

LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2026 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE

Present: C Pearson (Vice Chairman), A Brandish, E Coates, P Edwards and K Wood.

In attendance: R Hewitt (Clerk). There was one (1) member of the public in attendance.

1. Receive apologies for absence – I Stevens (Chairman); R Bennett Jones, H Youngson and W Talbot Ponsonby.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary. The Vice Chairman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item #5.2 261915 Ashfield.

2.2 Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

2.3 Non-pecuniary. None.

2.4 Written requests for dispensation. None.

3. Matters raised by local residents

Cllr. P Edwards reported defects at Red Hill, Eye Lane.

The member of the public present at the meeting (and applicant) spoke in support of planning application 261805 Home Land Farm.

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

Ward Cllr. Hurcomb's apologies were noted.

5. Planning

[Cllr. E Coates joined the meeting.]

5.1 261805 Home Land Farm, Nordan, HR6 0AJ. New access and internal access drive. **COMMENT:** The planning application is supported subject to ensuring that an effective culvert is included at the junction of the new access with the B4361 and changing the speed limit on the highway from 40 to 30 mph. There is a deep ditch which runs alongside the B4361 at this location which carries a great deal of surface water run-off, and its flow should not be impeded by installing a culvert with too narrow a diameter to carry the surface water. At times the B4361 at this point can freeze over in winter, creating a black ice hazard for vehicles, so surface water needs to be kept to a minimum on the road surface.

The parish council noted the increased commercial use of the B4361 from the Broad to the Quarry Farm Shop, including the business at Home Land Farm, Chalford Timber, and the extensive workshops opposite, and felt that speed limits on the B4361 should be revised in recognition of the increased traffic generated. The recommendation is to extend the existing 30mph zone from Leominster to replace the existing 40 mph zone, and to introduce a new 40 mph zone to include the Quarry Farm Shop and nearby blind residential access lanes which have poor visibility.

[The Vice Chairman left the meeting. Cllr. P Edwards chaired the meeting.]

5.2 261915 Ashfield, Luston, HR6 0EA. Fell blackthorn tree (T1 on sketch plan) in north-west corner of property to allow some light to benefit the surrounding trees. This area is heavily crowded with many trees, willow, holly, hazel and hawthorn and this tree is particularly overshadowing a young walnut tree causing it to grow at an acute angle presently. **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

[The Vice Chairman re-joined the meeting and resumed the chairing of the meeting.]

5.3 261951 Walnut Tree Cottage, Bury Croft Lane, Luston, HR6 0FH. T1 pear, T2 apple - storm damaged and to be removed. T3 ,T4 - elders -overgrown. Previous consent to fell out of time. Require new consent to fell. T5 crab apple - unsightly and of no merit. Previous consent to fell out of time. Require new consent to fell. . **COMMENT:** The proposed tree work is supported.

6. Date of Next Council Meeting.

DECISION: The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7 September 2026 at the Methodist Chapel, Luston.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Signed as a true record_____

Date_____