

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022 AT CAWLEY HALL

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor S Bowen; and R Hewitt (Clerk). One (1) member of the public was present.

1. Receive apologies for absence – G Poulton.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. The Chairman and 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 March 2022

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

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

Ward Cllr. S Bowen reported on a recent tour of the roads with the locality steward. A request to reinstate a collapsed drain on Seggin Lane, believed to be caused by a tractor, is to be raised with the highway authority. A meeting will be held soon with Welsh Water to discuss upgrading the sewerage system. The local enterprise partnership has funded new planters and trees for the link road in Hereford. A new director of children's services has been appointed.

Ward Cllr. Bowen kindly offered to invite the chief executive of Herefordshire Council to a parish council meeting.

5. Flooding matters

[The Chairman and 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 postponed the site meeting pending information on Environment Agency grants which may be available. Members of the parish council expressed disappointment and frustration at the delay to the site meeting. **DECISION:** To request that the site meeting goes ahead as soon as possible.

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

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

The following matters were noted: completion of drainage grant application; submission of expression of interest and annual maintenance plan for lengthsman and P3 footpath activity in 2022-23; verge cutting will be carried out in May and August/ September 2022; broadband will be installed at Cawley Hall on 22 April 2022 following the installation of a new double socket by the hall management committee; request submitted to hold Heartstart course in September 2022; and report that management working group members noted the revised code of conduct without comment. Defects have been raised with the highway authority: overhanging branches on Croft Lane and footbridge on LJ25.

7. Matters raised by local residents

Cllr. Coates requested a welcome pack and Cllr. Brandish reported that the defibrillator cabinet at Luston had been cleaned. Cllr. Brandish was thanked for cleaning the cabinet.

8. Planning

8.1 220569 Woodfield Cottage, Eye Lane, Luston, HR6 0DX. Repairs to degraded timbers where necessary. Re-decorate exterior. Replace plastic rainwater guttering and downpipes. Remove rear flood lighting and install hooded lighting. Internal works include re-ordering the layout of the property to include relocation of kitchen, creation of lobby, WC/cloakroom and study; removal of glazed screen and replacement doors; installation of a shower room with WC, replacement bathroom fittings. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the planning application.

8.2 220880 The Steppes, Luston, HR6 0EA. T1 Tree to be taken down is the conifer next to the stone wall. The stone wall needs to be repaired as it has partially fallen down. The wall is in a particularly poor state of repair where the conifer is situated. The stone mason has advised that the wall cannot be repaired with the conifer there as it is too close to the wall for the repairs to be done. Plan to replace with a hedge once the work on the wall is completed. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the proposed tree work.

8.2 Update on planning decisions. Herefordshire Council have granted planning permission for 214368 Land adjacent to Lustonbury and 213571 Land at Hill Farm.

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** To report overhanging branches on Herefordshire Council land alongside C1040 from B4361 towards Croward's Mill. It was noted Ward Cllr. Bowen has kindly reported defects on the roads from Luston to Lucton.

9.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths – There were no matters raised.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, lengthsman/ P3 footpaths (March 2022) – £1,684.80

Clerk, wages, March 2022

Clerk, wages increment 2021-22 (SLCC/HALC)

HMRC, PAYE to 5 April 2022 – £28.60

DECISION: Payments were approved.

10.2 Quotation for new road name signs on Townsend Park and Eyton village name sign.

DECISION: It was agreed to order a single Townsend Park sign at £148.65 (+VAT); and a single Eyton village sign at £148.65 (+VAT). Including carriage, the cost will be £332.30 (+VAT). Posts are not required as already in place. Will need bracket to attach the signs.

11. Queen's Green Canopy

Various locations were considered to plant the trees provided by the Woodland Trust. They are currently being looked after by children at the primary school. Plans to plant a Sweet Chestnut tree and guard for Eyton Common were reviewed. **DECISION:** To offer 4-5 trees to Cllr. E Coates to plant adjacent to a public footpath. To offer the school as many trees as they would like. Surplus trees can be placed on Eyton Common or used on the wetland being constructed near Luston. To request the lengthsman plants a sweet chestnut tree on Eyton Common. To ask the lengthsman to provide a tree guard for the sweet chestnut and trees sited next to the public footpath at Eyton. The school will be invited to participate in the planting of the trees at Eyton.

12. Local Plan 2021-2041 Policy Options consultation

The Local Plan 2021-2041 Policy Options consultation by Herefordshire Council was considered. **DECISION:** To delegate the completion of the questionnaire to the clerk in consultation with the management working group.

13. Community projects and initiatives

The parish council considered ideas for community projects and initiatives. **DECISION:** To donate £150.00 to support school Luston Platinum Jubilee picnic on 3 June 2022. To keep community projects and initiatives as an ongoing agenda item and invite ideas and proposals from members of the public via the next Council Matters article published in the Eye.

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

There were no matters raised.

15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 9 May 2022 at Cawley Hall, Eye (annual meeting). The annual parish meetings will be held from 7pm on Monday 9 May 2022 at Cawley Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____