

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

Present: Councillors J Wesley (Chairman), D Evans, A Fryers, M Hainge, and Mrs P Wordley.

In attendance: I Jardin (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gilbert due to a holiday.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. Cllr Mrs Wordley disclosed a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in item 5 as a neighbouring landowner.

3. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.

4. Public participation session

A member of the public described noise and intrusive behaviour late at night suffered by residents of Newport Street caused by people leaving the How the Light Gets In Festival and also raised the problem of speeding on Newport Street.

5. Planning Application

P182146/F - Land adjacent New House, Cusop Hill, HR3 5TG. Proposed change of use of land to allow the placement of two self-contained shepherd huts on cast iron wheels.

Resolved: that the Council objects to this application because of:

- (a) lack of information about the adequacy of the water supply and the impact on other users, and
- (b) concern about highway sightlines for access to parking at P2.

If Herefordshire Council is minded to give permission it should be subject to conditions:

- (a) strictly limiting use to holiday accommodation,
- (b) requiring removal of the caravans if they cease to be used as holiday accommodation for more than six months,
- (c) explicitly limiting the area of changed use to the footprint of the caravans, and
- (d) requiring minimal external lighting in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan Policy 15.

Proposed Cllr Wesley, seconded Cllr Fryers. For 4, against 0. Cllr Mrs Wordley did not vote. Carried.

6. How the Light Gets In Festival May 2018

Herefordshire Cllr Price's apologies for absence from the meeting and confirmation that he still awaited a fuller report from his officers were noted.

In discussion Members noted the complaints they had received from residents about noise and antisocial behaviour on Newport Street. Members also noted that they had been given misleading information by the Festival organisation about its application for temporary event notices and that such notices were not in any event appropriate.

Resolved: that Herefordshire Council be asked to ensure that any such event next year should be subject to a full premises licence, not just temporary event notices, and to consult the Parish Council before the licence application is determined.

Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Mrs Wordley. For 4, against 0, abstention 1. Carried.

7. Hardwicke Road traffic speeds

Members noted the Safer Roads Partnership's conclusions following a recent survey that speeds were quite high for a 30mph limit, but that vehicle numbers were below the levels for Partnership enforcement and that the Parish Council should discuss possible traffic calming measures with Balfour Beatty. Members also noted that a survey of Newport Street would almost certainly reach similar conclusions. The Council had already asked for costing information about changes on Newport Street in the context of planning obligations expenditure and it was therefore agreed the Council should wait for this and then consider changes on Newport Street and Hardwicke Road together.

8. Councillors' Reports

The Chairman reported that improvements in parking in the dingle had been observed by residents. He also raised Council attendance in August at the British Legion First World War commemoration and at the installation of the new Rector. Cllr Mrs Wordley offered to attend both events subject to confirmation of her availability. He reported that he had seen a notice of temporary closure of Forest Road near Craswall and it was agreed that a website news item should be issued to alert residents.

Cllr Fryers reported on a successful tea for the community at Trewern, drew attention to the poor condition of Church Road, and confirmed that he now had costings for Playing Field improvements.

Cllr Hainge reported complaints about the grit bin outside Coronation Terrace being used for litter and dog poo.

Cllr Evans reported that he had still not received dog poo signs from the Footpaths Officer. He also drew attention to surface water on Nantyladwr Lane caused by blocked ditches and agreed to raise this with the landowner.

Cllr Mrs Wordley suggested that the planning obligations money could be used to replace the unsuitable blue grit bins and agreed to report damaged bins via the Herefordshire Council website.

9. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was noted. It was agreed that sale outlets for green waste sacks should be on the agenda of the next meeting. The Clerk further reported that Herefordshire Council had approved in 2016 an application from the developer of the Newport Street housing for its address to be Booker's Edge.

10. Finance

The Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation for the three months to 30th June 2018 were noted. The Chairman confirmed that the bank statements tallied with them.

11. Date of next meeting would be Wednesday 15th August if urgent business required it or Wednesday 19th September.