

Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 18th April 2018

Present: Councillors M Hainge (Vice Chairman), P Gilbert, and Mrs P Wordley.

In attendance: I Jardin (Clerk), Mr S Street (items 1-7).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Evans due to a holiday, Cllr Fryers due to business and Cllr Wesley due to illness.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman, subject to the deletion from item 4 of “Powys about its planning permission” and substitution of “for the provision of parking for the houses beyond the Brook”.

4. Public participation session

Mr Street said that there was a broader and growing problem of on-road parking; he had met the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward and had volunteered to remove the ‘no parking’ signs from his own front wall – which he had done – and suggested that there should be a wider community meeting to discuss the problem.

5. Parking Restrictions

Members noted Herefordshire Council’s guidelines for yellow lines, the Highway Code parking rules especially as they applied to the area of the Church Road / dingle junction, and Herefordshire planners’s advice that it was not clear-cut whether they should have been consulted about the recent Cwm Ty Dwr application. They also noted views expressed during the preceding Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed as a first step to alert people in a polite but firm way to the problem of parking and their responsibilities in respect of it, via a newsletter after the Festival and on the website.

6. Dorstone Parish Council B4348 Initiative

It was agreed to express support for this initiative.

7. Planning Application

P171854/RM - Land East of Newport Street, Cusop (proposed removal of condition 6 of planning permission 160679 (reserved matters application for 26 dwellings) to allow for a financial contribution to be paid in lieu of the onsite affordable housing provision).

The Clerk reported that this application had still not been determined, although there was a further application to modify the S106 agreement to permit low-cost market as well as rented affordable houses, and that Herefordshire Council had completed its review of its FOI decision. Members noted that Herefordshire Cllr Price had reported to the Annual Parish Meeting that the Council had agreed that Hay could be included in the adjoining communities eligible for the affordable housing. It was agreed that, because Herefordshire Council had subsequently confirmed that it was minded to refuse the application and had agreed to release at least a redacted version of the District Valuer’s Report, the FOI appeal need not be pursued any further.

8. General Data Protection Regulations

The draft schedule of data held by the Clerk was noted as the basis for further steps to be agreed at the next meeting. It was agreed that in the meantime Members should review their own holdings of Council data and security arrangements.

9. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Mrs Wordley reported that a resident had complained about lights and noise from people leaving evening meetings at the Village Hall. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Hall Trustees.

10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk’s written report was noted.

11. Finance

The financial summary and bank reconciliation for the full year to 31st March 2018 were noted. The chairman confirmed that the bank statements tallied with them.

Resolved: to make the following payments:

- £226.00 to HMRC for quarterly PAYE income tax (retrospective),
- £337.53 to Ian Jardin for Clerk's salary, expenses & reimbursements for March 2018,
- £63.60 to Upper Bridge Enterprises for domain name and mail boxes fee for 2017/18
- £481.82 to Idris Illingsworth for lengthsman and footpath gates work Oct17-Mar18,
- £420.00 to Wye Forestry Services for lengthsman (tree removal) work.

12. Date of next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May.