

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held remotely via Zoom 17th February 2021**

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

In attendance: Jane Stannard, Clerk, PC Jeff Rouse and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence. None.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes. Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman at a later date.

4. Public participation session. PC Jeff Rouse reported that a number of catalytic converters had been stolen from 4x4 vehicles locally. Courier fraud and scam texts, emails and telephone calls continue to be a problem.

A member of the public asked the council to put pressure on Herefordshire Council to repair road C1205, the surface of which had deteriorated badly.

5. Road Safety and Signage. Cllr Wesley reminded the council of Herefordshire Council's Village Safety Initiative Scheme, as mentioned in Ward Councillor Hewitt's January report, and suggested that the scheme could be of benefit to Cusop in its efforts to improve road safety. It was agreed that local road speed data from various sources should be used to demonstrate the extent of the local speeding problem. Cllr Evans and Mr Nick Blayney agreed to arrange a meeting with Paul Norris of Balfour Beatty to discuss what improvements to road safety could be made. A letter inviting parishioners to support the council's efforts to improve road safety was approved for circulation to every household in the parish.

6. Damaged Bench on Cusop Dingle. The Clerk suggested that it might be possible to repair the bench, rather than replacing it as previously agreed. She was invited to find out whether such repairs could be made, and how much they might cost.

7. Approval of Quarterly Accounts. The financial summary and bank reconciliation for the nine months to 31st December 2020 were noted.

8. Co-Option to Fill Council Vacancy. Resolved to appoint Julia Whittal, proposed by Cllr Wesley, seconded by Cllr Hainge, carried by a majority.

9. Councillors' Reports. Ward Cllr Hewitt's report had been circulated by email, and the Clerk was asked to pass on the council's thanks for it.

Cllr Evans had met with the Parish Contractor, who had undertaken to check the drains on Nantyglassdwr Lane on a monthly basis.

Cllr Evans pointed out that the fingerpost by Ringrone had been damaged, and the Clerk was asked to report this to Herefordshire Council.

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SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

The householders at Bookers Edge who had erected board fencing had had to remove it so that the hedge could be reinstated. It was suggested that if hedging proved to be an unsuitable boundary for the properties, the management company could seek planning permission to install a fence.

Cllr Evans expressed concern at the state of the footpath at the side of the Hardwicke Road. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the Parish Contractor attended to the weed growth on the footpath.

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

11. Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for March 17th 2021.

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

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