

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND EIGHT (8) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – E Coates and A Egerton.**

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. J Coates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in #9.3 donation to Eyton PCC for churchyard maintenance.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

## **3. Approval of Meeting minutes from 2 July 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. An update from the footpaths officer regarding the footpaths to the west of Luston was summarised by the Clerk.

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

A member of the public said using the pavements was becoming difficult at times because of parked vehicles. It was agreed to look at this at the next meeting. Balfour Beatty will be asked to sort out a blocked drain above the brook on the B4361 at Luston. The meeting agreed to look at options to resolve the reported defect on the pavement outside the Chapel, Luston at the next meeting. Cllr. Poulton said Balfour Beatty moved quickly to mark up two potholes reported on Eye Lane by Moreton House. A member of the public asked when the parish council will be putting up road name signs in the group parishes, and it was noted this will be looked at by a working group.

Cllr. Edwards was thanked by a member of the public for displaying an excellent archive on the history of Cawley Hall, and also thanked members of the parish council for supporting the recent event to mark the hall's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Balfour Beatty will be asked to clear the pavement on the B4361 between the Broad and Leominster. A request was made to tidy the newly adopted telephone kiosk, and it was noted that a quotation to install shelving for a mini-library will be obtained shortly.

Concern was expressed at the ongoing reports of problems with the sharp apex on the new bridge on Eye Lane. The road surface at Red Hill was reported to be breaking up, and Balfour Beatty will be asked to resurface the section. Ward Cllr. Bowen said the salt box by Berrington Hall is in the programme to be replaced by Balfour Beatty in the autumn. The condition of the planters at the entrance to the Willows will be kept under review. In response to a concern raised by Cllr. J Coates, Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will ask about the recent resurfacing work at Eyton.

The Chairman reminded members of the public not to place signs on Holy Well, even for community events, so as not to encourage people from outside the parishes to use the location to advertise events.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen said there is to be a long term speed enforcement campaign along the A4110 from Hereford to Leintwardine to try and improve road safety and cut the number of accidents. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be asked again to attend a general scrutiny committee meeting.

## **7. Planning**

**7.1** 183236 Laburnum House, Luston, HR6 0EB. Yew - the larger of the two Yew trees covered by TPO - 033. A crown reduction is required due to the tree growing too close to overhead electric lines. The application for tree works was supported.

**7.2** Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. Herefordshire Council has granted listed building consent for 182506 Berrington Hall and 182450 The Marsh. Planning permission is granted for 181926 Ashton House and 182326 Highfield. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 182400 Hopyard Cottage and 182411 Woodfield Cottage.

## **8. Highways and environmental matters**

**8.1** Review data from Speed Indicator Deployment, July-August 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 33.1 mph based on the movements of 20,061 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 23,614 vehicles. **DECISION:** No action required.

**8.2** Review alternative proposed location of SID socket at Nordan. Balfour Beatty does not consider the requested location to be suitable for SID deployment. **DECISION:** The requested location remains the preferred site for the Nordan SID. Balfour Beatty will be asked to reconsider their decision regarding the suitability of the location.

**8.3** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Weeds in the gutters and on pavements in Luston are to be cleared by the lengthsman.

**8.4** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Report a pothole on the corner of Townsend Park. Clear a blocked drain above the brook on the B4361 at Luston. Clear the pavement on the B4361 between the Broad and Leominster. Resurface Eye Lane by Red Hill.

**8.5** Request to place 'horse' or 'slow down' sign on C1040 at Eyton. **DECISION:** The highways authority, Herefordshire Council, will be asked to put up a 'Slow Down – Horses' advisory sign on the approach to Eyton Common.

## **9. Finance**

### **9.1** Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £258.00

D C Gardening Services, footpaths – £144.00

Tangled Web, setting up server for Office 365 to use .gov.uk domain – £70.00

Clerk, wages (July and August 2018)

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

### **9.2** Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service August and September 2018 – £120.00

ICO, annual data registration fee – £35.00

**DECISION:** The direct debit payments were noted.

[Cllr. Coates left the meeting.]

**9.3** Request to donate to maintenance of the churchyard at Eyton Church. Since making the last donation, new guidance has been issued by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and further advice received from the local association, HALC. **DECISION:** In light of this new information, the group parish council considers that a financial donation would not be prudent for the time being. Should the situation regarding financial assistance to the church be clarified by Parliament or through case law, then the group parish council will be pleased to reconsider the matter.

[Cllr. Coates re-joined the meeting.]

## **10. Proposed new signs to mark Eyton village and location of Eye Church**

**DECISION:** Replace the double-sided fingerpost for the signpost on Eye Lane outside Eye Church. The text on the sign is 'Eye Church' and the background will use the 'tourist brown' colour as this is for a local landmark. A new Eyton village sign will be obtained to replace the old sign that fell or was knocked over.

## **11. General Scrutiny Committee consideration of highways maintenance – pothole repairs and spotlight review of public realm services**

**DECISION:** The Traffic Working Group and interested councillors will meet to propose a response to the invitation to comment on pothole repairs, and operation of other services delivered through the public realm contract.

## **12. Appointment of group parish council tree officer**

**DECISION:** The meeting agreed to appoint local resident, Mr J Taylor to the position. Mr Taylor was thanked for volunteering to be the tree officer.

## **13. Dog fouling in the parishes**

**DECISION:** Laminate copies of the new dog fouling sign from Herefordshire Council. Cllr. Poulton kindly agreed to make 12 laminated notices which will be used to encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

**14. Consultations by Herefordshire Council**

*14.1* Budget consultation 2019-20. Noted.

*14.2* Children and Young People’s Plan for Herefordshire. Noted.

*14.3* Hereford Area Plan Housing and Employment Site Options. Noted.

**15. Code of Conduct**

The request to adopt Herefordshire Council’s new Code of Conduct was considered.

**DECISION:** The code of conduct will be reviewed after the election in May 2019.

**16. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)** – Parking on the pavement and pavement outside the Chapel.

**17. Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1 October 2018 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.24pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_