

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council  
held remotely via Zoom 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Present:** Councillors J Wesley (Chairman), M Hainge, D Evans, P Gilbert, I Jardin, and A Matthews.

**In attendance:** Ward Cllr Hewitt, Jane Stannard, Clerk, and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.** None.

**2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations.** None.

**3. Minutes. Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman at a later date.

**4. Public participation session.** Two members of the public commented on planning application **P203427/F** (see item 5). Both had submitted comments on this planning application to Herefordshire Council, citing problems with noise, traffic, waste lorries and smell. They expressed concerns about the impact the bakery would have on a residential area, with traffic posing a danger to small children and causing disturbance to neighbouring Bed and Breakfast businesses. Concern was also expressed at inaccuracies in the application.

**5. Planning Applications.**

**P203427/F.** Trigfan, Cusop, HR3 5RF. Proposed change of use of garage to E commercial business and service uses (food preparation) to be used as food preparation area for the production of patisserie, tarts and cakes. Larch cladding applied to cover pebble dash on house and install decking attached to rear extension up to 75cm above ground.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council notes that the applicants operate a business from their home which in principle is welcome under Cusop NDP paragraphs 25-27, but does not comply with Policy 1 of the NDP or Policy E3 of the Core Strategy and objects to this application because of:

- i. inaccuracies in the application questions 8,9,17 and 20, in respect of changes to access, numbers of parking spaces for light goods vehicles, enlargement and alteration of the garage and associated loss of residential use which make it an unsound basis for determining the application;
- ii. concern about the number of vehicle movements created by the scale of this light industrial operation, including large commercial waste vehicles, on a narrow residential road, which is likely to increase as the business grows, the danger caused by the inability to enter and leave the site in a forward gear, and the associated loss of amenity;
- iii. proposed wooden cladding of the main house which would have a negative impact on what remains of the original character of the house and of the Thirty Acres estate.

Proposed: Cllr Wesley. Seconded: Cllr Hainge. Carried unanimously.

**6. Hay and District Dial-a-Ride.** It was agreed to issue a new cheque to replace the one that was issued earlier in the year but went astray.

**7. The Knife Angel.** A decision on whether to make a contribution to the exhibition of the Knife Angel statue was deferred in order to find out more about the project.

**8. Budget 2020-21.** **RESOLVED:** To accept the budget and keep the precept at its current level for the next year. Proposed: Cllr Wesley. Seconded: Cllr Jardin. Carried unanimously.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

- 9. Playground Maintenance.** It was agreed to find out whether the Parish Contractor could take this on in addition to his highway and footpath responsibilities.
- 10. Bank signatories.** RESOLVED: to reinstate Cllrs Wesley, Hainge, Gilbert and Evans as signatories on the bank accounts, with Cllrs Jardin and Matthews continuing as signatories. Proposed: Cllr Matthews. Seconded: Cllr Gilbert. Carried unanimously.
- 11. Standing Orders.** RESOLVED: Not to change the standing orders to allow paper ballots, but to retain them as they are. Proposed: Cllr Wesley. Seconded: Cllr Jardin. Carried unanimously.
- 12. Hardwicke Road notice board.** Cllr Gilbert agreed to make necessary repairs.
- 13. Councillors' reports.** Ward Cllr Hewitt reported that she had been pursuing the S106 monies with John Harrington at Herefordshire Council. Cllr Evans expressed extreme disappointment that the matter was still unresolved after two years.

Cllr. Wesley asked for ideas for newsletter content to be passed to the clerk, so that a newsletter could be published close to Christmas. He also pointed out that the Hardwicke Road bus shelter needed some attention, and asked the clerk to contact Herefordshire Council about this. He noted the report from the footpaths officer and asked the clerk to find out where problems were occurring with gates being locked. It was felt that to improve the crossing of the Dulas Brook below the village hall would be impractical.

Cllrs Evans, Jardin and Gilbert all expressed concern at the lack of correspondence regarding the Cherry Trees planning application on the planning department portal.

**14. Clerk's report.** The report was noted.

**15. Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was set for December 16<sup>th</sup> 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.04 p.m.

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