

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; Mr J TAYLOR, TREE OFFICER; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – C Pearson 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 4 February 2019**

**DECISION:** #7.3 was amended to "proposes the use of". With this amendment 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 Community Speed Watch volunteers will be trained by West Mercia Police on 25 March 2019 at the Chapel, Luston.

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

A member of the public reported a pothole at Eyton. Cllr. Brandish said one of the trees pollarded by Balfour Beatty at the entrance to the Willows is rotten. Mr Taylor, the tree officer suggested that the tree may regenerate. It was agreed to ask that the tree is checked by Balfour Beatty. The tree causing damage to the pavement at Lilac Grove has been identified as a Douglas Fir, a species which can grow very tall and is unsuitable for its location on a residential street. Balfour Beatty will be updated on the species of the tree.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's report was noted. Cllrs. Egerton and Poulton who attended the Herefordshire Council planning committee meeting, which approved planning application 174097 Mile End, expressed concern that the neighbourhood development plan appeared to be given insufficient weight in making the decision.

Ward Cllr. Bowen said he will be discussing the planning conditions in the decision document with the Chairman of Planning and the Case Officer in his capacity as the Local Member. The conditions are to be decided by agreement.

## 7. Planning

7.1 190367 – Broad Farm, The Broad, Leominster, HR6 0AN. Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to light industrial. Retrospective. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council supports the planning application, which meets the criteria of Policy LG8 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It will be important to ensure the activities of the business units are kept separate from the play area of Muddy Puddles as both are located on the same farm and share the access to the B4361. The group parish council disapproves of retrospective planning applications.

7.2 190468 – Foxwhelp Barn, Luston, HR6 0EB. Approximate 30% reduction and tighten of crowns of 2 Ash Trees bordering Foxwhelp Barn. Remove stress branch in one of the trees overhanging property. Also remove to ground level 3 Ash saplings growing between the 2 Ash Trees. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council does not object to the proposed tree works.

7.3 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has approved planning application 174097 Mile End with revised conditions. Planning permission has been granted for 184450 Land at The Nest. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 190205, 10 Lilac Grove.

## 8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 River Wye and Lugg Natural Flood Management: Cheaton, Cogwell and Ridgemoor Brook. Cllr. Brandish provided a verbal report on the launch meeting of the project which aims to use natural flood management techniques such as leaky dams to reduce the risk of downstream flooding. Landowners are key to implementing the project which has funding from the Environment Agency. **DECISION:** Noted.

8.2 Proposal to purchase sandbags to hold in shed by Cawley Hall. The Clerk reported that there are 30-40 sandbags in stock and that the bags are in good condition. **DECISION:** Noted.

8.3 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Repair/ replace damaged PROW fingerpost at Moreton Eye by Moreton Farm at junction of EX17 and EX22. Look at using metallic paint to cover up rust on the benches by the bus stops in Luston (B4361).

8.4 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Matters raised under #5 above will be reported. Potholes at Redhill, Eye Lane.

## 9. Finance

9.1 Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £310.20  
D C Gardening Services, footpaths – £2,144.40  
R Mills, installation of shelves in Luston kiosk – £263.76  
Clerk, wages (February 2019)

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

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, March 2019 – £60.00

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

9.3 Request from Orleton Parish Council to hire two SIDs four times per year on a long-term basis. **DECISION:** The meeting agreed to offer the two SIDs for £300.00 per hire subject to a commitment to hire the two SIDs 4 times per year for a minimum period of four years.

### **10. Mini-library at Luston telephone kiosk**

The mini library at the telephone kiosk will rely on donations and probably will require monitoring from time to time. **DECISION:** Before publicising the facility, the shelves will be varnished - the Chairman's kind offer to varnish the shelves was accepted gratefully by the meeting.

### **11. Parish council election, 2 May 2019**

Nomination packs were provided to members of the parish council. Additional packs are available from the election office of the Town Hall. The elections office is holding a briefing on 7 March 2019 for candidates. The Clerk will be attending an election briefing on 6 March 2019. **DECISION:** A parish election poll card is not required.

### **12. Proposed schedule of meetings 2019-20**

The schedule of meetings was reviewed. **DECISION:** Agreed. The Annual Parish Meetings will be held on Wednesday 8 May 2019 at Cawley Hall, and the rural and business crime officer, West Mercia Police will be invited to attend as the guest speaker. A budget will be made available for refreshments.

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

Proposal to place a bench by the telephone kiosk/ mini-library at Luston.

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

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1 April 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_