

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2018 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO S ANNETTE, WEST MERCIA POLICE; J TAYLOR, TREE OFFICER; WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND NINE (9) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – K Wood and R Woolley.**

## **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 3 September 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. Balfour Beatty will be asked for an update on the requested pollarding of the trees at the entrance to the Willows. All the trees need to be pollarded not just those overhanging the road.

## **5. Local Police Matters**

PCSO Steph Annette, Leominster Safer Neighbourhood Team, West Mercia Police gave a short report on local police matters. Local levels of crime are low. All crime should be reported because it helps to inform the police and map crime. PCSO Annette offered to give a short course on cyber security. The front counter at Leominster Police Station closed some years ago. In an Emergency call 999 or 112, Non-Emergency 101.

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

A member of the public said the gutters in Townsend Park need to be cleared of mud. There was a report of fly tipping by Hodnett's Field in Eyton on the C1040 by the bridge. The option of listening to meetings of the group parish council over the internet needs to be publicised regularly.

Cllr. J Coates asked that although it has already been reported, Herefordshire Council has yet to pollard the trees on the C1040 by the side of the brook where the county is the riparian owner of the land. The trees now span the road in places and may interfere with the cables on the other side of the road. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly agreed to take this up with Balfour Beatty.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's report, which covered the county budget, highways and children's services among other matters, was noted. Statistics on the use of the 490 bus service by local people are expected to be provided shortly. There is to be a three year programme of speed enforcement on the A4110 between Hereford and Leintwardine. Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to collect litter pick equipment from Balfour Beatty once the date of the pick is known. Planning application 174097 Mile End is to be considered by Herefordshire Council's planning committee.

Herefordshire has some of the most up to date refuse disposal facilities in the country. Nothing goes to landfill. Ward Councillor Bowen offered to organise a visit to the waste to power facility at Hartlebury for up to 30 local people.

The general scrutiny committee is reviewing the repair of potholes and intends to look at the best long-term solution. One option is to borrow funds to bring the roads up to an acceptable standard and repay the loan from the savings made on maintenance such as pothole repairs. In response to a question from a member of the public, Ward Cllr. Bowen said compensation paid to Herefordshire Council by a previous highways contractor has been ring fenced for roads.

## 8. Planning

**8.1** 182837 Kemble House, Eyton, HR6 0AH. Change of use for existing 2 storey brick storage building to be used as a one bedroom country holiday let. Additional driveway to the property to be used (by holiday let) from an existing but blocked access point. **COMMENT:** The planning application is supported. The proposed new access should have an appropriate splay at the junction with the highway.

**8.2** 183306 Yewtree Cottage, Luston, HR6 0EB. Proposed repeat pruning of Tulip tree. To undertake on a regular basis in order to keep the tree a more manageable size for the garden and to reduce the shading on the vegetable garden. Works to be carried out after the leaves have fallen. (Previous application ref 150281/K). **COMMENT:** The application for tree works is supported.

**8.3** 183305 Yewtree Cottage, Luston, HR6 0EB. Propose to fell Ash tree (T2) which is growing into overhead power lines. We will re plant in this location with one or two smaller trees which will not lean on the power lines and which are beneficial to wildlife e.g Halus or Sorbus. **COMMENT:** The application for tree works is supported. Other species to consider when replanting a tree to replace the Ash include Crab Apple or Mountain Ash.

**8.4** 183302 Maybury House, Luston, HR6 0EA. Propose to remove no 1, small Lilac which is very close to the foundations. To remove no 2 and no 3 which are Damson trees which are dead. To remove two large Laurel bushes no 4 and no 5. They are shading a large area of the garden and are starting to encroach over boundary to neighbours. **COMMENT:** It was agreed to make no comment in respect of the application.

**8.5** 183109 Broad Farm, The Broad, HR6 0AN. Proposed cover to an existing cattle handling unit. **COMMENT:** The planning application is supported.

**8.6** 183246 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW (listed building consent). Re-roofing of flat lead roof at the centre of the Mansion, installation of safe roof access equipment and lightning protection system and works to restore central lantern dome. **COMMENT:** It was agreed to make no comment in respect of the application.

8.7 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement by Herefordshire Council. There were no planning decisions to report since the last meeting. An additional meeting is not required to consider an application for tree works at Apple Tree Cottage (183564).

Subject to availability, it was agreed that Cllrs. Egerton and/ or Poulton will speak on behalf of the group parish council at the relevant Herefordshire Council planning committee meeting which considers application 174097 Mile End.

## **9. Highways and environmental matters**

**9.1** Proposed location for SID socket at Nordan. Following a request to reconsider, Balfour Beatty has confirmed that the proposed location for a SID socket at Nordan is not suitable “in respect of regularly changing the unit over as traffic management is likely to be required to ensure operative and road users’ safety”. **DECISION:** No action required.

**9.2** Defect on pavement outside the Chapel, Luston. Balfour Beatty has noted that the problem with the pavement outside the Chapel at Luston is due to a sunken Welsh Water manhole cover. This has been reported to Welsh Water to rectify. **DECISION:** Await outcome of report to Welsh Water.

**9.3** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Clear mud from gutters in Townsend Park; clear pavement on B4361 from the direction of Nordan to the bridge at the Broad.

**9.4** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Report fly tipping by Hodnett’s Field in Eyton on the C1040 by the bridge. Follow up request to pollard trees at the entrance to the Willows and on the C1040 by the brook which are on Herefordshire Council’s land between the brook and the road.

## **10. Finance**

**10.1** Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £720.00

HALC, training– £192.00

Clerk, wages (September 2018)

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

**10.2** Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service October 2018 – £60.00

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

**10.3** New village sign at Eyton and ‘Eye Church’ fingerpost:

**10.4** Shelving in adopted telephone kiosk at Luston. A quotation was considered for the installation of three or five shelves for a mini-library. **DECISION:** Five shelves will be installed at a cost of £190.00 plus VAT.

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

A report on pothole repairs in the parishes prepared by the Traffic Working Group and interested councillors was reviewed. **DECISION:** It was agreed to ask that the highways authority consider the risk to cyclists and other road users when categorizing and prioritizing long, narrow potholes. With this addition the report was agreed and will be submitted to Herefordshire Council’s general scrutiny committee.

## **12. Parking on pavements**

A draft advisory notice requesting drivers to think about where they park their vehicle was reviewed. **DECISION:** The advisory notice was agreed, and copies provided to interested councillors to place safely on the windscreen of vehicles that are obstructing a pavement.

## **13. Litter Pick in the village of Luston**

**DECISION:** The litter pick will be at 10am on Sunday 18 November 2018, meeting at Cawley Hall. A notice will be placed in the Eye and on noticeboards. Litter pick kits will be provided by Balfour Beatty and collected by Ward Cllr. Bowen following his kind offer (see item #7 above).

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

**DECISION:** Laminated copies of the new dog fouling sign from Herefordshire Council will be placed on noticeboards and by the start of footpaths LJ22, LJ25 and LJ9 in Luston.

**15. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)** – Proposal to reduce speed limit on B4361 through Nordan, and name signs for roads in the parishes.

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

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5 November 2018 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

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

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