

Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council held in Cusop Village Hall on 16th March 2022

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

In attendance: J Stannard (Clerk), Ward Cllr J Hewitt and fourteen members of the public.

1. **Apologies** for absence. None.
2. **Disclosures** of Interests and Dispensations. Cllr Gilbert declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 5.
3. **Minutes.** Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, 2022 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the chairman.
4. **Public participation session.** Several members of the public expressed concern at the likely impact of the Wild World Festival on the community. The Chairman reported that Cllr Gilbert had informed him that car parking and camping would not now be happening in the field off Nantyglasdwr Lane. Ward Cllr Hewitt agreed to contact licensing representatives of Powys and Herefordshire councils in order to arrange a joint meeting about Hay Festival, How The Light Gets In and the Wild World Festival.

Concern was also expressed about flooding at the Newport Street end of Nantyglasdwr Lane, where properties had been flooded in 2019, 2020 and 2022. Better communication about this flooding was needed between Powys and Herefordshire councils.

5. **Wild World and How The Light Gets In festivals:** Cllr Gilbert took no part in the discussion of this item. Cllrs Jardin and Whittall were expecting to meet with Mandy Houghton to discuss the How The Light Gets In festival within the next few days. They would be communicating parishioners' concerns about the festival, and learning what steps were being taken to limit antisocial behaviour etc. Poor communication about the Wild World Festival had caused considerable disquiet in the parish, and Cllr Evans felt that that the Parish Council should be informed about such events well ahead of their taking place.
6. **Dulas Brook Flooding.** Information from a member of the public about lack of progress in the official review of the recent Dulas Brook flooding had been circulated. It was noted that all such flooding was supposed to be dealt with by Natural Resources Wales. Cllr Hewitt agreed to put pressure on Herefordshire Council to ensure that Natural Resources Wales would take appropriate action.
7. **Roadside Verges.** It was agreed to request two cuts for Nantyglasdwr Lane and Church Lane, and one for all other roads.
8. **Banking arrangements.** This item was deferred.
9. **Recruitment of new clerk.** No members of the public were present for this item. The vacancy had been advertized in the parish newsletter, Wye Local and The Link. Cllr Jardin agreed to talk to HALC about about advertizing the vacancy and identifying suitable candidates. Cllrs Jardin and Hainge would form an interview panel and report back to the council on any applicants.

10. Cusop Speed Awareness Group. Cllr Whittall reported that she was still waiting to receive prices from Herefordshire Council for the proposed traffic-calming measures. It had been confirmed that S106 monies could be re-allocated in consultation with the developer.

11. Councillors' reports. Cllr Wesley asked whether any parishioners had responded to the newsletter request for ideas on the parish's Jubilee celebrations, and was told that nobody had been in touch about it. The clerk was asked to contact Hay Town Council for details on their plans for the Jubilee.

Cllr Evans asked the clerk to repeat her request to have the broken footpath sign in Nantyglassdwr Lane replaced.

Cllr Jardin asked the clerk to report a rotten stile on the footpath between the church and Llydyadyway Farm.

Cllr Gilbert asked about how to get a stile replaced with a gate in Clifford Parish.

Cllr Whittall asked the clerk to ask again for the broken Hardwicke Road sign to be replaced and to look further into the ownership of the driveway leading to the playing field. She noted that two parishioners had contacted the clerk to support the imposition of a 20mph speed limit in the parish.

12. Clerk's report. The Clerk's written report was noted.

13. Date of next meeting. The next meeting was set for Wednesday 27th April, 2022. It would follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which would start at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.33 pm.

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