

# LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021 OUTSIDE CAWLEY HALL

**Present:** C Pearson (Vice Chairman), E Coates, A Brandish, R Bennett Jones, P Edwards, K Wood, G Poulton and W Talbot Ponsonby.

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor S Bowen; and R Hewitt (Clerk). One member of the public was present.

**1. Receive apologies for absence** – I Stevens (Chairman) and J Oatley.

### **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 minutes from 5 May and 26 June 2021**

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

[Cllrs. R Bennett Jones, P Edwards and W Talbot Ponsonby joined the meeting.]

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen reported that the chief executive and leader of Herefordshire Council have been invited to Bircher Ward. The focus on drainage work has yet to lead to much activity locally which is disappointing. Hereford Hospital have reported that A&E is getting busier.

Welsh Water and Balfour Beatty are to rectify drainage issues near the school, believed to be caused by stormwater entering the foul sewerage system. The highway authority has been contacted on numerous occasions regarding the drainage problems on Eye Lane near the A49.

### **5. Flooding matters**

The gauge board has been installed by the lengthsman at the culvert under the B4361 at Luston. The cost of installation will be covered by the Natural Flood Management (NFM) project. Balfour Beatty is to fix drainage defects by the school and on Eye Lane by Ashton. Drawings highlighting the drainage system on Eye Lane, that were kindly provided by a member of the public, have been re-sent to Balfour Beatty to help inform the solution. A slow running drain on the B4361 at Luston has been jetted by the highway authority. Balfour Beatty highlighted responsibilities of riparian owners at a recent online meeting. **DECISION:** Monitor the gauge board and report levels to the NFM coordinator.

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

The balance of the current account on 30 June 2021 was £15,905. The two SIDs have been shipped to the manufacturer to be fitted with solar panels. A quotation will be obtained for a maintenance contract for parts not covered by the guarantee for the work. Data for the last deployment recorded an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile average speed of 32.6mph (the measure used by the Safer Roads Partnership). The annual return has been submitted to the external auditor and posted on noticeboards in the parishes as well as the website. Parish council documents have been deposited at the Herefordshire Archives, including minutes for the period 1997-2014 and old accounts. The three commons at Eyton are to be 'topped off' shortly. Highway defects have been reported, including for potholes, trees, fly-tipping and road signs.

## 7. Matters raised by local residents

Cllr. Wood raised a report that members of the public are concerned that hedges are encroaching on the pavement in some places in Luston. **DECISION:** A note will be included in the Eye to request that all hedge owners ensure they are properly trimmed back to allow the full width of the paths to be available.

[Cllr. E Coates joined the meeting.]

## 8. Planning

8.1 211827 Willows, Broad Lane, Leominster, HR6 0AL. Proposed two storey side extension.

**COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

8.2 211946 Meadow Lea, Luston, HR6 0AS. Proposed change of use from agricultural tie to 3 year temporary use as holiday let. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

8.3 Appeal APP/W1850/W1850/W/20/3245470 Re: 191066 Clee View Barn, Luston, HR6 0AS. Retention of mobile home. **DECISION:** It was agreed to make no further comment or representation.

8.4 Update on planning decisions. Herefordshire Council granted planning permission for 210875 Moreton Farmhouse. Works to trees are allowed for 210790 8 The Willows and 211406 13 Westland View. Prior approval is not required for 211815 Ashton Court Farm.

## 9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Road name signs and village name signs – Balfour Beatty have advised that road name signs on Tunnel Lane will 'benefit motorists'. However, the additional road name signs off the A49 at Eye Lane are not supported by the highway authority. **DECISION:** Proceed with quotation for road name signs at Tunnel Lane, Ashton and request that the decision on the requirement for additional road name signs at Eye Lane is re-considered.

9.2 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Potholes on the road towards Kingsland from Eyton. Overgrown hedges on Seggin Lane. Overgrown hedges along Eye Lane, and the mess left after verge cutting.

9.3 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Reports that EX16 and EX17 are impassable will be brought to the attention of the footpath officer/ landowner. The footpaths budget for 2021-22 is £4,000 due to underspend in 2020-21.

## 10. Finance

10.1 Payments to ratify:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (May 2021) – £797.51

Clerk, wages May 2021

**DECISION:** Payments were ratified.

10.2 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, kissing gates x4 – £1,740.00

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (June 2021) – £114.00

Honorarium for internal audit – £20.00

Clerk, strimmer/ brushcutter for footpaths officer to use under P3 footpaths scheme – £301.40

Clerk, wages June 2021

HMRC, PAYE for period to 5 July 2021 – £3.60

HCI Data, domain renewal (2 years) – £102.00

SWARCO, solar panel retrofit of two SIDS – £1,768.03

**DECISION:** Payments were approved.

10.3 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, June and July 2021 – £60.00

ICO, data registration fee 2021-22 – £35.00

**DECISION:** The payments were noted, including credit applied to Airband account.

**10.4** To review the broadband service provided by the parish council at Cawley Hall.

**DECISION:** Deferred.

## **11. The Queen's Green Canopy in Herefordshire**

**DECISION:** Deferred.

## **12. Local Policing Community Charter**

The proposed 'contact contract' as set out by the Safer Neighbourhood Team was considered and top policing priorities discussed. **DECISION:** The proposed 'contact contract' was supported. The following issues should be considered the top policing priorities, speeding, dangerous driving, rural theft and some anti-social behaviour.

## **13. Dogs and livestock**

The meeting looked at how to raise awareness of the legal requirement to keep dogs under control to protect livestock. **DECISION:** Raise in the next Council Matters article in the Eye.

## **14. Appointment of Representatives**

**14.1 HALC representative(s) and NAM nomination** **DECISION:** Cllr. I Stevens was nominated as HALC representative.

**14.2 Working group members:**

*Planning working group.* **DECISION:** Cllrs. Bennett Jones, P Edwards and C Pearson.

*Website working group.* **DECISION:** Cllrs K Wood and I Stevens.

*Finance working group.* **DECISION:** Cllrs. G Poulton, C Pearson and I Stevens.

*Management working group.* **DECISION:** Cllrs A Brandish, E Coates and G Poulton.

*Traffic working group.* **DECISION:** Cllrs. A Brandish, I Stevens and C Pearson.

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

There were no matters raised.

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

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6 September 2021 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_