

# LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021 AT CAWLEY HALL

**Present:** G Poulton (Acting Chairman), E Coates, R Bennett Jones, P Edwards, K Wood, W Talbot Ponsonby and J Oatley.

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor S Bowen; and R Hewitt (Clerk). Two members of the public were present.

**1. Receive apologies for absence** – A Brandish, I Stevens (Chairman), and C Pearson (Vice Chairman).

### **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 4 October 2021**

**DECISION:** It was agreed to amend the record of members present. With this amendment the minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on Remembrance Day and children's services. Funding has been increased for planning services which will help reduce the backlog and improve the services. Drainage work at the Ashton end of Eye Lane has been completed. Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to report defective lamp posts on Westland View.

### **5. Flooding matters**

The hydrologist report remains outstanding. There was a site visit at the start of October 2021. Ward Cllr. Bowen has requested a meeting with the highway authority to discuss the drainage issues at the school, which have yet to be resolved. Drains on the B4361 at Luston near the culvert have been recommended for investigation by the locality steward. Welsh Water have been asked to do more to address the surface water run off that is believed to be entering the sewerage infrastructure. The Vice Chairman is to meet with Welsh Water's local network engineer later in November 2021. **DECISION:** The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative hydrologist quotations for consideration.

[Cllr. E Coates joined the meeting.]

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

Cawley Hall management committee have kindly agreed to the parish council's request to pay for the installation of a new broadband service. The highway authority have placed the Eye Lane speed limit request at number 101 out of 120 schemes. The highway authority's agent has re-considered the request to commission road name signs at the A49 end of Eye Lane and concluded that they are not "warranted as there [are] clear directional signs with Eye on them from the A49". A quotation for Tunnel Lane signs on the A49 is to be prepared by the highway authority.

West Mercia Police will attend the scheduled parish council meeting on Monday 6 December 2021 to talk about rural crime issues and prevention. A raised drain cover on Eye Lane has been reported. West Mercia Police have provided the community charter agreed earlier in the year. A member of the public who contacted the clerk was signposted to West Mercia Police.

## 7. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public thanked Ward Cllr. Bowen and the Clerk regarding the drainage work completed by the highway authority at the Ashton end of Eye Lane and advised that re-instatement work had been completed. Cllr. Edwards invited members of the parish council to the annual general meeting of the Cawley Hall Committee.

## 8. Planning

**8.1** 213571 Land at Hill Farm, Eyton, HR6 0DU. Proposed creation of an Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) on previously arable farmland. The ICW will be connected to the final effluent from the local Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) to provide enhanced treatment to benefit the local watercourses. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the proposed plans and suggested planting osiers.

**8.2** 213991 Tudor House, Luston, HR6 0EB. Proposed to reduce both the Yew (A) and Cypress (B) - reduced to approximately 50% of their current height. This is to minimise risk of failure towards the road and enable both trees to be more easily maintained. It is proposed that the two large lower limbs (and any smaller material as appropriate) on the south-side of the walnut be shortened and/or removed, as appropriate. These limbs are adjacent to a public footpath, and a bungalow (Sunnymeade). The tree has possible fungal decay beginning to appear and should the tree fail, these limbs would bias it toward the bungalow and footpath. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the proposed tree work.

**8.3** 213763 The Brick House, Luston, HR6 0EB. Coniferous (cypress) hedge, marked 'A' on the sketch map, split into two stretches, separated by a large golden cypress in between. It is proposed that this hedge be reduced from its current height of approximately 12-14ft down to approximately 7-9 ft. The large golden cypress that is between two stretches of the hedge ('B' on the sketch map) will not be touched. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the proposed tree work.

**8.4** Update on planning decisions. Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 212657 The Coach House, 212531 Mile End and 212938 Elmshade. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 212997, 25 Townsend Park. Planning application 191066 Clee View Barn has been appealed and will be considered by a planning inspector.

## 9. Highways and environmental matters

**9.1** Litter Pick – A verbal report on the litter pick undertaken on 30 October 2021 was noted.

**9.2** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Potholes at Townsend Park and Westland View, Luston and on Kingsland road junction at Eyton. Road surface and raised drain at Lilac Grove. An overgrown hedge at Luston will be raised with the parish council's tree officer.

**9.3** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Maintain grips along Eye Lane and scrape debris from gutters in Luston. Request the footpath officer checks a defective stile at Eyton - EY8 off Hill Road.

## **10. Finance**

### **10.1** Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (October 2021) – £72.00

Clerk, wages, October 2021

DM Poole, topping of commons at Eyton – £264.00

Mallatite, new posts for SIDs – £435.82

**DECISION:** Payments were approved.

### **10.2** A request from Community Eye for a donation to support the newsletter was considered.

**DECISION:** A donation of £350.00 was agreed.

## **11. Herefordshire Local Plan update**

Herefordshire Council have asked the parish council to consider a pre-consultation engagement questionnaire on the local plan. **DECISION:** It was agreed to form a working group comprising Cllrs. I Stevens, C Pearson and G Poulton to review the questionnaire and draft recommended responses for consideration by the parish council.

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

Precept 2022-23. West Mercia Police discussion on rural crime issues and prevention.

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

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 6 December 2021 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_