

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; Mrs M ALBRIGHT, BORDER OAK; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND SEVEN (7) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – G Poulton.**

**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 7 January 2019**

**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. Cllr. Brandish provided a short report on a recent meeting of the Cawley Hall Committee. The cost of hiring the hall will increase from April 2019 – details will be advertised in the Eye. A Cawley Hall working party will be painting and maintaining the building. Volunteers are welcome.

[Cllr. E Coates joined the meeting.]

**5. Matters raised by local residents**

A member of the public said the main road through Luston has been swept. A 'no dog fouling' notice requested for the lane by the school will be put in place in due course. Litter reported on the A49 between Ashton and Ludlow will be reported to the responsible authority.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's report was noted. Highways England is reconsidering a roundabout at the Salwey Arms crossroads. There will be a meeting shortly with Highways England to review concerns, including litter, road markings, speed restrictions and weeds.

In response to a question, it was noted that footpath LJ36 is closed at the Broad due to a defective bridge, and that Herefordshire Council is responsible for its repair. A new grit bin is expected to be in place at Lydiatt's Crossroads shortly.

Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly provided a selection of dates for a visit to the enviro-sort and enviro-recover facilities used by Herefordshire Council. It was agreed to visit the enviro-recover facility at Hartlebury on the afternoon of Friday, 10 May 2019. Members of the public are welcome to attend as well, though there is no transport provided.

## 7. Planning

**7.1** 174097 - Mile End, Broad Lane, HR6 0AL (Re-consultation). Retrospective permission for the use of the land for wood chipping with wood storage yard and buildings to include; office building, chip stores, drying floor, fan house and boiler house with biomass plant to generate 80Kw of electricity.

Luston Group Parish Council considered the additional documents in the re-consultation dated 18 January 2019 and decided to add to the comments already made on the retrospective planning application.

**COMMENT:** The group parish council is concerned that the Surface Water Management Plan takes no account of contamination from the industrial scale activity on the site. There is believed to be a significant risk of contamination of the local water course and the Lugg caused by run-off from machinery and chippings. The proposal to “pump the water over grassland” under #4 of the Surface Water Management Plan is opposed for reasons of contamination.

**7.2** 190032 - Land to the West of B4361 Luston. Proposed development of 8 houses and garages. **COMMENT:** The application is supported, but the group parish council would like the physical connection to the village improved via a suitable footway for pedestrians, and for surface water run-off to use existing drainage infrastructure to drain away on the other side of the B4361 (to avoid additional water being directed under the culvert by the telephone kiosk).

**7.3** 190129 Land at Field Farm, Moreton Eye. Proposed change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling house. **COMMENT:** The application is supported, and the group parish council proposes the use of nesting and bat boxes to sustain a barn owl and bats that are reported to be using the agricultural building.

**7.4** 184572 - Bank Villa Gardens, Luston. Proposed works to Ash. Routine maintenance to control shading and to minimise risk of damage to property and persons: 20% - 25% reduction of height and removal of some overhanging lower limbs. **DECISION:** The application for tree works is supported. No comment will be submitted as the application has already been decided by Herefordshire Council.

**7.5** 190205 - 10 Lilac Grove, Luston, HR6 0EF. Reduce crown of Birch tree by 10-15% to reduce concern that tree could be blown down and damage house. **COMMENT:** The application for tree works is supported.

**7.6** Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 182837 Kemble House. Arrangements for surface water drainage for Land adjacent to Brick House (151584) will be confirmed.

## 8. Highways and environmental matters

**8.1** Consultation on draft report on application to add a footpath at Lustonbury, Luston.

**DECISION:** The group parish council agreed with the evidence and noted that the path is used at the discretion of the local landowner(s).

**8.2 River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management: Cheaton, Cogwell and Ridgemoor Brook. DECISION:** Councillors that attend the flood management meeting on 19 February 2019 will report back.

**8.3 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. DECISION:** Check the bridleway above Moreton (EX22). Use pressure washer to clear moss on test area of pavement and review how effective it is. An expression of interest in the lengthsman and P3 footpaths schemes in 2019-20 will be provided to Balfour Beatty.

**8.4 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. DECISION:** Report litter on A49 between Ashton and Ludlow. Ask Balfour Beatty to reconsider decision to raise crown of fir tree at Lilac Grove – the tree should be removed as the roots are reported to be damaging the pavement. Report standing water on Eye Lane near A49.

## **9. Finance**

### **9.1 Payments considered:**

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £552.00

Clerk, wages (January 2019)

Tangled Web Solutions, plug-in for website – £25.00

Tangled Web Solutions, hosting/ maintenance 2019/20 – £300.00

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

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

Airband, broadband service, February 2019 – £60.00

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

## **10. Crime Prevention Talk, West Mercia Police**

The rural and business crime officer, West Mercia Police, has offered to give a talk at Cawley Hall on crime reduction. **DECISION:** The officer will be invited to give a talk, possibly at a separate meeting or at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **11. Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP)**

Consultation by Herefordshire Council. **DECISION:** Noted.

## **12. Revised Herefordshire Enterprise Zone Local Development Order**

Consultation by Herefordshire Council. **DECISION:** Noted.

## **13. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)**

Mini-library at Luston and update on road name signs.

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

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 4 March 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_