

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2023 AT CAWLEY HALL

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor D Hurcomb and R Hewitt (Clerk). No members of the public were present.

1. Receive apologies for absence – R Bennett Jones.

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 (item #4). The Vice Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in 231581 Ashfield.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-Pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from 15 May 2023

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

4. Flooding matters

A report from the Natural Flood Management Coordinator, Herefordshire Council, was noted. There was no discussion, and no decision was considered or made.

5. Ward Councillor D Hurcomb's Brief Report (for information only)

Ward Cllr. D Hurcomb's written report was noted, including a request to be informed on outstanding highway defects and other such matters.

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

The contract for lengthsman grant funding for 2022-23 has been processed by Herefordshire Council and payment is expected shortly. The annual return 2022-23 has been submitted to the external auditor and notices of public rights posted on noticeboards and on the parish council website. Election expenses need to be completed and the process has changed for registrable interest forms, which are now to be held by the Clerk.

The following defects have been raised with the highway authority: footbridge over Ridgemoor Brook on LJ28; footbridge over channel on EX23; overgrown trees on LJ22 behind the school at Luston; sign in hedge at Luston; faulty drain on Hill Road, Eyton above Lydiatt's crossroads; and broken cover for well by C1040, Eyton. Two courses agreed at the last meeting have been booked with HALC.

7. Playground at Luston

It was noted that the head teacher has invited the working group to a meeting to share the school's situation in respect of the proposal to share the playground. Proposed dates for the meeting have been requested from the working group.

8. Matters raised by local residents

The following concerns were raised: overgrown trees on county council land on Croft Lane on approach to junction with B4361; overgrown hedges in Luston which are limiting use of the pavement; and potential planning enforcement matter on the Herefordshire Way.

9. Planning

9.1 231347 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Proposed installation of bespoke, slimline secondary glazing units to the first floor property office and south wing flat of the stable blocks at Berrington Hall. **COMMENT:** The planning application is supported.

[The Vice Chairman left the meeting.]

9.2 231581 Ashfield, Luston, HR6 0EA. Tree with Ash die back is in front garden of Ashfield as shown on plan, to be felled and infected limbs burnt on site. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

[The Vice Chairman rejoined the meeting.]

9.3 Update on planning decisions: Herefordshire Council have granted permission for 231002 Land at Field Farm, Moreton Eye.

10. Highways and environmental matters

10.1 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION(S):** An update will be requested from Herefordshire Council on the repair of the swing bridge where EY5 at Eyton continues as KL6a. Highway defects under #8 will be raised with the highway authority.

10.2 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. It was noted that a new kissing gate has been approved by a landowner. LJ25 has been cleared from Luston to the church at Moreton Eye.

DECISION(S): Support installation of kissing gate to replace two stiles where one is agreed to be redundant.

11. Finance

11.1 Payments for consideration:

DC Gardening Services, lengthsman/ footpaths – £546.00

Complete Weed Control, maintenance 2022 – £540.00

Clerk, wages, May 2023

DECISION: Payments were approved.

11.2 Review direct debit payment(s):

Gigaclear, broadband service, June 2023 – £36.00

DECISION: Payment was noted.

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

Proposed permissive path/ access to wetland area for members of the public and review of signatories for banking services.

13. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 July 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____