

Cusop Parish Council

Clerk's Report, June 2021

1. Bench repairs

The bench outside Redwing is looking splendid, following the repairs kindly carried out by Mr Wilks and Mr Potter. It has been suggested by Mr Wilks that the bench in the area opposite the entrance to Ty Coch farm is currently unusable as it is hidden away behind piles of tree trunks. It could be moved further up the Dingle, where there is a level area of verge on the right, just short of Brickyard Cottage (next to a grit bin). He said that people walking the Dingle for exercise often go as far as Brickyard and then turn back, making this a good spot for a rest. Shall I put on the agenda for the next council meeting?

2. Parish Contractor

The Parish Contractor continues to need a lot of input from me, and is not yet working proactively. I have recently asked him to attend to the following tasks:

Playing field. This had (after prompting by me) been mown, but the area between goal posts had been left very rough. I pointed out that it needed to be mown properly so that children could play football. I said that I was happy for appropriate areas to be left long to encourage wild flower growth, providing that they were mown at the end of the summer.

Bench by Trewern. Strim weeds and nettles around bench.

Weeds. Spray regrowth on the Dingle. Also, spray the pavement just below Church Road.

Sightlines. Cut back cow parsley and other plant growth where it is blocking sightlines for motorists. Particularly at the junction of the C1205 leading off the Hardwicke Road towards Michaelchurch, but also to go round the parish to check other road junctions.

Road signs. Cut back hedges wherever they are growing over road signs and making them hard to see.

Playing Field sign. To cut back the hedge so that this could be seen clearly.

3. CiLCA Training

The final training day had to be postponed, and I am awaiting a date for "Fun With Finance".

4. Chairman and New Councillor's Training

HALC will be announcing dates for these training sessions shortly.

5. VAT refund.

HMRC have made a sizeable VAT refund payment to the council.