

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 29 September 2022

Present: J Whittall (JWi) (Vice Chairman), Phil Gilbert (PG), I Jardin(IJ), J Wesley(JW).

In attendance: A Green (Clerk) (AG). One member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence:

D Evans, M Hainge, J Rouse (SNT Golden Valley)

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations:

None

3. Minutes.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July be approved as a correct record, with 1 minor amendment, and be signed by the vice chairman.

Action: AG/JWi

4. Public Participation Session:

One member of the public was in attendance to explain the amendments to their re-submitted planning application for a two storey extension to Trewern Cottage, Cusop, Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5RQ.

Mr Matthews outlined the changes incorporated in the new application as a result of the concerns submitted by the Parish Council to the original application. He also confirmed there had been consultation with neighbours, who had not expressed any objections to this amended plan.

The Councillors had no additional questions.

5. Planning Applications. To comment on licensing application for determination by Herefordshire Council.

a) Lucky 7 Beer Co Ltd

Unit 4 Glanweye Business Park, Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5EW

DESCRIPTION: The applicant has stated consumption of alcohol will be in the inside at the front of the building & in the front yard outside immediately adjacent to the unit.

The applicant requests a license for the provision of alcohol as follows:

1. Off license to be 24 hours to enable online sales of beer.

2. On the premises to be licensed

Thursdays 17.00-22.00

Fridays 17.00-22.00

Saturdays 12.00-22.00

JW and PG commented that there was a lack of a public footpath and no street lighting where the unit is situated. Discussion was had regarding the risk to public safety this posed if accessing the site on foot.

Given where the unit is situated the Councillors felt that access was likely to be by car, whilst this was acceptable for off licence sales, any on-site consumption of alcohol by car drivers was considered not to be encouraged.

Resolved to submit these concerns to Hereford Licensing Department and copy to Hereford Planning Department.

Action: AG

b) Application no & site address: 221655 - Trewern Cottage, Cusop, Hay-On-Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 5RQ

Following discussion of the updated plans the Councillors felt the changes were an improvement and acceptable.

Resolved not to object.

6. Festivals.

AG confirmed communication from J Mahoney regarding the investigation. This should be completed in October and the outcome shared with the Council. AG will chase if not received.

Action: AG

7. Place Shaping Consultation.

This was agreed to be removed item from the agenda.

Action: AG

8. Cusop Speed Awareness Group.

The planned 20mph roll-out in Wales has been slightly delayed. It is being supported by Hay Town Council so it should happen throughout Hay-on-Wye. Herefordshire Council and Powys Council are in agreement that there will be an extension of the 20mph over the borders into both the Hardwicke Road and Newport Street and also throughout Nantyglasdwr Lane so it will be a zoned implementation. Confirmation that this extended into Cusop Dingle had not been discussed in detail. As per the Traffic Management Plan that has been circulated since the original walk-through in September 2021, white gates at both entrances to the village were confirmed but their location may change - Hardwicke Road to before the current 30mph signs and at the entrance to the Co-op on Newport Street as this seemed to be the experts opinion of where they would serve the best purpose. This would mean moving the current 30mph signs on Hardwicke Road back to the appropriate position, likewise the current 30mph signs outside the Co-op back to probably outside Glan Wye Business Park. Bruce Evans advised that the grant for these from the Police and Crime Commission should be applied for immediately, Nick Blayney was seeking costings for the installation of the white gates as an alternative to Balfour Beatty installation as it would be significantly less expensive. Otherwise, the

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overall proposed plans for the road safety measures which had been discussed and agreed over the previous 12 months were accepted as the way forward.

This report was discussed at length by the Councillors resulting in a number of actions:

It was strongly felt that as part of the proposals there needs to be a decision to implement a 20MPH limit along The Dingle, this needs to be discussed with Herefordshire Council.

Action: JWi

More information was needed regarding the construction and proposed siting of the white gates before applying for a grant to install.

Action: JWi

Confirmation required on how the grant was paid, consensus was that this should be to Hereford Council rather than direct to Cusop Parish Council.

Action: JWi

The Councillors welcomed the news regarding the S106 monies but wished to make clear that The Parish Council should be involved in discussions about allocation of funds.

Resolved to contact Cll. Harrington, with copies to Cll. Ward and Bruce Evans, to request this is ensured.

Action: AG

9. Playing Field.

The Clerk informed the Council that the report regarding the ash tree and quote for removal had been received but inspection of the site had shown that the tree was situated outside of the playing field boundary on land owned by Hereford Council.

Resolved to contact Hereford Council and forward the report with a request to act.

Action: AG

The playing field inspection report and observation from the Playing Field Officer (Andy Fryers) was reviewed, the Clerk confirmed that the most serious defects had been temporarily remedied.

JWi felt strongly that, although the current condition of both the play equipment and site was felt to be unacceptable, with some attention, maintenance and regular monitoring it could be brought up to an acceptable and safe condition and further proposed that a working group should be encouraged in the community to allow interested parents to get more involved. She felt that the two quotes for new equipment that had been obtained previously were far in excess of what was required. The Lengthsman's unavailability compounded the issues of regular maintenance of the site.

Resolved to invite Andy Fryers to the next council meeting to discuss this option.

Action: AG

10. Overgrown Hedges

Concerns regarding various areas within the Parish that required maintenance were discussed. It was agreed to review the Lengthsman's contract and discuss at the next meeting.

11. Finance

- (a) Switch to Unity Trust Bank – noted that this has been successfully completed.
- (b) Approve Chairman's reimbursement – **Resolved** to approve

12. Councillors' reports.

JW informed the Council that the unsafe tiles on the barn opposite the Co-Op had now been removed.

JW asked that the Council review The Royal British Legion communication as an agenda item at the next meeting, and to confirm there has been an invitation to attend the remembrance service in May this year.

Action: AG

13. Clerk's report.

Report noted.

14 Date of next meeting. 19 October 2022

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