

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022 AT CAWLEY HALL

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

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

[The Vice Chairman started the meeting.]

1. Receive apologies for absence – E Coates and G Poulton.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. The Vice Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in measures to address flooding by the culvert under the B4361 at Luston.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from 5 September 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 children's services and appointment of commissioner. A contra-flow cycle way is to be put in place by the Town Hall, Hereford. The highway authority is undertaking a programme of gully clearances. A phosphates audit scheme is being considered.

[The Chairman joined the meeting and took the chair.]

Cllr. Bowen reported on the recent period of national mourning and proclamation of the King, and kindly agreed to extend an invitation to attend a meeting of the parish council to the chief executive, Herefordshire Council.

5. Flooding matters

[The Vice Chairman left the meeting.]

Cllr. W Talbot Ponsonby reported on the walk around by the working group which identified a number of suggested areas to consider for small ponds. It was noted that the natural flood management catchment advisors are being appointed and will be in contact to arrange a meeting. **DECISION:** No action required pending meeting with catchment advisor.

[The Vice Chairman re-joined the meeting.]

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

Herefordshire Council have paid the second half of the precept (£8,000.00). The 2023-24 precept will need to be set by the end of the calendar year and will be on the agenda of the December 2022 meeting. Heartstart training took place on 22 September 2022.

The commons at Eyton have been raised under the open spaces consultation. The SID deployed by the telephone kiosk is not working and has been reported under the maintenance contract.

Sign in hedge at Luston and drainage problem on the Lucton road have been reported to Herefordshire Council. The Clerk is to attend a briefing from Herefordshire Council in October 2022 on delivery of Section 106 works.

7. Matters raised by local residents

A member of the public raised two planning concerns which will be passed to planning enforcement, Herefordshire Council. Fly tipping was reported on Eyton Common.

8. Planning

8.1 222873 6 Lilac Grove, Luston, HR6 0EF. Proposed works to remove silver birch in order to protect drains and replacement tree with a Rowan. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

8.2 Update on planning decisions by Herefordshire Council: Herefordshire Council have allowed works to trees within a conservation area for 222518 The Old Barn, 222386 5 Lilac Grove, 222323 Ashfield, and 222267 20 Westland View.

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. Ward Cllr. Bowen reported on a tour of local roads with the locality steward. **DECISION:** To report overgrown hedges which encroach on the pavement to the highway authority.

9.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths – Request considered to replace a stile by Croase Farm with a kissing gate as other stiles in the area have already been converted to kissing gates. **DECISION:** To ask the footpath officer to look at the feasibility of a kissing gate which is subject to the permission of the landowner.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, P3 footpaths (September 2022) – £237.00

Clerk, wages, September 2022

HMRC, PAYE to 5 October 2022 – £36.20

DECISION: Payments were approved.

10.2 Review direct debit payment:

Gigaclear, broadband service, October 2022 – £36.00

DECISION: Payment was noted.

11. Letter in support of the Courtyard Theatre

Ward Cllr. Bowen provided a verbal report. **DECISION:** To contact the theatre and write in support.

12. Community projects and initiatives

Ideas for community projects and initiatives. **DECISION:** No action required. The item will be removed from future agendas for the time being.

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

There were no matters raised.

14. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____