

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council
held remotely via Zoom 28th April 2021**

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

In attendance: Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt, Jane Stannard, Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence. PCSO Pete Knight.

2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations. None.

3. Minutes. Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman at a later date.

4. Public participation session. No members of the public present.

5. Planning application. P211185/J Treleaver, Cusop, HR3 5RD. It was agreed to make no objection to the proposed felling of a large sycamore tree.

6. Road safety and signage. It was agreed that Cllr Whittall would join Cllr Evans and Nick Blayney for their meeting with Ward Cllr Hewitt.

7. Annual Parish Meeting. Following the courts' ruling that remote meetings would not be permitted after May 6th, it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at the village hall on Wednesday, 19th May at 7pm. Weather permitting, the meeting could be held in the car park of the village hall. Otherwise, numbers would be limited to the socially-distanced capacity of the hall. If more parishioners were to attend than could safely be accommodated, those extra people would be restricted to following the meeting by listening at the open windows. The Annual Meeting of the Council would take place directly after the Parish Meeting.

8. Cusop Dingle bench. Two parishioners had offered to repair the broken bench outside Redwing and to provide the necessary materials to do so. The clerk had ascertained that this was permissible under the council's insurance cover, and the council instructed her to contact the parishioners and accept their kind offer.

9. Councillors' Reports. Cllr Hainge told the meeting of the initiative in Hay to log reported dog-fouling hotspots in order to help decide where to locate new dog-waste bins. It was decided to monitor the progress of this initiative.

Cllr Whittall reported that she had been monitoring traffic flow on Newport Street and Hardwicke Road. The numbers of vehicles travelling through Newport Street were similar to those recorded in 2018, and much higher than on Hardwicke Road.

Cllr Wesley had attended the Parish Council summit on March 30th, where community hubs and litter picks had been promoted. He was expecting to attend HALC's Chairs' Chat on April 29th. Cllr Wesley announced that he would be standing down as Chair at the Annual Meeting of the council, and would be seeking a successor. He also said that there had been problems with Village Hall emails taking several days to arrive at their destination, and it was suggested that he should contact UBE about this.

Ward Cllr Hewitt explained that she had needed to take a considerable amount of time off recently, but was now back on track. She told the meeting that changes in Herefordshire

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County Council were likely to affect all parishes, and that she felt optimistic about this. Cllr Wesley asked her to press Claire Ward at HCC for an answer regarding the possible expenditure of S106 monies on legal fees for the transfer of land to extend the children's play area.

Cllr Gilbert reported that police had been seen in Lower Mead, monitoring traffic speed on Hardwicke Road. He had spoken to Huws Gray and Hay and Brecon Farmers about keeping their frontages free of waste material, but felt that the sites of both businesses were already in reasonable order. Cllr Gilbert expressed great dissatisfaction with the excuses made by Balfour Beatty regarding the topography of the section of Newport Street outside Bookers Edge. Ward Cllr Hewitt agreed to liaise between Balfour Beatty, the householders affected by the water being thrown up off the road, and the builders of the estate.

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

11. Finance. The financial summary and the bank reconciliation for the year to 31st March 2021 were noted.

12. Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for May 19th 2021.

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

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