Cusop Parish Council
Clerk's Report, May 2022

1. **Clerk recruitment.** Putting the advert onto various local Facebook pages resulted in several excellent applications.
2. **Wye Local.** We have been offered an introductory piece on the new clerk.
3. **Roads and footpaths.** I am now reporting problems via the Herefordshire Council portal rather than via the Balfour Beatty Locality Steward. I did check whether the broken stile near Llydyadyway Farm might be a Highways responsibility, as it led from the road, but was told that it came under Herefordshire Council Public Rights of Way. As I had already reported it to them, I await their response.
4. **Bookers Edge verge.** I have asked Balfour Beatty to confirm what verges they are responsible for within the parish.
5. **Church Road grit bin.** I had informed Balfour Beatty about the collapsed grit bin, but it has now been righted by the Parish Contractor.
6. **Hardwicke Road sign.** There is no money in the roads budget for its repair or replacement. Balfour Beatty have offered to remove it.
7. **Audit.** The accounts are with the internal auditor, who will be completing the internal audit before the council's June meeting.
8. **Resiting of bench.** Balfour Beatty have been reminded about the proposal to move the bench further up the Dingle.
9. **Barn opposite Co Op.** I have repeated my request for Building Control to look into this. They have now been in touch, and are looking into it.
10. **Bookers Edge verges.** These are to be cut by Herefordshire Council. I did not request two cuts at the start of the season, as I didn't know that Herefordshire Council had accepted responsibility for them, but have asked Balfour Beatty to stretch a point and cut them twice (along with Church Lane and Nantyglasdwr Lane.
11. **Footpaths.** I have asked Sharon Marsh whether she can think of any improvements to be made to any footpaths.
12. **Parish Contractor.** Planning to clear lower Dingle gutters and footpaths of weeds this week.

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