

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor S Bowen, Mr J Pearson, Footpath Officer 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. The Chairman and 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 3 October 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, cost of the contra-flow cycle way on St Owen's Street and engagements attended as Chairman of Herefordshire Council.

5. Flooding matters

The group parish council noted that a site meeting with natural flood management officers will be confirmed shortly and is expected to take place during November 2022.

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

The Clerk reported that the Courtyard Theatre has welcomed the support of the parish council and will be in contact subsequently to discuss possible next steps. The highway authority has advised that signage for Tunnel Lane will be in place soon.

A section 106 briefing by Herefordshire Council was attended online – according to the briefing there are no s106 funds available from development in the group parishes. The mid-year review of accounts for 2022-23 and draft precept and budget 2023-24 will be on the agenda of the December 2022 meeting. Payments have been received from Orleton and Richards Castle Parish Councils for the SIDs (£152.30 per council).

The SID that has not been working is due to be looked at by an engineer. The sweet chestnut tree has been planted on Eyton Common and a tree guard erected by the lengthsman. A fallen tree at Eyton, overgrown hedge and environmental health concern at Luston have been passed to Herefordshire Council. Rural spatial strategy and settlement hierarchy workshop events are to be held shortly. The Circuit updates on defibrillator availability have been completed.

Herefordshire Council's chief executive has been invited to attend a meeting of the parish council.

7. Matters raised by local residents

Cllr. Brandish requested that book donations for the mini library are made to a parish councillor as some donations placed by the kiosk are being ruined by rain.

8. Planning

8.1 190032 Land to the West of B4361, Luston. Proposed development of 8 houses and garages. Re-consultation on amended and additional plans or documents. **COMMENT:** The parish council supports the amended and additional plans. It was noted that the planning application was granted at a meeting of the county council's planning committee on 15 January 2020.

8.2 222604 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Like for like repairs to the Carpenter's Workshop plus inclusion of membrane under original metal roof. Like for like replacement of cast iron rainwater gutter and addition of downpipe on the northwest corner. Insertion of workshop glazing where it is missing. Re-consultation on additional plans or documents. **COMMENT:** The parish council considered the additional document and supports the application for listed building consent.

8.3 223292 Red House, Luston, HR6 0EB. Proposed works to T1 - Willow tree. Fell due to roots damaging external wall, which is in danger of falling on to adjacent public byway and T2 - group of Conifer trees. Fell for same reason as above. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

8.4 223210 11a Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZ. Reduce front (roadside) conifer hedge from its current height of approx. 12" down to a finished height of approx 6", in order to allow more light into the front garden and to help with ease of maintenance, i.e. annual trimming. If this application is approved, the work will only be carried out after the bird nesting season and the greatest of care will be taken when undertaking the work in case of any late active bird nests. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

8.5 Update on planning decisions: None.

9. Highways and environmental matters

9.1 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISIONS:** To report leaning willow tree on Upper Eyton Common, leaves on junction with Seggin Lane and Hill Road, Eyton, and on the other end of Seggin Lane by The Riddle.

9.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths – The footpath officer reported on the recent request for a kissing gate and will approach the landowner for consent. A broken post on LJ8, in agreement with the landowner, will be replaced by the lengthsman. **DECISION:** The footpath officer kindly offered to look at a report concerning signing for the Herefordshire Trail. The Clerk will enquire regarding the status of the swing bridge across the Lugg by Eyton, and request that a bridge on LJ29 is checked.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for consideration:

D C Gardening Services, P3 footpaths (October 2022) – £349.44

D C Gardening Services, drainage works (grant funded) – £1,452.00

Clerk, wages, October 2022

Cawley Hall, meetings – £185.83

DECISION: Payments were approved.

10.2 Review direct debit payment:

Gigaclear, broadband service, November 2022 – £36.00

DECISION: Payment was noted.

10.3 Electronic banking: The Clerk reported on the services available from Unity Trust Bank, which will mean that the parish council can provide the safeguard of two signatories approving each payment. **DECISION:** To proceed with an application to open a new account and close the existing bank account. Existing signatories will remain the same and Cllr. G Poulton will be added as a signatory.

11. Request to support application for a brown sign to highlight the Methodist Chapel

DECISION: The parish council agreed to support a request for a brown sign by the Methodist Chapel, Luston.

12. Review of Revised Rural Settlement Hierarchy

As requested by Herefordshire Council, the group parish council reviewed the Rural Settlement Hierarchy - Revised settlement audit for factual accuracy and agreed to comment on Appendix 4: *The bus service at Eye is extremely limited and unable to support commuter journeys. It is timetabled to run one way on Tuesday and the other way on Friday, so a return is only possible if the traveller is prepared to stay overnight!*

13. HALC training schedule

The training schedule was reviewed. **DECISION:** Book a place for Cllr. Coates on Grassroots, and ask Cllr. Oatley whether there are any courses he might wish to attend.

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

Playground and precept 2023-24.

15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5 December 2022 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____