

Minutes of a meeting of Cusop Parish Council

Held in Cusop Village Hall on 17th July 2019

Present: Councillors J. Wesley (Chairman), M. Hainge (Vice Chairman), D. Evans I. Jardin.

In attendance: N Howard (Clerk). Ward Councillor J. Hewitt. Seven members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence received from: - Councillor P Gilbert (work commitments).

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations: None.

3. Minutes: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2019 were a true and correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public participation session: -

- A member of the public raised the issue of Planning Application 191081, proposed two storey three bedroomed dwellinghouse at Brynglas, Cusop Dingle Hay on Wye HR3 5RD expressing concern that the target determination date was now overdue by nearly two months.
- The Chairman stated that if the application was not resolved by the next meeting then an item to discuss same would be added to the Agenda.
- The problem of parking at Rosedale junction was then raised. Cllr. Jardin suggested that residents may wish to take photos and raise this with the local police.
- Ward Cllr Hewitt then arrived and a precis of the planning issue above was given to her. She stated that, as far as she was aware, the Planning Officer would be formulating her opinion on this matter by Friday 19th July.

5. Community Working Group: - Yet to convene for inaugural meeting. Parking was raised under this heading and the Group should discuss this, including the possibility of 'bay parking' and the subject of who 'polices' the parking problems. It was suggested that a 'Community Warden' may be an answer.

6. Ongoing Parish Topics: -

- **Roads** - Cllr Wesley summarised the situation regarding Newport Street and the lack of action on what had been promised would take place, quickly, as far back as November 2018. Ward Cllr Hewitt suggested that approaching the Co-op to become involved may be worthwhile. Cllr Jardin raised the (earlier) issue of the Hardwicke Road speeding problem. Cllr Wesley stated that a Traffic Survey had been carried out and the outcome was that the volume of traffic did not warrant any 'traffic calming measures'. Ward Cllr Hewitt stated that in connection with the 'B4348 initiative', Balfour Beatty have designated what needs to be done and a response to their report will be made.
- **S106 Money** – Ward Cllr Hewitt has met with Yvonne Coleman and is concerned that S106 money is notoriously slow in materialising itself. However, Cusop has been advised that the money is available but is awaiting a response on whether it is 'ringfenced'. Ward Cllr Hewitt will chase this up with Yvonne Coleman. Of the S106 money available from the Bookers Edge development the Council is of the opinion that the Parish should be able to allocate it.
- **Playing Fields – Land Transfer.** Ward Cllr Hewitt will ask Yvonne Coleman if S106 money can be used for the legal fees associated with this issue. The Council is waiting to submit quotes for new playground equipment but is loathed to do so until the land transfer issue is resolved.
- **Footpaths** – The footpath diversion and construction of a bridge over the brook is considered cost prohibitive. Any new footpaths constructed now must be 'disabled friendly'.

7. Green Sacks: - Following the discussion at the last meeting investigations have been made into the viability of being able to provide a local retailer of sacks. Owing to financial regulation this is not feasible. There is also the issue that these sacks of garden waste are put into 'landfill'. Cllr Wesley is of the opinion that the issue should be widened, to engage with parishioners and landowners to process waste and compost it accordingly. This is an emotive topic and an article will be included in the forthcoming 'Newsletter'.

8. Council Member Vacancy: - There is one potential candidate with whom discussions are ongoing.

9. Councillors' Reports.

- Cllr Evans asked that the Clerk also contact Balfour Beatty in connection with the 'scrubland' fronting the terraced houses at Bookers Edge.
- Cllr Evans requested that the remedial works required to the drains and pipes in Nantyglasdwr Lane be carried out in the summer.
- Cllr Evans reported loose kerb stones at nos. 2 and 4 The Old Sawmill Nantyglasdwr Lane.
- Cllr Wesley is keen that any (local) 'road closures' are notified in good time. Ward Cllr Hewitt agreed to send the information to Cllr Wesley, who would in turn forward it to the website administrator for inclusion on the Cusop website.
- Cllr Wesley stated that Hardwicke Road was looking 'tatty' with drains overgrown and the pavements untidy. Ward Cllr Hewitt agreed to find out whose responsibility it is to maintain these. Cllr Jardin proffered that the lengthsman had cleared the pavements in the past.
- Cllr Jardin suggested 'Road Closures' is added to the Agenda in future.
- Cllr Jardin suggested that 'communication', generally, be looked at. A review of the website is required and the 'Planning Tracker' needs to be fixed (the website administrator is aware)
- Cllr Jardin asked about the provision of a grit bin by Coronation Terrace. Clerk to pursue.
- Cllr Jardin asked about the overhanging trees in the Dingle. Clerk to pursue.
- Ward Cllr Hewitt then gave a brief report. She is creating a website and will forward details when it is up and running. She enquired if within the parish there are any 'care for the elderly' issues that need to be addressed. She gave details of an initiative going forward called "Plant Life" that is looking at loss of species, biodiversity etc. and is keen that Councils engage with this. Balfour Beatty are 'on board' and Cllr Hewitt is keen to encourage Councils to identify areas that can be left 'to grow naturally' subject to any safety issues. She stated that someone from the initiative would be happy to speak at the meeting in September

10. Clerk's Report: The Clerk presented his report and correspondence.

11. Finance. The 2018/2019 Accounts will be re-presented for approval at the next meeting. Councillors signed cheques for payment.

12. Date of next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21st August 2019 and will take place at Cusop Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

The meeting closed at 21:08 hours.