

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held in Cusop Village Hall on 27th April 2022 following the Annual Parish Meeting**

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

In attendance: J Stannard (Clerk) and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies** for absence. Cllr Evans.
2. **Disclosures** of Interests and Dispensations. None.
3. **Minutes.** Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, 2022 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman, subject to amending item 11 to show that Cllr Gilbert's enquiry related to a stile in Clifford.
4. **Public participation session.** There was no further input from members of the public, as concerns about speeding and festivals had been thoroughly aired during the Annual Parish Meeting, immediately preceding the council meeting.
5. **Planning applications.**

Planning Consultation - P220734/FH Kohima, Cusop Hereford Herefordshire HR3 5QX. Proposed extension to form new garage with home office above, infill to form gym along with general enhancements. Resolved: that the Parish Council does not object to this application. Proposed: Cllr Wesley. Seconded: Cllr Whittall. Carried unanimously.

6. **Wild World and How The Light Gets In festivals:** Cllrs Jardin and Whittall had met Mandy Houghton, the How The Light Gets In manager, to discuss the festival. Ms Houghton had noted their concerns and in an email had listed the steps that would be taken to limit antisocial behaviour etc. The email was read out to the meeting, and Cllr Whittall confirmed that she had shared the contents of the email with concerned residents.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should facilitate an open meeting about festivals once this year's festivals had taken place, and that it would be helpful to include representatives from Herefordshire Council, Powys County Council and Hay Town Council. It was hoped that Ward Cllr Hewitt would lead this meeting if she had returned from compassionate leave by then.

7. **Cusop Speed Awareness Group.** Cllr Whittall reported that she had at last received prices from Herefordshire Council for the proposed traffic-calming measures, and would be able to calculate total costs for the project. Cllr Wesley pointed out that any reallocation of S106 monies would need to be agreed by the council. Cllr Whittall was asked to make a grant application under the Village Safety Initiative.
8. **Recruitment of new clerk.** No members of the public were present for this item. No applications for the position had been received as yet. The current Clerk had agreed to continue to the end of May. Cllr Whittall suggested publicizing the vacancy on the Hay-on-Wye Community Noticeboard Facebook page, and on any other local community pages. The Clerk was asked to see to this.
9. **Accounts.** To note financial summary and bank reconciliation for year to March 31st. An error was noticed on the reconciliation document, and so this item was postponed to the next meeting.

10. Councillors' reports. Cllr Gilbert agreed to talk to someone about repairs to the Rosedale noticeboard.

Cllr Jardin reminded the council that the Lower Mead noticeboard is leaking.

Cllr Hainge reported that the grit bin opposite Lansdowne House has collapsed. The Clerk was asked to report this to Balfour Beatty.

Cllr Jardin suggested that he and Cllr Hainge should meet the Clerk to discuss matters relating to the handover of her role.

Cllr Whittall enquired about the lack of response from Building Control about the loose slates on the roof of the barn opposite the Co Op. She had also made enquiries about ownership of the houses in Coronation Terrace, which were a mixture of private ownership and social housing.

11. Clerk's report. The Clerk's reported that she had visited Coronation Terrace and confirmed that some of the properties were in housing association ownership. She had also chased the company who were making new gateposts for the playing field.

12. Date of next meeting. The next meeting was set for Wednesday 18th May, 2022 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.10 pm.

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