A REVIEW OF DOG WASTE BINS IN THE PARISH

1. At the January meeting there was a request from a parishioner to consider provision of dog waste bins within the parish.

2. I am grateful to Hay Town Councillor Jeff Morgan for generously supplying information about the bins provided on the river walk and the Warren by HTC. It should be recognised that the situation is different in Powys and also that the land upon which the bins are maintained by HTC is private land. The waste bags are collected and then disposed of in the nearest public waste bin. HTC pays an honorarium towards this service which is carried out by volunteers.

3. Dog waste may be disposed of in public litter bins.

4. If CPC erected dog waste bins then we would have to finance their purchase, emptying and maintenance. Decisions upon siting would also have to be made.

5. An alternative approach would be to seek to obtain public litter bins, again requiring decisions upon siting. This would entail proving the evidence of need for such bins by monitoring the incidence of dog fouling and littering. If this need could be evidenced then the provision of public litter bins along the current route of the refuse collection lorry could provide a potential solution to emptying them. No enquiry has been made with regard to this.

6. Anecdotally, the provision of litter bins that are not properly managed can result in litter scattered in the vicinity.

7. As one who walks my dog, cycles and runs along the roads of Cusop, including the Dingle, I observe only occasional evidence of dog fouling or littering, thought this should not be taken as any kind of statistically significant survey.

8. this matter was aired in 2017 and 2021. The following statement was recorded by the clerk in March of 2021.

A trial was carried out in 2017/2018, to monitor the effect of removing the waste bins from Cusop. It was found that there was no increase in the amount of dog or other waste left on the streetsof the parish, and so there are no plans to reinstate the bins.

9. Councillors are invited to consider the request.