

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO S ANNETTE, WEST MERCIA POLICE; WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – K Wood and C Pearson.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. Brandish declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 184003 Land at The Willows.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of Meeting minutes from 5 November 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. The option for members of the public to participate in meetings online will be publicised on the parish council website. The Vice Chairman provided a report on the Annual General Meeting held by HALC in November 2018.

5. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public asked when the grit bin at Lydiatt's crossroads will be replaced. It was noted that Balfour Beatty is due to refresh and fill grit bins in Bircher Ward in the first two weeks of December. Grit bins that are cracked but serviceable may be retained.

PCSO Steph Annette, Leominster Safer Neighbourhood Team, West Mercia Police gave a short report on local police matters. There have been several thefts from outbuildings. Members of the public are encouraged to mark their property, and West Mercia Police can help with this. Please check the ID of people who may make sales calls to your home. A campaign called 'Stop that Sheep' is tackling theft of stock. PCSO Annette kindly agreed to give a short talk on Cyber Security in the new year.

Cllr. Poulton thanked those members of the public who helped with the litter pick at Luston last month. The village was congratulated on being very clean and free from litter. The four litter pickers only found litter to fill half a bag.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's report was noted. An additional £5 million has been provided by government for the roads. Asset management is to prioritise grips and gullies to keep water off the roads. Student accommodation for the art college and new university is likely to be built by Hereford Station.

7. Planning

7.1 183809 Manor Ground Farm, Orleton. Proposed farm track. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council supports the planning application.

7.2 183736 Stockmans Cottage, Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Proposed temporary polytunnel within the gardens of Berrington Hall, adjacent Stockman's Cottage.
COMMENT: Luston Group Parish Council supports the planning application.

[Cllr. Brandish left the meeting.]

7.3 184003 Land at The Willows, Luston. Propose to raise the crowns on Willow trees which hang over the footway and highway.

A member of the public spoke in support of the application and asked that all six trees are properly maintained by Herefordshire Council.

COMMENT: Luston Group Parish Council supports the tree works. All six of the trees identified on the planning application need to be pollarded as has been the practice in previous years in order to safeguard people and property. The entire area is easily accessible by members of the public, and one tree is whipping against a neighbouring property and is likely to cause damage. One branch has sheared off the tree that is adjacent to the neighbouring property and has yet to be removed despite being reported in August 2018.

The group parish council urges that the trees are cut right back and/ or cut back more regularly than has been the case in recent years. To aid this it would be helpful for the planning authority to include a condition so that the trees can be pollarded on a regular basis.

[Cllr. Brandish rejoined the meeting.]

7.5 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 183109 Broad Farm and 183197 Eye Court Farm.

8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Review data from Speed Indicator Deployment, October-November 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 33.2 mph based on the movements of 23,654 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 23,504 vehicles. **DECISION:** No action required.

8.2 Proposed road name signs. The signs proposed by the working group were considered, and it was noted that Balfour Beatty has advised: i) signs cannot be added to existing highways signage; ii) signs that can be fixed to walls, or other private assets such as a noticeboard, can be erected by the parish council; and iii) all other signs can be obtained via the Community Commissioning process.

DECISION: The road name signs will be implemented over three years. Year 1 will include road name signs on Eye Lane (Luston end x2), Yarpole Lane (x2); Lydiatt's crossroads at Croft Lane and Hill Road (a signpost and fingerposts will be requested in this location); and Croft Lane (at junction with B4361 x1). The road name signs at Eye Lane, and Croft Lane will be undertaken by the parish council in line with Balfour Beatty's guidance. The remaining signs will be obtained via Community Commissioning.

8.3 Proposal to fund two new advisory signs on C1040 below Eyton Common – 'Horses Slow Down'. **DECISION:** To commission two triangular horse advisory signs. The first is to be placed on an existing post which has a sheep advisory sign, and the second will be requested for the opposite side of the C1040 further towards the B4361 and on the far side of the bend. Balfour Beatty will be asked whether the sign that uses the existing post can be implemented by the parish council.

8.4 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Clear the fallen leaves from the footpath and pavement by the entrance to The Willows; maintain the grips and gullies on Seggin Lane as required; and lower the bush at Holy Well that is blocking the road sign.

8.5 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Potholes on passing places on C1040 from Eyton to the B4361. Maintenance of trees on Herefordshire Council owned land on C1040 by the brook.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £48.00

Community Eye – £350.00

AVG Internet Security Business Edition, two subscription for laptop – £59.53

G Poole, topping of commons at Eyton – £216.00

Clerk, wages (November 2018)

DECISION: Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, December 2018 – £60.00

DECISION: The direct debit payment was noted.

9.3 2019-20 precept and effectiveness of internal financial controls. The finances of the group parish council for 2018-19 to date were reviewed. The budget for 2019-20 proposed by the finance working group was considered. **DECISION:** The budget was agreed (£18,008.80), and the precept for 2019-20 set at £16,000. Internal financial controls were reviewed and considered to be effective.

10. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion) – There were no matters raised.

15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7 January 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____