

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); M ALBRIGHT, BORDER OAK AND SIX (6) 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 1 July 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. According to Balfour Beatty the housing association has responsibility for the lamp posts on Westland View, following a transfer from the former Leominster District Council.

5. Matters raised by local residents

A report of garden waste on the footpath opposite the Balance Inn, Luston (LJ22) was noted. The next Council Matters article will ask people to take garden waste to the community tip at Leominster.

[Cllr. J Coates joined the meeting.]

A member of the public asked for ash trees on the A49 to be checked for signs of die back, and it was agreed to pass this to Highways England. A member of the public reported an overgrown footpath by Ashton (EX14). A drain on the B4361 outside The Fold, Luston was reported to be draining slowly.

A request was made for the parish council to consider supporting the 'community pub buyout' initiative published in the September 2019 edition of The Community Eye. Cllr. J Coates said Eyton Common was full of flood water and asked that the gullies are checked by the locality steward to ensure they have been properly re-instated following recent cable laying work.

The Chairman said Eye Lane was cleared recently by the road sweeper and the lane from Luston to Eyton is scheduled to be swept next.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen said an incident of fly tipping on Eyton Common has been cleared. Welsh Water is due to provide an update on plans to address the ongoing problems by the pumping station at Luston. Cllr. Bowen recommended a forthcoming lecture at the Herefordshire Archives Centre. Balfour Beatty has yet to fix the broken drainage pipe which is blocking a drain by Tremezzo on the B4361 at Luston pipe.

Herefordshire Council has paused work on the Hereford bypass and Southern Relief road. The decision was called in by the scrutiny committee. Should a decision be made to cancel the roads it would make a serious difference to the county's budget and core strategy.

[Cllr. J Coates left the meeting.]

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

7. Planning

7.1 190032 – Land to the West of B4361, Luston. Proposed development of 8 houses and garages. Re-consultation on amended and additional plans or documents.

[During the discussion Mr Creed resigned verbally as a councillor, the resignation was accepted by the Chairman, and Mr Creed left the meeting.]

COMMENT: The parish council agreed to support the amended and additional plans/documents.

7.2 192771 – The Old Barn, Luston, HR6 0EB. 1 (on sketch) Silver Birch too close to house (5m) - remove 2 Goat Willow - reduce canopy by approx. 30%||3 Field Maple has been pollarded in the past but now causing excessive overshadowing - pollard or lower crown.

COMMENT: The proposed tree work is supported.

7.3 192576 – Park Lodge, Moreton Eye, HR6 0DP. Proposed agricultural storage barn.

COMMENT: The parish council supports the planning application.

7.4 192779 – Walnut Tree Cottage, Luston, HR6 0EB. T1- Sycamore Tree - to fell of low amenity value. T2 - Ash Tree - to fell main leading stem decayed and damaged and the crown is all re-growth, liable to failure. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

7.5 192212 – Old Hill Barn, Eyton, HR6 0BZ. Extension & Alterations to existing dwelling.

COMMENT: The group parish council has no objection to the proposed extension and alterations.

7.6 192516 – Millennium, North Road, The Broad, HR6 0AN. Variation of Condition 3 of permission 97/0709/O (Site for agricultural workers dwelling) - to allow unrestricted occupation of the dwelling for five years in accordance with officer advice. **COMMENT:** The parish council has no objection to the proposed variation of condition.

7.7 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted permission for planning applications 191890 Moreton Farm, 191365 Land at Ashfield and 192225 Gorsty Croft. Consent has been given for 192189 The Hollies for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order. Works to trees in a conservation area have been allowed for 192280 Ashfield.

8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to be asked to cut back buddleia and remove shrubs planted in the verge of the public highway on Eye Lane to maintain visibility. The Luston village sign is obscured and will be cleared by the lengthsman. Councillor Stevens offered to help the lengthsman cut back the hedges covering the 30 mph signs to the north of Luston. Overgrown sections of EX16 and EX17 to be cleared by the lengthsman.

8.2 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Overgrown hedges which are obstructing the adjacent pavement or visibility of the highway.

8.3 Review ‘traditional’ signpost and fingerpost proposed by Balfour Beatty. The proposed signpost and fingerpost were felt to be better suited for a pedestrian setting. **DECISION:** Provide details of alternative supplier to Balfour Beatty.

8.4 Hereford Transport Package and South Wye Transport Package decision. No action required – the parish council’s support for the bypass has already been communicated to Herefordshire Council.

8.5 Berrington Hall NT - Woodland Management Plan Consultation. **DECISION:** No comment.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ footpaths – £516.00

Herefordshire Council, Yarpole Lane road name signs (x2) – £1,427.87

Clerk, wages (August 2019)

DECISION: Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, August/ September 2019 – £120.00

DECISION: The direct debit payment was noted.

10. Proposal for Orleton and Richards Castle Parish Councils to purchase a third share each of the two SIDs and associated equipment

The parish council considered an offer from Orleton and Richards Castle Parish Councils to purchase a third share each of the two SIDs and associated equipment owned by the group parish council. Future maintenance costs will be shared equally between the three parish councils. **DECISION:** The proposed part-purchase price offered by both parish councils was accepted (£1,500 per parish council making £3,000 in total).

11. HALC Training for councillors

The HALC training schedule was reviewed and a proposal for HALC to undertake training for councillors at Cawley Hall considered. **DECISION:** The following courses are to be funded: Leading Lights (x2) and In the Hot Seat (x2).

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

Preparations to speak at Herefordshire Council’s planning committee re: 190032 – Land to the West of B4361.

13. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next group parish council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7 October 2019 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

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

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____