

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021 AT CAWLEY HALL

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

In attendance: M Stokes, Rural Business and Crime Officer, PCSO S Harper and PC M Beswick, West Mercia Police; Ward Councillor S Bowen; and R Hewitt (Clerk). One member of the public was present.

1. Receive apologies for absence – 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 11 November 2021

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

4. Preventing rural crime

M Stokes, Rural Business and Crime Officer, West Mercia Police gave an overview of rural crime issues and ways to help prevent crime such as the 'We don't buy crime' initiative supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

PCSO S Harper and PC M Beswick, West Mercia Police, who are part of the local safer neighbourhood team highlighted a number of ways for local people to be kept informed, including email, signing up for online updates and participating in local visits.

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on a review of the roads undertaken with the locality steward. Repairs done by the new patcher look to be of a good quality. Trees obstructing cables on Eyton Common have been raised with Western Power. Long term repairs are required at Shire Hall and the Town Hall. Cllr. Bowen highlighted challenges at children's services. A full meeting of the county council has been postponed. The problem with phosphates in the Lugg and Wye will hopefully be resolved in early 2022. Drainage contractors have done work recently at the school.

6. Flooding matters

The completion of the hydrologist report on Luston was noted. The school has informed the parish council of work to clear the brook where it borders the school grounds and advised that this could be done up the stream as well by the relevant riparian owners. **DECISION:** To review the hydrologist report at the next meeting.

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

There have been meetings of the finance working group and working group formed to develop responses to Herefordshire Council's pre-engagement consultation. Training at HALC has been confirmed for Cllr. Coates.

8. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public highlighted an incident at which the defibrillator maintained by Cawley Hall was used and asked who to contact to advise that the device has been deployed. Cllr. Poulton reported that a planning application with an October 2021 target determination date has yet to be decided by the planning authority.

9. Planning

9.1 214327 Agricultural buildings on land at the Nordan Farm, Nordan, HR6 0AJ. Proposed change of use of two agricultural building to two larger dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

9.2 213794 Luston Court, Eye Lane, Luston, HR6 0DU. Proposal to return the window to its original size, remove the rotted parts of the existing wall-plate with an air-dried section of oak re- connecting the two sections of the wall-plate and re-stabilising the structure.

COMMENT: The parish council supports the application for listed building consent.

9.3 Update on planning decisions. Herefordshire Council has granted planning permission for 213305 Folly Field.

10. Highways and environmental matters

10.1 Sandbags and storage – The shed used for storage of sandbags at Cawley Hall has been blown down in a recent storm and the lengthsman has advised that it is beyond repair.

DECISION: Replace the shed. Quotations to be considered at the next meeting.

10.2 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Potholes on Hill Road. Quotation for road name signs at Tunnel Lane off the A49.

10.3 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. The lengthsman has filled a skip with mud and silt scraped from the kerbed gutters. **DECISION:** Ask Balfour Beatty to check the PROW bridge towards the railway (LJ25).

11. Finance

11.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (November 2021) – £846.00

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (December 2021) – £1,452.00

Community Eye, donation – £350.00

Clerk, wages, November and December 2021

HMRC, PAYE to 5 January 2021 – £3.60

11.2 A request from the Good Neighbour Scheme for a donation to help with increased costs in support of the community was considered. **DECISION:** A donation of £500.00 was agreed.

12. Herefordshire Local Plan pre-engagement consultation

The responses to the pre-engagement questionnaire prepared by the working group were reviewed. **DECISION:** The recommended responses were supported and will be submitted to the planning authority.

13. Resurfacing of Cawley Hall car park

Consideration of the request from the Cawley Hall Committee to support the resurfacing of the car park was deferred.

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

Precept 2022-23. Review of defibrillators located at Eyton and Luston.

15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7 February 2022 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____