

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 2 JULY 2018 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: REPRESENTATIVES OF ‘SAVE MORTIMER FOREST’ (X2), WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND TEN (10) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – K Wood.

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 Meeting minutes from 4 June 2018

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

4. ‘Save Mortimer Forest’

Two representatives of ‘Save Mortimer Forest’ asked the parish council to note the proposal to build 68 holiday homes in the forest. According to the representatives there is no planning application at present. ‘Save Mortimer Forest’ is opposed to the proposed development of the forest.

5. Clerk’s Report and reports on meetings attended by parish councillors

The Clerk’s report was noted. In response to a question the Clerk said that the missing Eyton village sign has been logged by Balfour Beatty, and there is currently no funding for a replacement sign.

6. Matters raised by local residents

A report of fly-tipping being cleared the same day by Herefordshire Council was noted. A request was made for the lengthsman to clear briars on the verges by the railway bridge, Eye Lane. The 30mph signs on the B4361 to the north of Luston are obscured by growth from the hedge. It was agreed to ask the landowner to keep the signs clear. The new postbox on Eye Lane is now in place and Royal Mail is expected to bring it into service shortly. Signs need to be put in place to warn drivers about the sharp apex on the new bridge on Eye Lane. Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty is looking at this but have not yet decided on which type of sign to use.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's written report was noted.

8. Planning

8.1 174097 Mile End, Broad Lane, Leominster, HR6 0AL. Retrospective permission for the use of the land for wood chipping with wood storage yard and buildings to include; office building, chipstores, drying floor, fan house and boiler house with biomass plant to generate 80Kw of electricity. To consider additional plans or documents. **COMMENT:** The additional documents/plans were considered, and it was agreed that the comments submitted on 5 December 2017 objecting to the application should remain unchanged. The group parish council agreed to request that the application is considered by Herefordshire Council's planning committee.

8.2 181926 Ashton House, 11 Lilac Grove, Luston, HR6 0EF – Proposed conservatory to front elevation. **COMMENT:** The planning application was supported.

8.3 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. Herefordshire Council has granted listed building consent for 181108 Berrington Hall. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 181608, 19 Townsend Park and 181481 Townsend House. The planning inspectorate has reviewed the parish council's response to the appeal decision re: Land at the Nest and agreed with the reasoning of the inspector. Notification of two applications for tree works sent by Herefordshire Council were too late to be included on the agenda (182400 Hopyard Cottage and 182411 Woodfield Cottage).

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Review data from Speed Indicator Deployment, May 2018. The location opposite Lilac Grove, which measures the speed of traffic from the direction of Nordan, found that the average speed of 85 percent of traffic was 33.9 mph based on the movements of 32,712 vehicles. The SID by the telephone box, which measures the speed of traffic from the direction of Eyecote, found the average speed of 85 percent of traffic was 34.4 mph based on the movements of 25,304 vehicles. **DECISION:** No action required.

9.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Clear briars on the verges by the railway bridge, Eye Lane. Reports of overgrown footpaths, including the Herefordshire Trail, to the west of Luston will be passed to the footpaths officer for appropriate action. The Eyton Commons are to be 'topped off'. The landowner of the bridleway to the rear of Berrington Hall will be asked to clear the right of way as it is reported to be overgrown. A footpath to the side of Eyton Court, reported to be on unowned land, is overgrown and needs to be cleared.

9.3 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Re-report potholes on the B4361 near Eyecote, and report potholes by the Old School, Eye Lane.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £192.00

D C Gardening Services, footpaths – £144.00

Honorarium, internal auditor – £20.00

Clerk, portable hard drive and case – £56.95

Clerk, wages (June 2018) – £508.18

Balance Inn, hot and cold buffet for annual parish meeting – £200.00 (ratified)

DECISION: Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

10.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service July 2018 – £60.00

DECISION: The direct debit payment was noted.

10.3 Request from Herefordshire Council to support the bus service in 2018-19. **DECISION:**

The meeting confirmed that £500.00 is available to support the 490 bus service subject to availability of data showing how the service has been used by local passengers.

11. Sign to Eye Church

A request was considered to repair/ replace the fingerpost and/ or signpost on Eye Lane which shows the location of Eye Church. **DECISION:** To request advice from HALC and liaise with the PCC.

12. Community Speed Watch at Luston

Safer Roads Partnership can support a scheme at Luston. **DECISION:** A Community Speed Watch at Luston is supported by the group parish council. Four members of the public and two councillors kindly volunteered to participate in the scheme.

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

14. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 September 2018 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____