

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council  
held in Cusop Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

**Present:** Councillors I Jardin (Chairman), P Gilbert , J Wesley and J Whittall.

**In attendance:** J Stannard (Clerk), PCSO Pete Knight, Simon Morris (Hay Town Mayor), Andy Fryers (Playground Volunteer).

1. **Apologies** for absence. Cllrs D Evans and M Hainge, Ward Cllr Hewitt.
2. **Disclosures** of Interests and Dispensations. None
3. **Minutes.** Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.
4. **Public participation session.** PCSO Pete Knight reported that several speed-checks had recently been carried out in Cusop, and that no vehicles had been found to be exceeding the speed limit. He also told the meeting that a new user-friendly messaging service for West Mercia Police would soon be in place.

Andy Fryers drew the council's attention to the Cusop Neighbourhood group. Trees and advice were being provided by the Woodland Trust.

Hay Town Mayor Simon Morris suggested that Hay and its surrounding villages could benefit from their councillors meeting on a regular basis (perhaps quarterly) to discuss common concerns. He informed the meeting that Hay was not to be part of Powys's 20mph pilot scheme.

5. **Local policing community charter.** The council agreed that the proposed level of contact with the Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team was satisfactory, and that the main focus for the police should be traffic, speeding and parking in the parish.
6. **Cusop Speed Awareness Group.** Cllr Whittall was thanked for carrying out extensive research into the problem of speeding in Cusop, and for producing a very informative report. It was agreed that no decision could be made regarding the spending of the S106 traffic allocation or for any further request to Herefordshire Council, until it was clear exactly what traffic solutions were feasible for Newport Street and Hardwicke Road. To this end, Cllr Jardin offered to liaise with Cllr Hewitt about the urgent need for the Group to have a meeting with Herefordshire Council highways officers.
7. **S106 Monies.**
  - a) Transport. It was agreed not to pursue any redistribution of monies between funds.
  - b) The Playing Field. Play equipment prices obtained pre-Covid had now been updated. Andy Fryers and the Clerk were asked to arrange site meetings with the equipment suppliers, and to obtain prices for replacement fencing and benches. It was unanimously agreed that the acquisition of the piece of rough ground at the corner of the playing fields would not be pursued, as any benefit was likely to be outweighed by potential legal costs for the land transfer and the uncertainty regarding the safety of the disused septic tank located beneath the parcel of land.

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c) It was agreed that the parish should be consulted about the type of fitness equipment to be installed at the Village Hall. To this end, a newsletter would be circulated, asking parishioners for their views on the matter.

- 8. Planning matters. P202899/O Dan y Garth.** The Council agreed that it had reservations about the outline planning permission recently granted for this application, namely that road safety problems and potential improvements had not been adequately addressed, that the potential for the site to accommodate more dwellings including affordable units had not been fully explored, and that the future of the land to the south and west left over after development had not been considered. It was also felt that if a solution were found to the traffic issues, then more houses could be accommodated on the site. It was agreed that Herefordshire Council should be asked to ensure that these issues were addressed when it processed any reserved matters application for the site.

**9. Finance**

- (a) The Council reviewed its internal controls and agreed that they remained fit for purpose.
- (b) The Council reviewed its Risk Assessment Schedule and agreed that it remained fit for purpose.
- (c) The Council considered the 2020/21 Internal Audit Report..
- (d) Resolved: that the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.
- (e) The Council considered the accounting statements and associated documents for 2020/21.  
Resolved: that the Accounting Statements 2020/21 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.
- (f) The Council confirmed exemption from review of the 2020/21 accounts by the external auditor.  
Resolved: that the Certificate of Exemption be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

**10. Councillors' reports.**

Cllr Wesley told the meeting that the barbeque planned for July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall had been postponed.

Cllr Whittall suggested that the newsletter should include a current list of councillors.

- 11. Clerk's report.** The Clerk's written report was noted.

- 12. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting was set for 7pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.28 pm.

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