

CUSOP PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Your Parish Councillors

Your councillors are Ian Jardin (Chair), Mark Hainge (Vice-Chair), David Evans, Phil Gilbert, Jim Wesley and Julia Whittall. You may see them delivering newsletters and flyers about planning applications as follows:

Newport Street & Lower Nantyglasdwr Lane – Cllr Whittall

Hardwicke Road – Cllr Evans

Lower Dingle as far as Church Road – Cllr Wesley

Cusop Thirty Acres/ Church Road/ Three Ways Hill – Cllr Hainge

Upper Dingle from Church Road – Cllr Jardin

Upper Nantyglasdwr Lane, towards Cusop Hill & beyond – Cllr Gilbert.

Your Ward Councillor is Jennie Hewitt.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Hay Town Council has planned a full programme of celebratory activities for the first weekend in June, including the lighting of a beacon, a family fun day, and a communal picnic. Cusop parishioners will be very welcome to join in with all of these activities, but if you think Cusop should have some extra activities of its own, please contact the Clerk at clerk@cusop.net with your ideas.

The Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Spatial Options consultation closes on 28 February

Herefordshire's new Local Plan will help shape growth and development across the county up until 2041, ensuring that they deliver the required housing, alongside the jobs, infrastructure and services to support growth in a way that is appropriate for the rural and historic character of the County.

Feedback from Herefordshire's communities at each stage in the process will be really helpful in shaping the final Plan.

To find out more and to take part, please go to <https://hlp.commonplace.is/>. There you will also be given the option to subscribe for updates direct from the website, as and when there is news about developments of the Local Plan 2021-2041.

If you have any questions at all, please contact ldf@herefordshire.gov.uk

Cusop Speed Awareness Group

The parish council is continuing to liaise with Cusop Speed Awareness group, Ward Councillor Jennie Hewitt and Herefordshire Council to improve road safety in the parish. A number of measures have been proposed, and funding is being sought to carry them out. If there are matters you would like to raise, or if you would like to be involved with the group's efforts, please contact Julia Whittall on 01497 820677.

New 20mph Speed Limit for Hay

In 2023, a 20mph speed limit is to be introduced throughout Hay, and it could extend a short distance into Cusop by agreement with Herefordshire Council. So it could extend some way up Newport Street and Hardwicke Road (possibly including side roads such as the lower Dingle and Nantyglasdwr Lane. Please contact the clerk at clerk@cusop.net if you would like to share your thoughts about this.

Parking

The council has asked Herefordshire Council to refresh the yellow lines on the Dingle and in Newport Street as a matter of urgency. Please don't park on these faded lines.

Village Hall forthcoming events.

'Tea at Three' has re-started. Meet neighbours and make friends, free entry, everyone welcome at Cusop Village Hall on Sunday 27th February and 20th March from 3:00pm until 4:30pm. Recreational Table Tennis takes place at 3pm on Wednesday afternoons.

St. Mary's Church Cusop

We have continued to hold regular services in spite of all the difficulties of the pandemic. All our church services are displayed on the church notice boards. You can also find them on the St. Mary's Church pages on www.cusop.net as well as the Abbeydore Deanery website.

Our Visitors' Book at church continues to show a steady stream of visitors and our thanks to everyone who has donated to the Book Stall which is very popular. People have also generously supported our Hereford Food Bank appeal – there are boxes at the Village Hall and inside the church. Items are collected every Wednesday morning by very willing helpers – thank you! The PCC would also like to thank all the volunteers who help to clean the church and all those who work so hard to keep our churchyard looking so beautiful.

The Mothers' Union, Tea and Chat and Tea at Three have all started meeting again at the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend any of these groups. Details are in "The Link" magazine. We are delighted that the Adult and Children's Theatre Groups will again be practising in the churchyard after Easter and these sessions will culminate in a very exciting performance of "Alice in Wonderland" in mid- August.

Celia Cundale, Churchwarden

Cusop Playing Field

New gate posts are being manufactured, to replace the rotten ones. A removable central post will allow easier access for maintenance vehicles.

Quotes have been obtained for new play equipment, and it is hoped that this work will go ahead once the playing field's share of the developer contribution monies from the Booker's Edge development has been decided.

Neighbourhood Matters (West Mercia Police).

The Neighbourhood Matters messaging system enables you to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what the police are doing in your community.

You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone. They won't bombard you with every incident. You can select the type of alert you wish to receive.

<https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

Website

More community information can be found on Cusop's website - www.cusop.net.

Goodbye to the Clerk

Jane Stannard is standing down as Clerk at the end of April, and so the Council is looking for a new Clerk. The job is part-time – 7 hours a week - working from home - some flexibility required, including evening meetings. Administration, communication, IT and people skills needed. Also experience of minuting meetings and ability to understand the legal framework of council work. If you would be interested taking on this role, please contact Jane Stannard (details below) to find out more about what it involves.

The Clerk is the first contact point for all council business.

Jane Stannard can be contacted on 01497 821076 or at clerk@cusop.net