

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS FROM WELSH WATER (x3); WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); Mr J PEARSON, FOOTPATH OFFICER; AND TWELVE (12) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence** – E Coates and R Bennet-Jones.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

**2.1** Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. G Poulton declared a disclosable pecuniary in interest in planning application 192290 Land at The Nest.

**2.2** Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

**2.3** Non-Pecuniary. None.

**2.4** Written requests for dispensation. None.

## **3. Approval of Meeting minutes from 2 September 2019**

**DECISION:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.

## **4. Measures to address ongoing problems with Welsh Water pumping station at Luston**

Three representatives of Welsh Water with responsibility for the network at Luston said they are investigating a long-term solution for the sewerage infrastructure problems in Luston. Problems should be reported to Welsh Water when they happen. A quality scheme completed for the wastewater treatment works took into account housing growth in both Yarpole Group and Luston Group neighbourhood development plans. Contact details to report sewage leaks or pollution to Welsh Water will be published in the next Council Matters article in the Eye.

Welsh Water said that at times of exceptional rainfall surface water can enter the sewerage system and cause problems and highlighted a service which surveys a property free of charge and advises on measures to help reduce the rate of surface water.

The Chairman thanked the three representatives from Welsh Water for attending, and they left the meeting.

## **5. Clerk's Report and reports on meetings attended by parish councillors**

The Clerk's report was noted. The parish council asked that the hedge on the B4361 to the north of Luston is cut back further to improve the visibility of the 30mph signs. Highways England to be asked to clear overhanging ash trees on A49 by railings between North and South Lodge which are blocking visibility of oncoming traffic.

University of the Third Age (U3A) have reported a number of footpath defects ahead of a planned walk at the end of 2019 or early 2020. The footpaths officer has kindly walked the route and has found some issues to fix. The Clerk will request two replacement stiles from Balfour Beatty. The Chairman thanked the footpaths officer.

## 6. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public enquired about dates for a visit to the Hartlebury EnviRecover facility. Ward Cllr. Bowen said dates for a visit to the facility have been requested.

It was not felt that recent drainage work by Balfour Beatty on Eye Lane will resolve the ongoing problem of surface water flooding towards the A49 junction.

Cllr. P Edwards paid tribute to former parish councillor and chairman of Leominster District Council, Betty Lane, who was a key force behind the building of Cawley Hall.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen said a decision on the Hereford bypass and Southern Relief road is expected. The pothole review completed before the May 2019 election has yet to be looked at by cabinet. The hire of a velocity patcher by Herefordshire Council ended sooner than expected. A new velocity patcher is to be purchased in November 2019 and will be fully operational by April 2020. Balfour Beatty has updated a leaflet which highlights landowner responsibilities with regard to hedges, ditch and drainage maintenance.

Ward Cllr. Bowen provided an overview of engagements attended in his capacity as Chairman of Herefordshire Council.

## 8. Planning

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

**8.1** 192290 – Land at The Nest, Moreton Eye. Variation of condition 2 ref 184450/F (The erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works). To allow amendment to drawings.  
**COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

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

**8.2** 192212 – Old Hill Barn, Eyton, HR6 0BZ. Extension & Alterations to existing dwelling. Re-consultation on amended plans or documents. **COMMENT:** The parish council considered the amended plans or documents and has no objection to the proposed extension and alterations.

**8.3** 190032 – Land to the West of B4361. Review of preparations to speak at expected forthcoming planning committee at Herefordshire Council. The Chairman said that the next planning committee is scheduled for 16 October 2019. **DECISION:** To communicate to Herefordshire Council planning committee members that support for the application is based on the neighbourhood development plan.

8.4 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council have granted permission for planning application 192576 Park Lodge and outline planning permission for 192516 Millennium. Application 191066 Cleve View Barn has been refused. Works to trees in a conservation area have been allowed for 192771 The Old Barn and 192779 Walnut Tree Cottage.

## 9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to be asked to use grit to remove moss on pavements in Luston village. Grip on Eye Lane by passing point near the humpback bridge is to be cleared. The two commons at Eyton are to be topped off.

9.2 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Follow up on expected work to gullies and ditches at Seggin Lane, Eyton. Review flooding caused by surface water run-off on Eye Lane towards A49 junction. Outstanding defect re: drain by Tremezzo on B4361 at Luston. Pooling of water on pavement by Methodist Chapel at Luston.

9.3 SIDs – Proposal to purchase new batteries (x4) and ‘convert’ the casing of each SID to be bright yellow. It was noted costs will be split three ways with Orleton and Richards Castle Parish Councils, and that the officer responsible for SID deployments at Balfour Beatty has no objection to making the casing bright yellow. **DECISION:** To use ‘transfers’ to colour the two SIDs bright yellow, and fund a third share of the cost, including the purchase of batteries (x4) at a unit cost of £254.00 each (plus VAT).

## 10. Finance

10.1 Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman and P3 footpaths (September 2019) – £564.00

HALC, training for ‘In the Hot Seat’ – £48.00

Clerk, SID battery charges 2017-19 – £149.40

Clerk, wages (September 2019)

HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 October 2019 – £34.00

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

10.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, October 2019 – £60.00

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

10.3 Request for grant from Community Eye. **DECISION:** The parish council agreed to donate £350.00 to support Community Eye in 2019-20.

## 11. Core strategy and neighbourhood planning review

**DECISION:** Cllrs. Brandish, Poulton and Pearson kindly agreed to attend a review workshop evening organised by Herefordshire Council on 6 November 2019.

## 12. Review member communications

Consider consent to share email addresses for parish council business. **DECISION:** It was agreed to share member email addresses. Information from the Clerk will continue to be distributed on a BCC basis.

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

There were no matters raised.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_