation for all four steps.

## 9. Finance

9.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £24.00

D C Gardening Services, enhanced lengthsman (potholes) – £360.00

SWARCO, SIDs maintenance contract – £504.00  
HALC, affiliation and subscription, 2018-19 – £574.48  
The Clerk, expenses (Dec. 2017-March 2018) – £478.81  
The Clerk (salary, March 2018)

**DECISION:** Payments were approved and cheques signed.

**9.2 Review direct debit payments:**

Airband, broadband service April 2018 – £60.00

**DECISION:** The agreed direct debit payment was noted.

**9.3 Proposal to delegate power to the Clerk to spend up to £1,000.00 between meetings in the event of an emergency or unexpected need.** It was noted this was recommended by HALC at a recent training event. **DECISION:** Agreed, provided the Clerk consults with the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and another councillor.

## **10. Annual Parish Meetings, 23 April 2018**

The management working group reported that the Balance Inn has been booked, and a hot and cold buffet will be provided for members of the public that attend at a cost of £200.00. A notice has been published in the Eye. As well as the usual reports, there will be a talk on the wildlife in the parishes. **DECISION:** The following councillors kindly agreed to provide the parish reports: Cllr. Edwards (Ashton, Moreton and Eye), Cllr. Coates (Eyton), and Cllr. Pearson (Luston). Cllr Poulton has kindly agreed to share his extensive knowledge of local wildlife.

## **11. Schedule of meetings, May 2018-May 2019**

**DECISION:** The schedule of meetings was agreed.

## **12. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

**DECISION:** The management working group will look at the NALC toolkit and report back at the next meeting. Cllr. Poulton kindly offered to attend a HALC course on GDPR on 11 April 2018, and the cost was agreed (£25.00 plus VAT).

**13. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)** – No matters were raised.

## **14. Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

**DECISION:** The annual parish meetings will begin at 7.00pm on Monday 23 April 2018 at the Balance Inn, Luston. The annual meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 14 May 2018 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

[The meeting was closed to the public to consider employment matters.]

## **15. Employment Matters**

**DECISION:** The group parish council agreed to allocate the Clerk's pension contribution in the 2018-19 precept to annual wages.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_