

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held in Cusop Village Hall on 21st July 2021**

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

In attendance: J Stannard (Clerk), three members of the public.

1. **Apologies** for absence. Cllrs P Gilbert and J Wesley.
2. **Disclosures** of Interests and Dispensations. None
3. **Minutes.** Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.
4. **Public participation session.** John and Shiona McDonald thanked Cllr Whittall for her work on the Cusop Speed Awareness Group. Crispin Elt spoke about the planning application to extend his garden (see item 5c below), suggesting that the extension would improve the currently unsatisfactory shape of the garden. He explained that the existing native hedging would be moved to the new boundary line.
5. **Planning Applications.** To comment on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.
 - a) **P212331/F Leam Lodge**, Cusop, HR3 5QZ. Proposed detached two-storey dwelling (a change to planning permission granted in 2010).

Resolved: That the council has no objection to this planning application. Proposed: Cllr Hainge. Seconded: Cllr Whittall. Carried unanimously.
 - b) **P211170/FH 2, The Crescent, Cusop**, HR3 5QZ. Proposed two-storey side extension and extended garage.

Resolved: That the council has no objection to this planning application. Proposed: Cllr Whittall. Seconded: Cllr Evans. Carried unanimously.
 - c) **P212301/F 11 Bookers Edge**, Hay on Wye, HR3 5FF. Proposed change of use from agricultural land to residential curtilage to include siting a shepherd's hut ancillary to main house.

Resolved: That the council does not object to this planning application. The council notes that in principle the application breaches the settlement boundary and the approved landscaping scheme, but it further notes that in practice it regularizes the anomalous projection in the original boundary line and provides a more regular line. For this reason, the council does not object to this planning application. It further notes that there appear already to be two other unauthorized extensions into the field, and recommends that the application should not be treated as a precedent for those or any other extensions. Proposed: Cllr Hainge. Seconded: Cllr Whittall. For 2, against 1, abstention 1 - Carried.
6. **Cusop Speed Awareness Group.** Cllr Whittall was thanked for her work on this, and for the report which had been provided councillors ahead of the meeting. Cllr Whittall expressed her disappointment that the meeting with Clive Hall from Herefordshire Council had been virtual, and that no site visit had taken place. It was hoped that Mr Hall and John Harrington would visit Cusop for a meeting in August.

7. **Approval of quarterly accounts.** The accounts were not available, and would be presented at the next council meeting.
8. **Council laptop.** It was agreed that a new laptop should be purchased. The expenditure on this should not exceed £600 plus VAT, and the necessary funds would be transferred from the reserve account into the office equipment budget. Cllr Hainge would look into what suitable models were available and come back with recommendations.
9. **Councillors' reports.** Cllr Whittall commented on the unsatisfactory state of Nantyglasdwr Lane, following the recent verge-cutting. She also drew the Clerk's attention to the overgrowth of plants at Coopers Hall Cottages.

Cllr Jardin expressed his concern at the works replacing a bollard and safety rail on Cusop Dingle. The old rail had not been removed, and a large drop into the brook was now masked by ivy. The Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of Herefordshire Council, and to ask for the job to be completed properly.
10. **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that site visits had been arranged with the suppliers who had provided estimates for new playing field equipment.
11. **Date of next meeting.** The next meeting was set for 7pm on Wednesday 15th September, 2021, unless urgent matters necessitated a meeting in August.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.47 pm.

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