

Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 18th October 2017

Present: Councillors J Wesley (Chairman), D Evans, P Gilbert, M Hainge, and Mrs P Wordley.

In attendance: I Jardin (Clerk), Mr B Henderson (items 1-4), and Herefordshire Cllr P Price.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fryers due to business.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

4. Public participation session

Mr Henderson asked about progress with the planning application relating to affordable housing at Newport Street. Cllr Price and the Clerk confirmed that they had not been advised of any further developments. Mr Henderson also said that a large vehicle from the development site had been using Nantyglassdwr Lane and asked the Council to write to developers asking them not to use the Lane. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the developer drawing attention to a resident's concern. Mr Henderson suggested, citing a recent planned electricity disruption, a proposed riverside festival and the neighbourhood plan referendum, that improvements in communication with the public should be considered.

5. Planning Application

P173630/F Plot 3 Meadowland, Thirty Acres, Cusop, HR3 5RF. Proposed detached two-bedroom dwelling (plot already has approval within a development of three plots).

Resolved: that the Council has no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Mrs Wordley, seconded Cllr Wesley. Carried unanimously.

6. Footpath Gate

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the occupant of 'Dingle Field' and he had no objection to the installation of a gate in place of the kissing gate on the footpath into this field.

Resolved: that the remaining self-closing gate be installed in the footpath entrance to 'Dingle Field', subject to the occupant being notified that ownership of the gate would pass to him on installation. Proposed: Cllr Wesley, seconded Cllr Hainge. 4 for, none against, 1 abstention. Carried.

7. Councillors' Reports

The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint that a vehicle had been parked on the grass behind the Hardwicke Road bus shelter, but it had since been removed.

Cllr Evans drew attention to continuing comments from residents about a possible festival by the Wye. Members noted that, although various consents might be needed, as yet the details of the event seemed unresolved.

Cllr Mrs Wordley drew attention to imminent roadworks on Hardwicke Road. Cllr Mrs Wordley also offered to represent the Council at the British Legion Remembrance Sunday event and to contact the organisers. Herefordshire Cllr Price reported on the position of tenants following the sale of Herefordshire Council's smallholdings, on the major roadworks funded by the Government's 'challenge fund', on a fatal accident on the Bredwardine road, on freedom of information requests and a possible judicial review of the recent approval of an egg-laying unit at Archenfield, and on the introduction of on-street car parking charges in Hereford.

8. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was noted. The Clerk further reported that he had asked Herefordshire planning department for an update about Section 106 contributions from the Newport Street housing development now that work had begun; also that the Council had been invited to send observers to the referendum count; and that he and the Lengthsman had now met and driven the parish roads with the new Balfour Beatty Locality Steward.

9. Finance

The financial summary and bank reconciliation for the six months to 30th September 2017 were noted. The Chairman confirmed that the bank statements tallied with them.

Resolved: to make the following payments:

- £378.35 to Ian Jardin for Clerk's salary, expenses & reimbursements for Sept 2017,
- £1051.51 to I Illingsworth for lengthsman, playing field, footpaths and S137 footpaths improvement work Apr-Sep 2017,
- £60.00 to Upper Bridge Enterprises for domain name and mailbox fees for 2017-18,
- £225.80 to HMRC for quarterly PAYE income tax (retrospective).

10. Date of next meeting would be Wednesday 15th November 2017.