

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held in Cusop Village Hall on 17th November 2021**

Present: Councillors I Jardin (Chairman), M Hainge, D Evans, P Gilbert and J Whittall.

In attendance: J Stannard (Clerk), Jennie Hewitt (Ward Councillor) and thirty-one members of the public.

1. **Apologies** for absence, J Wesley.
2. **Disclosures** of Interests and Dispensations. None.
3. **Minutes.** Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.
4. **Public participation session (Part 1).** A number of members of the public expressed their support for the work of the Cusop Speed Awareness Group, their disgust with the lack of progress to date and their hope that S106 monies from the Bookers Edge development would be reallocated for spending on road safety measures in Newport Street.

It was agreed to bring forward item 7 on the agenda before continuing with Item 4, to aid those members of the public whose primary reason for attending the meeting was their interest in road safety.

7. Cusop Speed Awareness Group. The group were thanked for their very thorough written report. Cllr Hewitt expressed satisfaction that Herefordshire Council were now recognizing that there were serious road safety issues on Newport Street and Hardwicke Road. Both roads would be affected by Powys's "20 is plenty" policy, due to be introduced in 2023. A meeting with Bruce Evans, (Engineering Manager, Economy and Place Directorate, Herefordshire Council), and Cllr Harrington, (Herefordshire Council Cabinet Member - Infrastructure and Transport), was scheduled for February 2022. It was vital for the Parish Council and Cusop Speed Awareness Group to be clear about the traffic measures that were being sought, in readiness for this meeting.

4. **Public participation session (Part 2).** Several members of the public commented on Planning Application 213572, Upper Dulas. Views were expressed on the proposed building's possible ecological impact, impact on privacy and amenity, and its potential for light and noise pollution. It was suggested that the house would be out of keeping with neighbouring properties. Householders whose water pipes ran under the plot expressed their reluctance for any building to take place on the site.
5. **Planning Applications. To comment on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.**

(a) 213572 - Upper Dulas, Cusop Dingle, Cusop, HR3 5RD. Proposed application for a new part-buried dwelling.

Discussion on this item was deferred. It was agreed to ask Herefordshire Council for an extension on the deadline for submitting comments on this planning application, and to arrange for councillors to make a site visit.

(b) 213909 - Rostrevor, Cusop, Herefordshire, HR3 5QX. Proposed erection of two-bedroomed annex to main house.

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

- a. it is not an ancillary building in size or function but a fully serviced new dwelling and should be assessed as such, in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan Policy 7,
- b. it currently lacks separate curtilage, servicing and parking,
- c. the claimed agricultural form and appearance of the proposed building are not appropriate for a residential area and would have a negative impact on the character of the neighbourhood and of adjoining dwellings.

Proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Whittall. Carried unanimously.

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(c) 213670 - The Greenhouse, Cusop, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5RF

Proposed extension for a library and study for home working and single-storey extension to the existing car port and garage workshop.

Resolved: that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Hainge. Carried unanimously.

(d) 213735 - Trewern Outdoor Centre, Church Road, Cusop Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5RF. Proposed decking area with canopy over, to rear of recently- constructed building.

Resolved: that the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Proposed Cllr Whittall, seconded Cllr Evans. Carried unanimously.

- 6. River Wye Water Quality.** The Parish Council fully shared concerns about pollution of the River Wye, but agreed not to adopt Hereford City Council's resolution on designating bathing sites since it was not central to the wider problem.

- 7.** Moved to item 4.

- 8. Precept and Budget 2022-23.** 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.

Resolved: that the Council sets a Precept of £8,500 for 2022/23 and adopts a 2022/23 Budget, as appended.

Proposed Cllr Hainge, seconded Cllr Whittall. Carried unanimously.

- 9. Resiting of bench.** To consider resiting the bench currently situated opposite the entrance to Ty Coch farm. A decision on this would be made once Balfour Beatty had let the council know whether they had any objections to the move. It was agreed that the bench would need to be refurbished and a new base would have to be laid for it if it were to be moved.

- 10. Councillors' reports.** Ward Cllr Hewitt invited questions on her written report and expressed her dissatisfaction at the lack of notice given by Western Power for councils to apply for grant funding.

Cllr Hainge reported that the noticeboard opposite Church Road was more firmly fixed than had been anticipated, and suggested that it was probably worth repairing.

Cllr Whittall lamented the state of the Hardwicke Road bench, and Cllr Gilbert agreed to remove the brambles from around it.

Cllr Evans told the meeting that the footpath sign on the bend of Nantyglassdwr Lane had been damaged. The Clerk was asked to report this to Balfour Beatty.

Cllr Jardin reported that a section of the raised pavement on Cusop Dingle had collapsed. The Clerk was asked to report this to Balfour Beatty, and to ask about the maintenance of the driveway leading to the playing field.

- 11. Clerk's report.** The Clerk's written report was noted. Also:

- Balfour Beatty had confirmed that they would be consulting parishes in the Spring about their preferences for verge-cutting.
- A parishioner had been in touch to express her concerns about the state of the driveway leading to the playing field and the hedge running alongside it.
- The Clerk had added a Planning section to the Council pages on the Cusop website.

- 12. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting was set for 7pm on Wednesday 15th December, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.39 pm.

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