Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 17th August 2011

Present: Councillors D Jones (Chairman), A Fryers, Mrs S Sheldon, and J Wilks.

In attendance: I Jardin (Clerk), Herefordshire Cllr P Price.

1. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gilbert due to farm business and Cllr Wesley due to a holiday.

2. Declarations of interest
None.

3. Minutes
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2011 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.
It was agreed that proposers and seconders of resolutions need not be named in future minutes unless there was a named vote.

4. Public participation session
Cllr Price reported: that the Government had approved an 'enterprise zone' at Rotherwas which he expected to help the county grow and to require more housing and a Hereford ring road, with a preferred route for the latter shortly going out to public consultation; that septic tanks would have to be registered from 1st January; that he had attended a meeting at the Old Parish Room with planning enforcement staff who would be discussing changes needed with the owner; and that at his request Amey had repaired the potholes in the lower Dingle road using a new rapid repair machine. He also commented on the closure of an old people's home at Ross and the Dilwyn primary school application for academy status.
The Clerk said he had established that there were no terms or conditions to the government grant for a pilot neighbourhood planning project in the Golden Valley. Cllr Price said that he was meeting the Council's head of planning in September to consider how the project would work and parish councils would be notified after that.

5. Planning Application
DMS/111570/FH 1 Victoria Terrace, Cusop, HR3 5RB. Conservatory to rear.
Resolved: that the Parish Council is in favour of this application.

6. Cusop / Clifford Youth Parish 'Council'
Members considered a written note by Cllr Fryers proposing a bi-monthly youth council to raise awareness among 14-17-year-olds about how communities were managed; it was intended to be a meeting place rather than a full "council". In answer to questions Cllr Fryers said Clifford Parish Council had already expressed support and that no parish council money or action was being sought.
It was agreed that the Council should express its support for this initiative.

7. HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
It was noted that the Jubilee weekend would coincide with the Hay Festival and the Cusop Village Hall fundraising car park. It was agreed that residents' views about a parish Jubilee lunch should be sought in the next newsletter, followed by a letter in the New Year, and that Cllr Wilks should consult the Village Hall entertainments committee.

8. Data Protection
It was agreed that the Council should register with the Information Commissioner as a data controller.

9. Training
Neighbourhood planning training and further joint sessions with Dorstone were noted as possibilities. It was agreed that the matter should be on the agenda of the next meeting and that in the meantime the Clerk should find out more these possibilities.

10. Councillors' Reports
Cllr Mrs Sheldon reported that Hay and District Community Support would be holding a 25th anniversary party on 7th September and all members would be welcome.
Cllr Fryers reported that the community picnic at the Playing Field had been postponed to late September. Also, he had received complaints about Playing Field users parking on the rear access road to Coronation Terrace and as a result the Volunteer Supporters Group would be procuring two signs funded from the lottery sustainability grant.
The Chairman and Cllr Wilks reported that they had attended the July HALC Southern Area Meeting but had nothing significant to report.

11. Clerk's Report
The Clerk's written report was noted. Cllr Fryers said that the Volunteer Supporters Group could fund extra weeding from the lottery grant if the Clerk could arrange a contractor. Members expressed gratitude to Mrs Weaver for the work she had done so far.

12. Finance
The August 2011 draft updated Assets Schedule was approved. The disposal of two surplus damaged traffic mirrors was approved. It was noted that three new Playing Field signs should be added to the schedule.

Resolved: to make the following payments:
£329.75 to Ian Jardin for Clerk's salary and expenses for July 2011,
£200.40 to Herefordshire Council for hire of speed indicator devices during June 2011,
£53.06 to Herefordshire Council for ROSPA playing field safety inspection for 2011,
£156.00 to Tony Pearce for mowing the playing field Jun-Aug 2011,
£35.00 to the Information Commissioner for registration as a data controller.

16. Date of next meeting
Wednesday 21st September 2011 at Cusop Village Hall. it was noted that a complaint about alleged unauthorised building work would be on the agenda. It was agreed that the names of complainers in planning enforcement matters should not be recorded if they did not wish them to be.