

**Minutes of a Meeting of Cusop Parish Council  
held remotely via Zoom 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

**In attendance:** Jane Stannard, Clerk.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Ward Cllr Jennie Hewitt, PCSO Pete Knight.

**2. Disclosures of Interest and Dispensations.** None.

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

**4. Recording of council meetings.** It was agreed that the Clerk should record council meetings, with the recordings being deleted following approval of that meeting's minutes.

**5. Public participation session.** No members of the public present.

**6. Road Safety and Signage.** The Clerk reported that 85 parishioners had added their names to the speeding and road safety petition, with one parishioner expressing an opinion that speeding on Newport Street and Hardwicke Road was not a problem. Comments provided by parishioners had been circulated to members of the council, Ward Cllr Hewitt and Golden Valley Police. Cllr Evans had been in touch with Balfour Beatty and was waiting for a meeting with Paul Norris. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between Cllr. Evans, Mr Nick Blayney and Ward Cllr Hewitt, in order to inform Cllr Hewitt about the situation and encourage her to support the efforts of the Parish Council in this matter. The Clerk also agreed to condense the comments from parishioners into a cohesive document.

**7. Annual Parish Meeting.** As this needed to take place before June 1<sup>st</sup>, and village halls were not expected to open until mid-May, a provisional date for this was set for May 26<sup>th</sup>. A final decision would be made in April, by which time the situation regarding the impact of Coronavirus on public meetings should be clearer.

**8. Verge cutting.** It was agreed to opt for one cut of the verges in late summer on the C and U class roads in the parish, to encourage greater biodiversity in the verges. By having only one cut, any wildflowers in the verge would be given the opportunity to flower and set seed over the summer providing food for key pollinators and also habitat for wildlife.

**9. Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Hainge expressed concern at the state of the Cusop Dingle bench just above Church Road, and was told that a local builder had been approached to repair it.

Cllr Hainge told the meeting that members of the public could report instances of dog fouling on the Herefordshire CC website, and it was agreed to share this link on the Cusop website.

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## SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Cllr Evans showed the meeting an anti-vaccine poster that he had removed from the Newport Street noticeboard. The Clerk confirmed that several of these had been removed by members of the public, and that a vaccine myth-busting poster was now on display on all the parish noticeboards.

Cllr Evans asked about the damaged finger post by Ringrone on Nantyglassdwr Lane, which the Clerk confirmed had already been reported to Herefordshire County Council.

Cllrs Gilbert and Whittall reported that the drain on the corner of the upper end of the Bookers Edge development appeared to be blocked, as did the one on the opposite site of the road. Debris along the pavement edge on the Hay and Brecon Farmers side of the road needed to be cleared. It was felt that Newport Street needed to be levelled out, particularly in front of the Bookers Edge development.

**10. Clerk's Report.** The report was noted. Cllr Gilbert agreed to talk to Huws Gray and Hay & Brecon Farmers about litter in their yards and gateways, and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to the manager of the Co Op asking them to remove litter from their site.

**11. Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was set for April 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

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