

# LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2023 AT CAWLEY HALL

**Present:** I Stevens (Chairman), C Pearson (Vice Chairman), R Bennett Jones, A Brandish, P Edwards, K Wood and A Capell.

**In attendance:** R Hewitt (Clerk). One (1) member of the public was present.

**1. Receive apologies for absence** – E Coates, W Talbot Ponsonby and 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 (item #4).

**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 June 2023**

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

**4. Flooding matters** – Deferred.

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

Ward Cllr. D Hurcomb's apologies and written report were noted.

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

The 2022-23 lengthsman grant (£1,760.61) has been received from Herefordshire Council. The SIDs are to remain in Orleton for a further period pending repairs under the maintenance contract. The Orleton Clerk has been provided with some training.

The following defects have been raised with the highway authority: Overgrown trees on C1040 alongside stream and overgrown hedges in Luston. A report of an overgrown hedge out of the parishes was actioned by the highway authority.

The leading lights course went ahead as planned; however the Grassroots course was cancelled by HALC. The parish council domain name will require renewal in September 2023 and an invoice has been requested. Herefordshire Council is consulting on the Minerals & Waste Local Plan Main Modifications.

### **7. Playground at Luston**

The Vice Chairman and member of the playground working group requested that a Monday meeting is proposed to the school to discuss the proposal to share the playground.

### **8. Matters raised by local residents**

Cllr. K Wood raised concern at the number of overgrown hedges along the B4361 in Luston which are limiting access to the pavement, particularly for push chairs and wheel chairs. Cllr. C Pearson asked for a proper wash down of mud remaining on the pavements and junction by the Willows, Luston.

## 9. Planning

**9.1** 231357 and 231358 Berrington Hall, Berrington, HR6 0DW. Proposed re-alignment of paths and alterations to the Wisteria Walk at Berrington Hall. **COMMENT:** The planning application and application for listed building consent are supported.

**9.2** 231701 White House, Luston, HR6 0EB. Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 190032 (Proposed development of 8 houses and garages) Amendments to design changes to plots 1,2,3,5,6 houses and garages to allow for changes to building regulations since original planning permission and other general design changes. **COMMENT:** The planning application is supported.

**9.3** 231939 25 Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZ. Leylandii hedge eight meters in length. Removal of hedge which is in parts dying. Replace with fence panels to continue on from panels already in place. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

**9.4** Update on planning decisions: Herefordshire Council have granted permission for 230927 The Parks. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 231581 Ashfield.

## 10. Highways and environmental matters

**10.1** Proposed permissive path/ access to wetland area for members of the public.

**DECISION:** The parish council supports the proposal. An approach will be made to the responsible authority to make a formal proposal and discuss options for public access to the wetland area.

**10.2** Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION(S):** An on-site meeting will be requested with the locality steward to look at matters raised under #8. Visibility concern re: sign on B4361 by the Broad.

**10.3** Lengthsman programme 2023-24. **DECISION:** The parish council decided to participate in the scheme and agreed an annual maintenance plan for grant funded work (£2,618.00) and approved additional funding of £2,675.00 for lengthsman work in 2023-24.

**10.4** Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. The June 2023 report from the footpath officer was noted. The lengthsman will be strimming selected sections of footpath shortly, as requested by the footpaths officer. A new kissing gate agreed with the landowner for the field behind Townsend Park is to be installed shortly.

## 11. Finance

**11.1** Payments for consideration:

DC Gardening Services, lengthsman/ footpaths – £204.00

HMRC, PAYE to 5 July 2023 – £77.00

Clerk, wages, June 2023

**DECISION:** Payments were approved.

**11.2** Review direct debit payment(s):

Gigaclear, broadband service, July 2023 – £36.00

**DECISION:** Payment was noted.

**11.3** Signatories for banking services. **DECISION:** Cllr. A Capell will be added as a signatory to the parish council's new bank account.

**11.4** New laptop or storage upgrade: While an upgrade is considered preferable on cost grounds, concerns were raised that parts may not be available for the laptop due to its age.  
**DECISION:** The parish council agreed to look at options at the next meeting.

**12. Police community priorities**

**DECISION:** The priorities for community policing by West Mercia Police were supported and ratified.

**13. Town and Parish Council survey 2023**

Responses to the annual survey by the Police and Crime Commissioner were agreed.

**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 4 September 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_

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