

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); Mrs M ALBRIGHT, BORDER OAK; AND FOUR (4) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – E Coates and K Wood.

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 13 May 2019

DECISION: At the request of Cllr. Stevens the minutes were amended to state that Cllr. Stevens disagreed with the decision to support planning application 191439 The Hollies. With this addition the minutes of the annual 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 group would like to be joined by more volunteers to increase the number of speed watch sessions in Luston. Cllr. Pearson kindly agreed to draft the next Council Matters article for the Eye. Balfour Beatty has said the overgrown Douglas Fir on Lilac Grove is not on their register of trees and have no plans to remove the tree.

5. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public said Balfour Beatty is doing an excellent job of pothole repairs and reported an additional pothole for repair. Another member of the public said the banks of the brook in Luston were overgrown. One of the riparian owners present at the meeting said this will be addressed shortly and was thanked for kindly offering to remove the growth on both banks.

The Chairman thanked Mr R Woolley for his service as a councillor during 2015-19 and this was supported by the members present.

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

The Chairman and members congratulated Ward Cllr. Bowen on his election to Chairman of Herefordshire Council.

Ward Cllr. Bowen said Balfour Beatty is to sort out the road surface at Red Hill, Eye Lane and drainage problems on Eye Lane by the A49, hopefully in July 2019. The work in Luston to repair a drain is on the list to be fixed as well.

Welsh Water is very aware of the problem by the pumping station and will update the pumps and whole system as required. The company has a legal obligation to accommodate growth in Luston and Yarpole. A member of the public said the pipes have been cleared and the contractor indicated this was set to happen on a monthly basis.

Herefordshire Council is to have a coalition cabinet. There are to be two by-elections.

7. Planning

7.1 190972 – Doreen-A, Luston, HR6 0EB. Proposed extension to boundary wall and new fence. **COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council supports the planning application.

7.2 190032 – Land to the West of B4361, Luston. Mrs. M Albright, Border Oak said the developer is minded to let the application go forward to planning committee because planning services, Herefordshire Council have indicated that amending the application in line with the request from the parish council made on 13 May 2019 will require a new submission. A date has yet to be set for the planning application to be considered by Herefordshire Council's planning committee. **DECISION:** The parish council agreed to speak in support of the application at the planning committee meeting. Cllr. I Stevens and the Chairman kindly offered to represent the parish council, and this was agreed. The Clerk was asked to update the Chief Executive, HALC.

7.3 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has approved planning application 190570 Nordan Farm. Listed building consent has been granted for 190121 Maybury House.

8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Pre order consultation for proposed diversion of footpath LJ38 in the parish of Luston. **DECISION:** Supported with a strong preference for Option A.

8.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to be asked to clean highway signs as required. The landowner will be requested to clear 30 mph signs which have become obscured by their hedge north of Luston on the B4361.

8.3 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** No new matters raised.

8.4 Lamp posts on Westland View. There are three lamp posts on Westland View which are highlighted on the 'Report a faulty streetlight' page on www.Herefordshire.gov.uk as "maintained by the parish council". They are the only streetlights in Luston with this designation. **DECISION:** Luston Group Parish Council disputes this designation and has no record of commissioning the streetlights nor of a transfer of responsibility to the PC. A meeting will be requested with Balfour Beatty to resolve the matter of responsibility for the lamp posts in Westland View. Cllr. P Edwards kindly agreed to attend on behalf of the parish council.

8.5 Sewerage infrastructure and Welsh Water treatment works for Luston and Yarpole. Ward Cllr. Bowen has reported that Welsh Water have cleared the pipes by the pumping station to remove deposits of fat and will be looking at the pumping station. **DECISION:** In light of Cllr. Bowen's report it was agreed to take no further action. Local people will be requested not to flush wet wipes into the system.

8.6 Material for traditional signpost requested at junction of Croft Lane/ Hill Road under community commissioning. **DECISION:** It was felt that the price will help to determine the preferred option, so a quotation will be requested for cast iron, recycled plastic (to resemble wood) and wood.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman – £756.00
D C Gardening Services, footpaths – £168.00
Cllr. A Brandish, decals for adopted kiosk, Luston – £18.00
Clerk, wages (May 2019)

DECISION: Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, June 2019 – £60.00

DECISION: The direct debit payment was noted.

9.3 Appointment of lengthsman and P3 footpaths contractor(s), and contracts for 2019-20.

DECISION: D C Gardening Services Limited was appointed. Lengthsman and P3 footpaths contracts were agreed and signed with Balfour Beatty.

10. 'We Don't Buy Crime' offer from the Police and Crime Commissioner

DECISION: Place note in the Eye to ask for expressions of interest in participating in the 'We don't buy crime' initiative.

11. Travellers' Sites DPD Examination - Main Modifications Consultation

DECISION: The consultation was noted.

12. Subscriptions, including support for broadband service at Cawley Hall

The HALC subscription and affiliation was noted as were automated payments for broadband at Cawley Hall and data registration. The two-year broadband contract has ended.

DECISION: Consider a new 12-month broadband contract with the existing provider at the next meeting.

13. Parish council policies and procedures: Standing Orders; Code of Conduct; Complaints procedure, Data Protection policy, Freedom of Information publication scheme, Financial Regulations, Equal opportunities policy, Grants and Donations policy, Planning policy and Communications policy

The policies and procedures were noted. **DECISION:** The management working group will review new standing orders, financial regulations and the freedom of information publication scheme.

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

There were no matters raised.

15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next group parish council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 1 July 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____