

Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 15th November 2017

Present: Councillors J Wesley (Chairman), D Evans, A Fryers (items 1-7), and Mrs P Wordley.

In attendance: I Jardin (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence. None.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

4. Public participation session. No member of the public was present.

5. 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 (Outline DCSW2008/0118/O approved 31/07/13) - to allow for a financial contribution to be paid in lieu of the onsite affordable housing provision [to consider further supporting information]

The Clerk reported that the planning case officer had told him that she had received the District Valuer's report and would be considering it and consulting the applicant and the ward member about it, but had not so far responded to his request to know whether it would be published and whether there would be a further period of public consultation before the case went to the planning committee. It was agreed that because of this it was not practical to make any further comment at the moment; however, the Council should in principle be represented at any planning committee meeting considering the application; and in the meantime the Clerk should submit a Freedom of Information request for the District Valuer's report, the applicant's original submission and any supporting documents.

6. Cusop Neighbourhood Development Plan

Members noted the positive outcome of the referendum, especially the relatively good turnout and strength of support for the Plan, and stressed their gratitude to everyone who had contributed to its preparation and adoption. It was agreed that electronic copies of the final Plan should be available on the website and from the Clerk, with publicity in the next newsletter, and that there was no need to order printed copies for residents.

Members considered a list of the non-planning initiatives that had been put forward in the course of consultation about the Plan. In relation to roads and community/business facilities it was considered that some of the concerns were matters for ongoing pursuit by the Council, while others had already been achieved or were wider issues for the Hay area. In relation to the environment it was agreed that reducing light pollution and protecting the Dulas Brook should be on the agenda of the next meeting and that possible local energy initiatives were a matter for ongoing review.

7. Herefordshire Local Plan Travellers Sites Development Plan Document Pre- Submission Consultation

It was agreed that no comment was needed.

8. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Fryers reported that potholes in Church Lane had been filled.

Cllr Evans reported that some residents had raised concerns about objects blocking parts of the tarmac apron in front of The Sawmills houses in Nantyglassdwr Lane. The Clerk was instructed to ask Balfour Beatty whether they considered the apron to be part of the public highway.

Cllr Mrs Wordley reported that she had attended the Remembrance Sunday event on behalf of the Council and it had been well-attended and well-organised. Also, she had been asked how the Hay Castle Trust could best communicate with Cusop residents; it was agreed that the parish noticeboards were the best means.

The Chairman reported that he had received notification of a planning application at Victoria Terrace. The Clerk was instructed to investigate.

9. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's written report was noted. The Clerk further reported that BT had confirmed that the telephone kiosk outside Coronation Terrace was due to be removed at some time within the next two years but in the meantime they would have it repaired

10. Finance

It was agreed that, in view of the uncertainty about future provision of some local services by Herefordshire Council and the possibility that the Parish Council might wish to fund them, the current level of reserves should be maintained for a further year; and, in the absence of any Herefordshire grants in 2018/19, the budget should allow for up to £1,500 expenditure on lengthsman work and £400 on footpaths work.

Resolved: that the Council sets a Precept of £8,500 for 2018/19 and adopts a 2018/19 Budget, as appended. Proposed Cllr Mrs Wordley, seconded Cllr Evans. Carried unanimously.

Resolved: to make the following payments:

- £321.48 to Ian Jardin for Clerk's salary, expenses and re-imbursments for November 2017,
- £66.00 to Cusop Village Hall for room hire Jan-Jun 2017.

11. Date of 2018 meetings. It was agreed that meetings should continue to be on the third Wednesday of the month; next meeting on Wednesday 15th January 2018 unless an earlier meeting was necessary to deal with urgent planning issues.

Cusop Parish Council – 2018-19 Budget – approved at 15 Nov 2017 meeting (item 10)

	BUDGET 2018-19		PROJECTED OUTTURN 2017-18	
	£	£	£	£
GENERAL				
brought forward from previous year		10875		9740
receipts				
precept	8500		8500	
donations	0		610	
reclaimed VAT	250		100	
bank interest	2	8752	2	9212
payments				
clerk salary & expenses	4800		4800	
office materials services etc	100		100	
newsletter	100		100	
website	60		60	
HALC fees	400		400	
insurance	650		627	
audit	50		45	
ICO registration	35		35	
room hire	120		110	
community bus grant	300		300	
S137 payments	0		800	
playing field rent+maintenance	600		600	
miscellaneous	200	7415	100	8077
carried forward to next year		12212		10875
LENGTHSMAN				
brought forward from previous year		1556		714
receipts				
grant	378		1095	
transferred from General	0		0	
reclaimed VAT	354	732	186	1281
payments				
contractor	2220	2220	439	439
carried forward to next year		68		1556
FOOTPATHS				
brought forward from previous year		655		710
receipts				
grant	0		0	
reclaimed VAT	25		20	
leaflet sales	75	100	75	95
payments				
contractors & materials	400	400	150	150
carried forward to next year		355		655
DEVELOPMENT PLAN				
brought forward from previous year		0		-3
receipts				
transferred from General	0		0	
grants	0		0	
reclaimed VAT	0	0	3	3
payments				
drafting and adoption costs	0	0	0	0
carried forward to next year		0		0
CONSOLIDATED TOTAL				
brought forward from previous year		13086		11161
receipts		9584		10591
payments		10035		8666
carried forward to next year		12635		13086