

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held in Cusop Village Hall on 15th June 2022**

Present: M Hainge(MH) (Chairman), D Evans(DE), P Gilbert(PG), I Jardin(IJ), J Wesley(Jwe) and J Whittall (JWi).

In attendance: A Green (Clerk) (AG). Seven members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

None

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations:

P Gilbert – Cherry Trees Planning Application

3. Minutes.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2022 be approved as a correct record, with 2 minor amendments, and be signed by the chairman.

Action: AG/MH

4. Public Participation Session:

Several members of the public informed the meeting of their concerns in relation to the recently held 'How The Light Gets In' festival. There was robust discussion about several issues particularly; the levels of noise (that exceeded the agreed decibel levels), the type of music being played, nuisance experienced by residents from the festival campsite, intense lighting, potential wildlife disturbance, lack of suitable traffic management/signage, loss of earnings and difficulty contacting organisers to deal with complaints as they were being experienced.

Residents who had contacted Hereford Licensing to complain had been sent a questionnaire to fill out and return detailing their concerns, this would inform a report issued by Hereford. After discussion it was agreed that it was not appropriate for Cusop Parish Council to complete one as the body had not had direct experience of the issues raised however, MH stated that there needed to be stronger cross border consultation going forward which was agreed by all councillors.

Whilst no one present wished the festival to be banned, there were suggestions about how the organisers could be improve the event for residents, many believing it should be run on similar lines to the main festival in Hay that had a closing time of 11pm.

All residents in attendance believed that the terms of the festivals license had been breached and requested support from the Council to raise their concerns, IJ suggested this should be discussed under agenda point 8 and brought forward to this section of the meeting, this was unanimously agreed.

8. Festivals:

There was discussion about how the Council could support the residents, arranging a cross border consultation was thought to be premature at this juncture and that the first step should be to contact Hereford council to establish what procedure was being followed, timescale and wait for a copy of the report.

It was agreed that the clerk should contact all relevant bodies, including Powys and Hereford ward councillors, informing them of the issues brought to their attention at the meeting and requesting information about the investigation and a copy of the report when available. For discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting on 22 July 2022. Agreed unanimously.

Action: AG

5. Planning Applications:

1. **Planning Applications.** To comment on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.

Planning Consultation - 221565 - Land adjacent to Cherry Trees,

Newport Street, Cusop, Herefordshire,

DESCRIPTION: Outline application for the erection of ten houses with details of access.

MH commented that this was in effect the same application that had been objected to 2 years ago. It was agreed that the Council would object on the same grounds as before and include additional reference to the application breaching the settlement boundary and Hereford meeting housing requirements. IJ read the proposed response to the councillors who agreed unanimously.

IJ to send response to the clerk to submit6

Action: IJ/AG

Planning Consultation - 221655 - Trewern Cottage,

Cusop Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5RQ

DESCRIPTION: Proposal for a two storey rear extension

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

IJ informed the Councillors that the proposed extension was contrary to the NDP policy points 5 and 18 and Hereford Council policy LD4 - historic buildings. Therefore an objection should be submitted, agreed unanimously. IJ to send response to the clerk to submit.

Action: IJ/AG

6. Cusop Speed Awareness Group

JWi stated no response had been received to the traffic management communication sent to Bruce Evans, although it had been chased.

JWi informed the councillors that she and Nick Blayney were attending a lecture in July relating to lowering speed limits to 20MPH, in addition she had joined BRAKE (a road safety charity) that were holding a speed awareness week in November 2022.

7. Finance

- (a) To review Internal Controls - approved
- (b) To review the Risk Assessment Schedule – 2 minor amendments, approved
- (c) To consider the Annual Audit Report. - approved
- (d) To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022.- approved and signed
- (e) To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022.- approved and signed
- (f) To pass a resolution confirming that the Parish Council is exempt, complete and sign the Certificate of Exemption – passed and signed

9. Playing Field.

Decision to arrange for an independent professional to assess the ash tree. JW offered to forward the clerk details of a suitable tree surgeon, agreed unanimously.

Action: JW/AG

10. Dog Fouling Sign

After some discussion on the merits of these, it was proposed to remove the two remaining signs, agreed with one abstention.

11. Noticeboard

To approach Nick Green to discuss repair.

Action: PG

12. Councillors' reports.

Cllr JW requested a monthly finance report detailing all expenditure, IJ pointed out that there was a quarterly finance report and no longer a requirement to approve cheques at the meeting so suggested payments are left in sight at each meeting for review, agreed unanimously.

Cllr JW informed the council she was attending the Hot Seat meeting.

13. Clerk's report.

There was no written report.

The Clerk informed the councillors posters detailing the latest Place Shaping consultation dates had been placed on the parish noticeboards. MH requested this be added to the agenda for July.

Action: AG

The clerk informed the councillors of a communication confirming the strip of land by coronation Terrance was not Hereford Council's responsibility, JW offered to ask the tenants who was the landlord.

Action: JW

14. Employment matters.

Previous Clerks recommendation, agreed unanimously.

20. Date of next meeting. The next meeting would be on Wednesday 20 July, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

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