

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held remotely via Zoom 16th December 2020**

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr Hewitt, Jane Stannard, Clerk, and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr P Gilbert

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes. Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2020 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman at a later date.

4. Public participation session. A member of the public expressed great concern at the excessive traffic speeds on the Hardwicke Road. Cllr Evans reported that the council had been offered money for traffic control improvements even before the S106 monies were allocated, but that this money had not been forthcoming. It was agreed to put the creation of a traffic sub-committee onto the agenda for the next council meeting.

5. Planning Applications.

To comment on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.

P203513/FH. Kohima, Cusop, HR3 5QX. Proposed construction of a garage with a music room over, forming a courtyard to the front elevation with revised car parking.

In light of the applicant's email withdrawing the application, the council deferred judgement until the submission of new plans.

6. Cusop Hill/ Capodolwyn. It was thought that the building works taking place at this long-empty property might require planning permission, and that any works might have a negative impact on a protected view within the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Clerk was asked to contact Herefordshire Council's planning department for clarification.

7. Knife Angel Sculpture. RESOLVED: Not to support the exhibition of the Knife Angel sculpture in Hereford, as it would not be a direct benefit for the parish. Proposed: Cllr Wesley. Seconded: Cllr Jardin. Carried unanimously.

8. Waste consultation survey. A response from the council was deemed unviable, and so the clerk was asked to publicize the survey on the Cusop website and invite parishioners to respond individually.

9. Councillors' reports.

Cllr Wesley reported that the Cusop sign on the Hardwicke Road had been damaged. The Clerk was asked to inform Balfour Beatty.

He had attended a Golden Valley budget consultation meeting via Zoom, which he found useful.

He expressed concern at the damage to safety barriers between The Dingle and the Dulas Brook. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of Balfour Beatty.

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

He asked the Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council about the Hardwicke Road bus shelter, which was in need of maintenance work.

He thanked Cllr Gilbert for stabilizing the Hardwicke Road notice board, and suggested that a new lock be fitted to it as the old one was sticking badly.

He reminded the Clerk that no letter had been sent out to properties where vegetation was overhanging the pavement or road.

He asked the Clerk whether any contributions to a Parish Newsletter had been received. The Clerk reported that none had.

He asked the Clerk to thank the Footpaths Officer for her last report, and to ask her for the location of locked gates blocking rights of way, as mentioned in her report.

Cllr Evans again expressed concern at the lack of progress in extracting the parish's S106 monies from Herefordshire Council, and the negative impact that this was having on Newport Street 's traffic management.

He offered to help the parish contractor identify ditches and culverts needing attention, and the clerk agreed to facilitate this.

Cllr Hainge reported on hazardous parking occurring on the T junction by Blenheim House, and Cllr Jardin added that in The Dingle cars are frequently parking with their wheels on the pavement. Cllr Wesley suggested taking photos of badly parked cars in the parish, and reporting repeat offenders to the police.

Ward Cllr Hewitt reported on the Minerals and Waste Plan, saying that there were significant difficulties with it but that there was now an opportunity to get it right.

10. Clerk's report. The report was noted.

11. Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for January 20th 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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