

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Minutes of a meeting of Cusop Parish Council  
Held in Cusop Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Present:** Councillors J Wesley (Chairman), D Evans (part), A Fryers, M Hainge, Mrs P Wordley.

**In attendance:** N Howard (Clerk), Ward Councillor Price and 2 members of the public (part).

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor P Gilbert (work commitments).
- 2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations:** None were declared.
- 3. Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 were a correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Public participation session:** A member of the public expressed concern over the recent application for the Grant of Premises Licence submitted to Herefordshire Council (HC) in connection with the proposed 2019 'How The Light Gets in Festival'. Having made their own representation to HC they requested that Cusop Parish Council also made representations (see item 7 below).
- 5. Community Working Group:** Councillor Wesley introduced this item by reference to the Parish Meeting that was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, where it was suggested that a 'working group' was established to look at Parish issues such as road condition(s), street lighting, parking, speeding, pavements, overhanging trees and other ancillary items, and put forward possible solutions to the Parish Council. The group would include a Parish Councillor, The Parish Clerk (for note taking) and members of the Parish. Councillor Evans agreed to sit on behalf of the Council (and would report back to Council meetings). Stefano Street, Josie Pearson and John Wilks would represent the Parish/community. The motion was proposed by Councillor Wesley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wordley and carried unanimously.
- 6. Hay Dial-a-Ride.** A donation of £100 was discussed. This amount was then formally proposed by Councillor Fryers, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wordley and carried unanimously. A cheque was signed and would be sent by the Clerk, who would request a receipt for accounting purposes.
- 7. How The Light Gets in Festival:** Following a lively and interesting discussion on this item where in principle the Council does not object to the Festival, it was resolved that the Council would make a formal representation/comment under the 'licensing objective' heading of 'To Prevent Public Nuisance'. This was proposed by Councillor Wesley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wordley. The motion was carried with votes cast being 4 in favour and 1 against. The wording of the representation is as follows: "At the agreed closure time of the festival each night the departure of visitors from the festival site should be professionally managed by appropriately qualified and trained security personnel to minimise any potential impact/nuisance on local residents within a 250 metre radius of the festival site".
- 8. Councillors' Reports.**
  - Councillor Wesley reported that he had been contacted by Celia Cundale in connection with a 'Welcome Pack' for new residents who move into the Parish. It was suggested that new residents are given a copy of the latest Council Newsletter and pointed in the direction of the Cusop website.
  - Councillor Wesley gave a precis of an email received from a local resident in connection with the traffic calming measures on Newport Street, and was pleased to state that the 30mph signs outside the Co-op had been raised to a more relevant height and plans were in place for road markings to go down, although the timescale for this is unknown.
  - Councillor Evans enquired about the responsibility of ditch digging/clearance. It was agreed that the Clerk would Balfour Beatty to arrange a mutually convenient time and date for a meeting to discuss this. It was also suggested a general locality 'drive around' could take place at this time (see below).
  - Councillor Fryers reported that Church Road had been 'marked up' for attention/repairs, but Church Lane had not. The Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty on this and investigate the possibility of a 'drive around' (see above).

- The owners at Trewern have contacted Councillor Fryers again regarding the overhanging trees on the approach to their premises. Councillor Fryers has contacted the landowner and is awaiting a response.
- Councillor Fryers is working on the pricing of new 'play equipment'.
- Councillor Fryers reported on the state of disrepair of a stile on the way up to Cusop Hill. This stile is in desperate need of attention. The Clerk will discuss this with the Lengthsman at a meeting next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

**9. Clerk's Report:** The Clerk presented his report.

**10. Finance.** Councillors signed cheques for payment.

**11. Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and will take place at Cusop Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

The meeting closed at 20:35 hours.

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