

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

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

**IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D BAILEY, NATIONAL TRUST; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND SEVEN (7) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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

**2. Co-opt a new member for Luston Parish on the Group Parish Council**  
**DECISION:** Deferred.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

**3.1** Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllrs. Edwards and J Coates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in #12 resurfacing of Cawley Hall car park.

**3.2** Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

**3.3** Non-Pecuniary. None.

**3.4** Written requests for dispensation. None.

### **4. Approval of Meeting minutes from 2 December 2019**

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

### **5. National Trust's plans for Berrington Hall**

Mr D Bailey, General Manager of Herefordshire National Trust, provided an overview of plans for Berrington Hall to remove Victorian adds-on to buildings in the grounds and reinstate these to the designs of Lancelot "Capability" Brown. The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey for attending the meeting.

[Mr Bailey left the meeting.]

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

A written report from Ward Cllr. Bowen was noted. It was estimated that 10-15 people would be interested in attending a visit to the Waste to Power station at Hartlebury in late spring/early summer.

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

The Clerk's report was noted. Welsh Water will be asked to identify the location of 'private surface water chambers' identified in correspondence with the parish council. The Chairman kindly agreed to write the next Council Matters article.

## 8. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public reported a pothole on Tunnel Lane in Orleton parish. Concern was raised at the condition of verges and pavements at Luston following the laying of broadband cabling. A member of the public reported an increase in dog fouling.

## 9. Planning

**9.1** 194416 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Demolition of 20th Century agricultural structures, attached to and within curved wall, plus hard-standings. Removal of 20th C bricks & blocks on top of 18th Century curved wall, plus bricking up windows and vents associated with agricultural structures. Bricking up 20th Century arched opening. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

**9.2** 194417 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Demolition of 20th Century agricultural structures, attached to and within curved wall, plus hard-standings. Removal of 20th C bricks & blocks on top of 18th Century curved wall, plus bricking up windows and vents associated with agricultural structures. Bricking up 20th Century arched opening. Listed Building Consent. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the application for listed building consent.

**9.3** Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 194061 Berrington Hall and 193936 Broad Farm. 190032 Land to the West of B4361 was supported by Herefordshire Council's planning committee. Listed building consent has been granted for 194062 Berrington Hall and 194142 Maybury House.

## 10. Highways and environmental matters

**10.1** Proposal from Balfour Beatty to postpone first cut of verges to improve biodiversity. **DECISION:** It was agreed that increasing the number of cuts to three per year would be a better way to improve biodiversity as this would remove the cow parsley and hogweed which often dominates the verges in the group parishes.

**10.2** Road name signs: Update, quotation for Eye Lane signs (x 2) and Croft Lane sign (x 1). It was noted that the two Yarpole Lane signs have been installed by Balfour Beatty, and that Balfour Beatty have been unable to source a traditional signpost for Lydiatts crossroads from their approved suppliers. **DECISION:** Two signs for Eye Lane (Luston end) and one sign for Croft Lane (B4361 junction) will be purchased at a cost of £79.71 (+VAT), and because they will be attached to existing structures, will be put up by the lengthsman. The parish council will obtain a quotation for a traditional fingerpost at Lydiatts crossroads and inform Balfour Beatty. The commissioning of further road name signs (phase 2) will be considered at the next meeting.

**10.3** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Pothole on Tunnel Lane in Orleton parish, condition of verges and pavements at Luston due to the laying of broadband cabling. Village sign for Eyton on the Kingsland road requires a new post. Patching on side of C1040 towards Kingsland is breaking up and the road needs resurfacing.

**10.4** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. A public consultation by Herefordshire Council on the proposed diversion of LJ36 at The Broad was noted. **DECISION:** Clear high vegetation around the oak tree on Eyton Common.

## 11. Finance

### 11.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman and P3 footpaths

(December 2019) – £291.00

R J Barrington Ltd, steel roof for kiosk – £78.00

SWARCO, new SID batteries (x4) – £1,219.20

HALC, subscription and affiliation 2020-21 – £660.22

Clerk, wages (January 2020)

Tangled Web, website support and maintenance – £300.00

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

### 11.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, January and February 2020 – £120.00

**DECISION:** The direct debit payments were noted.

[Cllrs. Edwards and J Coates left the meeting.]

## 12. Resurfacing of Cawley Hall car park

A request from Cawley Hall Committee for the group parish council to provide financial support for the resurfacing of the car park was considered. **DECISION:** A working group was formed to look at the project. Cllrs. Bennett Jones, Brandish, Pearson and Poulton kindly agreed to join the working group which will liaise with the Cawley Hall management committee.

[Cllrs. Edwards and J Coates rejoined the meeting.]

## 13. Core strategy and neighbourhood planning review

Herefordshire Council is holding Neighbourhood Development Plan review sessions.

**DECISION:** Cllrs. Brandish, Pearson and Poulton will attend an NDP review session on 3 April 2020.

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

Broadband cabling in the group parishes, dog fouling.

## 15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

**DECISION:** The next group parish council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2 March 2020 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_