

Minutes of a meeting of Cusop Parish Council

Held in Cusop Village Hall on 14th June 2019

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

In attendance: N Howard (Clerk). Two members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence received from:** - Ward Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Evans and Cllr Gilbert.
- 2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations:** None
- 3. Minutes:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2019 were a true and correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman, subject to the date being amended to read “May” as opposed to “April”.
- 4. Public participation session:** -
 - A member of the public raised the issue of “Green Sacks”, confirming that the need for the scheme (or something similar) definitely existed within the Parish. Councillor Wesley stated that this would be formally discussed by the Council under Item 7 on the Agenda.
 - Feedback was then given by a parishioner on the recent ‘How The Light Gets In’ festival. Generally, there were no major concerns, although at times it was noisier than in 2018. A mirror had been broken but had subsequently been replaced.
 - It was agreed that the Clerk would ascertain if the Police had received any complaints, and whether Environmental Health had attended to monitor noise levels etc.....
- 5. Planning Application:** P191449/F. New House, Cusop, Hay on Wye HR3 5TG. The proposed locating of a traditional shepherd’s hut for tourist accommodation with parking and turning circle.

After discussion the council decided to object to the application by three votes to nil.

- The wording of the objection to be sent to Herefordshire Council reads as follows: -
- **“Cusop Parish Council objects to Planning Application P191449/F on the following grounds: -**
- It appears from the plans submitted that approximately 50 metres of hedgerow needs to be removed – set back. This would leave an area of land in questionable ownership. Moreover, who would be responsible for maintaining this land? The Highway Authority or the landowner?
- It would also appear that some of the hedgerow to be removed/set back falls outside the ownership of the applicant.
- There is a lack of information about the adequacy of the water supply and the impact on other users.
- There are concerns about highway sightlines for access to parking. If Herefordshire Council is minded to give permission it should be subject to conditions: (a) strictly limiting use to holiday accommodation, (b) requiring removal of the shepherd’s hut if it ceases to be used as holiday accommodation for more than six months.
- The area of changed use to the footprint of the shepherd’s hut should be explicitly limited.
- External lighting to be kept to an absolute minimum in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan Policy 15. Preferably no lighting at all to maintain minimum light pollution levels.

- 6. Community Working Group:** - The Clerk has received confirmation that the three parishioners who had agreed to sit on this group are still happy to do so, and an inaugural meeting will be scheduled in the near future. In connection with this Councillor Jardin suggested that there be a standing item on the Agenda going forward to discuss issues including; roads, footpaths, S106 money, Cusop Dingle and the like.
- 7. Green Sacks:** - Following the removal of the large 'garden waste bins' from the main car park in Hay, the use of the Herefordshire Council Green Sack scheme may be the only option for some parish residents to dispose of garden rubbish. Rolls of five green sacks (limited to two rolls per purchase) are bought at the cost of £3.90 per roll from several outlets – libraries in Hereford, Leominster, Ross-on-Wye, Ledbury, Belmont, Colwall, Weobley and Leintwardine. They are also available at Eardisley and Marden Post Offices and Halo Leisure Centre in Bromyard. Herefordshire Council garden sacks are also available at the following locations (please note that prices may vary from that above and stock is not guaranteed): Bartonsham Stores, Carrot and Wine in Wellington, Clehonger Stores, Kingstone Stores and Moreton on Lugg Stores. The sacks are collected at the same time as the 'black bin' and are sent to landfill. The Council are concerned about this and will raise the issue with Ward Councillor Hewitt. There is no local retail outlet or otherwise to purchase the sacks and the Clerk is tasked with further investigating this.
- 8. Council Member Vacancy:-** There are no confirmed candidates to date.
- 9. Councillors' Reports.**
- Councillor Wesley reported that his 'nil elections expenses claim' had been acknowledged by Herefordshire Council.
 - Councillor Hainge also reported the above, for himself.
 - Councillor Jardin enquired about the Footpaths Officer, and the Clerk confirmed that Sharon Marsh was happy to continue in the role.
- 10. Clerk's Report:** The Clerk presented his report and correspondence.
- 11. Finance.** The 2018/2019 Accounts had been audited by an accountant not authorised by the Council. Therefore, they 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 17th July 2019 and will take place at Cusop Village Hall starting at 1900 hours.

The meeting closed at 20:15 hours.

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