

subject to approval
**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held in Cusop Village Hall on 19th February 2020**

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr Hewitt and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Gilbert.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.

4. Public participation session. A member of the public spoke about the impact of the Dulas Terrace flooding and said that advice and help would be available from the National Flood Forum if a flood action group were set up by the council.

Another member of the public expressed concerns regarding planning application P19449/F – New House. They pointed out that CPRE had objected to the original application and that the change of use from agricultural to residential had been omitted from the amendment to the application. Provision of car parking had not been specified and the orientation of the proposed hut had changed. Four mature native trees would be lost along with a considerable length of mature hedge and the supply of spring water to neighbouring properties would be threatened should the application be successful.

5. Planning Applications

P19449/F – New House, Cusop, HR3 5TG. (Siting of shepherd hut to provide tourist accommodation including construction of new vehicular access and associated landscaping works).

Resolved: that the Parish Council objects to this application as amended because:

- a. when balanced against the gain of one shepherd's hut (which in effect is a caravan and by its nature temporary) the total or partial removal of 25 metres of mature hedge and several trees is a disproportionate loss,
- b. the remote hilltop location, reached up a steep and narrow hill road with hairpin bends, is an inappropriate location for new holiday accommodation intended for car users. The accommodation does not need to be in this location,
- c. the extent and nature of the change of use sought is unclear. Section 17 of the Application Form indicates Use C1 Hotels for the shepherd's hut, but the Location Plan red-lines the entire site including New House itself. The current permitted use of the field is agricultural and of New House is residential and both should remain so,
- d. apart from the resolution of the ownership of the hedge to be removed, all six points made in the Parish Council's objection dated 27 June 2019 stand.

Proposed Cllr Jardin, seconded Cllr Wesley. Carried unanimously.

P200080/FH – Kohima, Cusop, HR3 5QX. (Construction of a garage with a music room over, forming a courtyard to the front elevation with revised car parking).

Resolved: That the council cannot comment until such time as adequate plans are provided as previously requested, and so an extension is to be requested. Proposed Cllr Wesley, seconded Cllr Jardin. Carried unanimously.

6. Parking and Roads. Paul Norris from Balfour Beatty had proposed a drive round the Parish. As a meeting had been arranged between Ward Cllr Hewitt and Jesse Norman MP it was suggested that Mr Norris should be invited to join them. Ward Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Evans were meeting Yvonne Coleman to look at the traffic situation in Newport Street.

7. Footpaths. The work of the footpaths officer had been restricted by the excessive recent rain and mud.

8. Hay Dial-a-Ride. Donation request.

Resolved: That a £100 donation be made, in accordance with the Council budget. Proposed Cllr Wesley, seconded Cllr Matthews.

9. Hereford Council's Natural Flood Management Scheme. Ward Cllr Hewitt suggested that parishioners could attend the presentation to take place in Peterchurch. Cllr Jardin recommended that councillors consult the scheme's website and suggested that as Cusop fell within the river catchment of the Welsh side of the border rather than of Peterchurch, the Clerk should find out if the Park Authority was planning anything similar. The clerk was also instructed to contact Hay Town Council to find out their plans for flood management.

10. Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy Review. Cllr Jardin offered to fill in the questionnaire relating to this.

11. HALC training day. The training had been found generally useful, but disappointment was expressed at its failure to focus on finance as expected and required. HALC would be asked to provide another training session, specifically on finance.

12. Councillors' reports. Cllr Evans reported on the flooding of the Dulas Terrace houses. Plenty of sandbags had been available and the back doors of the properties were well-protected, but the floodwater had unexpectedly flowed around the fronts of the houses. Skips had been provided by Hereford Council for the removal of flood-damaged goods. Help from The Brigade of Gurkhas was prompt and efficient, and had been much appreciated. Cllr Evans offered to photocopy and deliver to each affected house information about the £500 grant available from Hereford Council.

13. Clerk's report. The Clerk's written report was noted.

14. Finance. The following payments were approved:

£470.93 to Jane Stannard for Clerk's wages for December and January.

£405.24 to HALC for annual subscription.

£100.00 to Hay Dial-a-Ride.

15. Date of next meeting. The next meeting would be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 18th March.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.