

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7 PM ON MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2026 AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL, LUSTON

Present: I Stevens (Chairman), C Pearson (Vice Chairman), A Brandish and K Wood.

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

1. Receive apologies for absence – E Coates, R Bennett Jones, P Edwards, and W Talbot Ponsonby.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1** Disclosable Pecuniary. None.
- 2.2** Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.
- 2.3** Non-Pecuniary. None.
- 2.4** Written requests for dispensation. None.

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

Ward Cllr. Hurcomb's apologies were noted.

4. Matters raised by local residents

The Vice Chairman advised that new electricity poles installed recently may have affected drainage running behind houses to the west of Luston village. The situation will be monitored.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding planning application 253585 6 Townsend Park.

5. Planning

253585 6 Townsend Park, Luston, HR6 0DZA. Leylandii to fell. B - Cherry to pollard to height of hedge. C - Cherry to fell. D - Prunus to fell. E - 3 Apple trees to fell. F - Beech to fell. G - Confier to fell. H - Rowan to pollard. J - Pine to fell. K - Cherry to fell. L - Stump to fell properly. M - Hawthorn to pollard. N- Silver Birch to fell.

COMMENT: The group parish council objects to the proposed removal and works for several of the trees which are seen as contributing significant amenity value to the streetscape and general area, as well as providing a supportive habitat for wildlife. For those reasons, the parish council would like to see the following trees retained, albeit with appropriate maintenance to trim/ pollard and remove ivy:

- B. Cherry should be pollarded appropriately, ivy removed and the crown retained to preserve amenity value;
- C. Cherry should be retained and pollarded as B to preserve amenity value;
- D. Prunus should be maintained and retained;
- E. The three fruit trees are well spaced and should be maintained and retained to preserve amenity value;
- F. Beech tree is healthy and should be maintained and retained for reasons set out above.
- H. Pollarding of rowan needs to maintain distinctive shape of tree
- K. Retain cherry if possible. No objection if confirmed dead.

There is no objection to the proposed work on trees A, G, J, L, M and N.

6. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2 February 2026 at Cawley Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Signed as a true record _____

Date _____