

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 1 JULY 2019 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

PRESENT: G POULTON (CHAIRMAN), A BRANDISH (VICE CHAIRMAN), R BENNETT JONES, P EDWARDS, K WOOD, J COATES, J CREED AND C PEARSON.

IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND FOUR (4) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – E Coates and I Stevens.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. G Poulton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 191890 Moreton Farm, Moreton Farm Access.

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 June 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. BT will be asked to confirm whether the adopted kiosk at Luston still has an electricity supply. The highway authority will be asked whether the SID casings can be made a yellow colour. The parishes of Orleton and Richards Castle will be asked to consider taking part-ownership of the two SIDs in return for a financial consideration.

5. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public suggested the parish council have a deposit account for reserves. Another member of the public asked when the riparian owners will clear the banks of the brook at Luston and reported a further incident when Welsh Water had to pump out the sewerage infrastructure by the brook at Luston. The group parish council agreed to invite Welsh Water to a meeting to find out what is being done to resolve the matter. To prevent blockages, people should avoid putting fat and wet wipes into the system.

A member of community speed watch said it was hoped that there will be more volunteers following the note in the Eye. Cllr. Brandish said the good neighbour scheme would like to fund stickers to discourage canvassing. Cllr. Creed asked about the funding of PC installed metal gates on the public rights of way, and whether the parish council was aware of a proposal made on the community Facebook page for a playground facility behind Cawley Hall.

It was noted that the metal gates had been funded by a footpath grant until this financial year 2019-20, and that the budget for footpaths maintenance is now funded by the parish council.

The Chairman said funding had been obtained for a playground some years ago but didn't get done because of a lack of volunteers. Cllr. Edwards, a member of the hall management committee, said the committee uses the space for several activities and would be unlikely to want to have fixed equipment in place.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen said the school is doing well despite challenging finances. They have a very dedicated and skilled team. As Chairman of Herefordshire Council, Cllr. Bowen attended the Three Counties Show and Armed Forces Day at the Queenswood Memorial.

The bypass at Hereford is likely to be reconsidered. Ward Cllr. Bowen said £12 million has already been spent on planning the bypass, and that the possibility of not going ahead is concerning businesses and the university. There is significant new housing planned on land that will be made accessible by the bypass that might need to go elsewhere. The parish council agreed to write to the leader of Herefordshire Council in support of the bypass.

Cllr. Bowen said he is waiting on dates from Hartlebury for the planned visit to the facility.

7. Planning

[Cllr. Poulton left the meeting, which was chaired by the Vice Chair]

7.1 191890 – Moreton Farm, Moreton Farm Access, Moreton Eye, HR6 0DP190972. Proposed new track for residential access. **COMMENT:** The group parish council supports the planning application subject to confirmation that the three properties with access to the proposed new track (Moreton Cottage, The Nest and Rose Cottage) will be able to use it in perpetuity, that the splays on the track are appropriate for emergency vehicles, and that the applicant is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the track in perpetuity.

[Cllr. Poulton rejoined the meeting, and took the chair]

7.2 191066 – Clee View Barn, Luston, HR6 0AS. Retention of mobile home. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council supports the planning application.

7.3 192189 – The Hollies, Luston, HR6 0EB. The shaping back of the northward canopy spread of 2x Yew Trees (TPO No 617). **COMMENT:** The group parish council asks that the tree officer for the county recommends the appropriate work for the maintenance and well-being of the overgrown trees.

7.4 191871/PA7 Upper Ashton Farm, A49 From C1050 To Merrivale Farm Access, Ashton, HR6 0DN. Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed road. It was noted that Herefordshire Council, the planning authority, did not accept comments for this application and have determined that prior approval is not required. The parish council is concerned that the road will direct slow moving lorries carrying large loads of timber towards the farm's access to the A49 opposite Tunnel Lane, by a section of road with a history of fatal accidents.

DECISION: The parish council decided to advise Highways England, which has responsibility for the A49, about the prior approval application, in the hope that appropriate traffic controls will be put in place should the Upper Ashton Farm exit to the A49 be used for large vehicles.

7.5 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted permission for planning application 190972 Doreen-A and 190763 Dev 1, Land adjacent Lustonbury.

8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to be asked to cut back briars on the railway bridge on Eye Lane.

8.2 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION(S):** Request an update on the job raised to repair the drain on the B4361 at Luston. Report pothole on Townsend Park, and poor road surface at entrance to The Willows, Luston. Report problem with loose ‘Unsuitable for heavy vehicles’ sign on Seggin Lane, and request that Lydiatt’s crossroads is checked by the locality steward following the recent cable laying work.

8.3 Balfour Beatty quotation for road name signs (x2) on junction of Yarpole Lane and B4361. **DECISION:** The group parish council agreed the quotation for £1,189.89 (plus VAT).

9. Finance

9.1 Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ footpaths – £690.00

HCI Data Ltd., domain name renewal – £86.40

Clerk, wages (June and July 2019)

HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 July 2019 – £33.80

DECISION: Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, July 2019 – £60.00

ICO, data registration – £35.00

DECISION: The direct debit payments were noted.

9.3 Options for renewal of broadband contract for service at Cawley Hall. The existing provider only offers 24-month contracts. **DECISION:** To review broadband provision once fibre optic cabling has been laid along Eye Lane and an alternative service is available to consider.

10. Consultation on application for grant/ variation of premises licence

Application for premises licence for online business Hamper Fayre Ludlow. **DECISION:** The application is supported.

11. Allowances Scheme for Parish Councillors

Consider request from Herefordshire Council to consider an allowances scheme.

DECISION: To put in place an allowances scheme so members can claim travel expenses.

12. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)

Proposed shared ownership of the SIDs. Standing orders and financial regulations.

13. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next group parish council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2 September 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

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

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____