

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: R HEWITT (CLERK); AND FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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

**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 7 October 2019**

**DECISION:** The spelling of sewerage was changed to sewage under #4 (line 5) and the Clerk's report (#5) amended to request that Highways England clear ash trees on A49 by railings between North and South Lodge. With these amendments 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. A photo showing water on Seggin Lane was viewed, and it was noted that the lengthsman has been asked to work on the gullies to try and get some of the water off the road. The HALC AGM on 23 November 2019 was highlighted.

**5. Matters raised by local residents**

A member of the public said there have been more incidents of sewage leaking from the manhole cover on the B4361 by the brook following heavy rainfall. The parish council resolved to contact Welsh Water to say that continued incidents of sewage leaking from the infrastructure by the brook at times of heavy rainfall is unacceptable.

Concern was expressed at the time Balfour Beatty is taking to repair the drain on the B4361 by Tremezzo and the effect the additional surface water run off is having by the entrance to the Willows. Similarly, the problem with surface water run-off on Eye Lane near the A49 junction remains unresolved. It was noted that councillors will meet shortly with the locality steward and drainage north officer to address these issues.

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

A report from Ward Cllr. Bowen was read to the meeting, including the availability of litter picks, and multiple reports to Balfour Beatty regarding Seggin Lane. "Welsh Water... are making long term plans to radically improve and update the system".

## 7. Planning

**7.1** 193305 – Mile End, Broad Lane, Leominster, HR6 0AL. Erect concrete wall as noise barrier and roof over existing woodchip drying area. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application subject to ensuring that run-off from the new roof over the existing drying area is dealt with appropriately in order to safeguard the nearby waterway.

Consideration should be given to using tanks to filter the surface water run-off.

**7.2** 193525 – Park Lodge Farm, Moreton Eye, HR6 0DP. Proposed agricultural muck storage building. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

**7.3** 193377 – Units 1 To 4, Moreton Farm, Moreton Eye, HR6 0DP. Change of use from conductive educational facility to office use. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

**7.4** Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council have granted permission for planning application 192920 Land at The Nest, and 192212 Old Hill Barn.

## 8. Highways and environmental matters

**8.1** Broken drain on B4361 by Tremezzo, Luston. **DECISION:** To raise at meeting with Balfour Beatty's locality steward and drainage north officer.

**8.2** Review provision/ stock of sandbags for the group parishes. **DECISION:** Lengthsman to order and deliver 50 sandbags to be stored in shed at Cawley Hall.

**8.3** Pooling of surface water on pavement by Methodist Chapel, Luston. **DECISION:** To raise at meeting with Balfour Beatty's locality steward and drainage north officer.

**8.4** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** To clean the pavements at entrance to the Willows.

**8.5** Consider how to communicate responsibilities for hedges, ditch and drainage maintenance as set out by Balfour Beatty in order to encourage landowners to keep surface water off the roads in the parishes. **DECISION:** Ask distributors of Community Eye to include Balfour Beatty leaflet on *Ditches and Drainage in Herefordshire* which provides guidance on responsibilities. Provide link to similar information on [www.Herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.Herefordshire.gov.uk) via the parish council website. Ask the Lugg Drainage Board to address the flooding of the C1040 at Eyton, and to attend a meeting to talk about the responsibilities of the drainage board.

**8.6** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. The Clerk's report highlighted that the lengthsman has estimated 1 tonne of grit is required for the mossy pavements in Luston village and will be used when conditions are drier. The lengthsman has been asked to improve the gullies on Seggin Lane to try to keep extensive surface water off the road. **DECISION:** Noted and approved.

## 9. Finance

**9.1** Payments considered:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman and P3 footpaths (October 2019) – £793.20

Community Eye, donation for 2019-20 – £350.00

G Poulton, travel to Hereford to attend planning committee meeting – £23.10

Clerk, defib pads (x2) – £104.40

Clerk, wages (October 2019)

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

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, November 2019 – £60.00

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

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

Drainage matters discussed at meeting with Balfour Beatty's locality steward and drainage officer, budget and precept 2020-21.

**11. Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

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

Date\_\_\_\_\_