

# Parish of Woolhope

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Woolhope Village Hall

Present: Cllr. M. Slocombe (Chair)  
7 members of the public

In attendance: Liz Kelso Clerk

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the Annual Parish Meeting.

### 2. Report from the Parish Council

As Chairman of the Parish Council, the Chairman outlined the work of the Parish Council over the preceding year, including:

- As a result of the recent parish council elections, two new councillors joined the parish council; Victoria Tomlinson and Shane Powell. Richard Rolt did not stand for re-election and Cllr. Williams, who was re-elected at the elections, has since resigned due to ill health. There remains, therefore, three vacancies on the parish council which the council can fill by co-option.
- A new working party has been set up to progress the Management Plan for Broadmoor Common. Funding has been received from Wye Valley ANOB and further funding is being discussed with Woolhope Dome Environmental Trust, which it is hoped will be available for the next three years. Support for the work on the Common is growing with more volunteers coming forward both to work on the common and to help with the overall management of the area through the working party. Woolhope Environmental Trust are to visit the area again in the coming year.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been less active during the year. As a result, the parish council will relaunch the group in the near future to drive the plan forward. It is hoped that a questionnaire will be sent to all parishioners in the near future.
- Further work on the play area is planned for the forthcoming year thanks to Cllrs. Chapman and Tomlinson

### 3. Report from Footpaths Officer

Councillor Chapman as the retiring parish footpaths officer gave a report on his work explaining that during the year he has walked most of the public footpaths within the parish and undertaken some repairs or assisted with repairs and replaced signs as required. There are two parish walks each year, one on St. George's weekend and one at the New Year,

usually attended by 20 – 25 people. Cllr. Powell is to take over as footpaths officer but Cllr. Chapman will continue to lead the parish walks.

Cllr. Chapman was thanked by everyone for this work as footpaths officer.

#### 4. **Ward Councillor Report**

Cllr. Durkin reported on the recent elections and the impact on the administration of Herefordshire Council. The election for Ross North was delayed as a result of the death of a candidate and one Councillor has resigned due to ill health which has impacted on the balance of the council as a whole. In response to questions raised by those present, he confirmed that funding due from the proposed by-pass could be lost if the new administration cancel or amend the proposals and this would also result in the Core Strategy needing to be revised as it was based largely on the route of the proposed by pass and link road.

It was also noted that additional enforcement officers for Herefordshire Council had resulted in more enforcement action. A new cycle initiative is to be introduced in Hereford and there are proposals to purchase a velocity patcher which will improve the timescales for repair of potholes throughout the county.

He thanked those who had re-elected him as ward councillor for the Old Gore Ward and reported that he was currently helping with a parish that had been declared unlawful for failing to comply with regulations and procedures.

#### 5. **Broadmoor Common**

A report was noted on progress on Broadmoor Common and plans to get advice from consultants on restoring the pond. A proposal will be put to the June Parish Council meeting so that a specification can be drawn up to engage a contractor.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.