

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022 AT CAWLEY HALL

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

In attendance: Mr J Pearson, footpaths officer and R Hewitt (Clerk). Four (4) members of the public were present.

1. Receive apologies for absence – I Stevens (Chairman), E Coates and J Oatley.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. Edwards declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 14, resurfacing of Cawley Hall car park. The Vice Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the hydrology report commissioned by the parish council.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of minutes from 7 February 2022

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

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

Ward Cllr. Bowen's apologies were noted.

5. Flooding matters

[The Vice Chairman left the meeting. Cllr. Talbot Ponsonby kindly agreed to chair the meeting.]

The Clerk reported that the senior highway engineer for the county has agreed to a site meeting and will be discussing flooding issues with colleagues before arranging the meeting. Cllr. Talbot Ponsonby said that there had been no issues at Eyton during the recent storms.

DECISION: To post the main section of the parish council commissioned hydrology report on the council website.

[The Vice Chairman re-joined the meeting, thanked Cllr. Talbot Ponsonby and resumed the chairing of the meeting.]

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

A tree pack has been received from the Woodland Trust. Herefordshire Council has contacted the parish council regarding the siting of a temporary local works compound for construction of an integrated wetland project by Luston. The request has been passed to the Cawley Hall management committee. Drains on the B4361 by the culvert at Luston are included in the highway authority's funded projects for 2022-23. A member of the public has kindly thanked the parish council for their welcome pack. An enquiry regarding the checking of the defibrillator at the Balance Inn has not been acknowledged to date. The new broadband service at Cawley Hall is to be installed once new electrical sockets are in place. Drainage and pothole reports have been made to the highway authority.

DECISIONS: To offer the saplings provided by the Woodland Trust to the school for temporary planting, and to consider a permanent location at the next meeting. Cllr. Brandish's kind offer to check the Luston defibrillator was gratefully accepted. The Clerk will provide a book to record the checks and leave it in the cabinet.

7. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public asked the parish council to consider setting up a flood group.

DECISION: To look at the setting up of a flood group at the next meeting.

8. Planning

8.1 220512, 4 Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZ. Remove two lower limbs of the Silver Birch. These limbs are impacting the shed below, as well as causing shading. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the proposed tree work.

8.2 Update on planning decisions. Herefordshire Council has granted prior approval for 214327 Agricultural buildings on land at Homelands Farm. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 214480 5 Lilac Grove, 220046 Walnut Tree Cottage and 214541 Green Orchard.

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Road name signs – The Clerk reported on a meeting with the locality steward at Lydiatt's crossroads: The placing of a new signpost and fingerposts is supported subject to the directions being for settlements only, and for future maintenance to be the responsibility of the parish council. Consideration of a quotation from the highway authority for road name signs on Tunnel Lane (A49 junction) was deferred pending receipt of the quotation.

DECISION: Obtain a quotation for a traditional signpost and fingerposts for Lydiatt's crossroads.

9.2 Invitation from Balfour Beatty to participate in the lengthsman and P3 footpath schemes in 2022-23. **DECISION:** The parish council agreed to participate in both schemes and asked the Clerk to submit an expression of interest and annual maintenance plan in line with the 2022-23 budget.

9.3 Invitation to apply for a drainage grant from Herefordshire Council. It is a condition of the grant that the parish council has a lengthsman. **DECISION:** The parish council agreed to apply for a drainage grant for works as set out in the quotation provided by the lengthsman.

9.4 Highways – Proposed verge cutting programme and matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** To request that the verges in the parishes receive two cuts, one in July and the second in October 2022. To report overhanging branches on road by Riddle Common.

9.5 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. Mr J Pearson's verbal report on the footpaths was noted.

DECISION: To report a defective footbridge on LJ25.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (February 2022) – £276.00

Timberworld Products Ltd., deposit for new shed at Cawley Hall – £ 863.50

Clerk, wages, February 2022

DECISION: Payments were approved.

10.2 Quotation for new road name sign on Townsend Park to replace missing sign.

DECISION: A quotation will be obtained to replace both road name signs and missing Eyton village name sign.

11. The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen

DECISION: To support events being planned by the PCC and school.

12. Heartstart training

DECISION: It was agreed to book a Heartstart training event for September 2022 to be held at Cawley Hall. The training is intended for members of the public.

13. Schedule of meetings, May 2022-May 2023

DECISION: The schedule of meetings was agreed. The Annual Parish meetings will be held from 7pm on Monday 9 May 2022.

[Cllr. Edwards left the meeting.]

14. Resurfacing of Cawley Hall car park

DECISION: No further action at this time.

[Cllr. Edwards rejoined the meeting.]

15. Revised Code of Conduct and arrangements

DECISION: The Clerk was delegated to respond to the invitation to comment on the revised code in consultation with the management working group.

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

There were no matters raised.

17. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 4 April 2022 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

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

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____