



## Issue 3

### Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

Annual Parish Council meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, 8.00pm

### Your Parish Council

#### How Caple

Chris Jones  
Elizabeth Glover  
Angela Hardy-Bishop

#### Sollershope

Bruce Jones  
John Jackson  
Mike Perlman

#### Yatton

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### Useful information

Herefordshire Council  
[www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

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01432 261800

**Welcome** to the fourth issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. If you have any comments about the contents, or have ideas for inclusion in the next edition, please contact the Clerk (details in side panel).

**Council Members** There is still a vacancy on the Council for a representative from Yatton. This is an ideal opportunity to have a say in how our community is run and to get involved in local matters. The Council meets every other month, with occasional extraordinary meetings when something has to be dealt with before the next scheduled meeting, so the demands on time are quite small. Contact the Clerk if you're interested and would like some more information.

We like to profile a Council Member and in this issue it is the turn of:

Elizabeth Glover who has lived in How Caple since moving here from Staffordshire in 1995. A teacher by training with a degree in Economics from Keele University, she has taught in Staffordshire and has run a large department of a Comprehensive school in London. After returning to Staffordshire to bring up her son and daughter, living in a rather remote and rural area, she came to Herefordshire as a result of her husband Clive's employment. Her daughter lives in Sutton Coldfield and her son lives locally. She has three grandchildren.

Since retiring Elizabeth has further developed her interests in the Arts, in particular millinery and dressmaking; cooking; and foreign travel.

She joined the Council in 2015 and has chaired the Steering Group developing the NDP

### What has the Parish Council been doing recently?

**Meetings:** The Council has met six times since the last newsletter, including one extraordinary meeting in order to comment on a planning application that could not be held over for a scheduled meeting. A total of three planning applications have been dealt with in this period. The Council now meets at Brockhampton Village Hall as this represents a considerable cost saving. The next Parish Council meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Budget & Precept:** The precept for 2018/19 is £7,800. This is an increase from 2017/18 to cover the loss of all of the funding previously received from Herefordshire Council for the Lengthsman. For full details of the 2018/19 budget see the Parish Council website <http://www.howcapesollershopeyatton.org.uk/parish-council/finance>

### Annual Parish Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> May, 7.30pm, Brockhampton Parish Hall.

This will be held immediately before the Parish Council meeting and is the opportunity for the community to meet and discuss any issues of interest. It is hoped that a representative of the West Mercia Safer Neighbourhoods team will be able to come along and explain, please see notices on the boards and parish council website for details. It's also the when the Parish Council will report on its activities for the last year. If you have any ideas about topics for discussion that you would like publicized on the agenda please contact the Chair via the Clerk, details in side panel. Otherwise you are welcome to raise them at the meeting.

Herefordshire Council has elected a new Leader, Cllr Jonathan Lester.

Changes are proposed to on-street Pay & Display parking charges in Hereford to enable visitors to stay for longer. There will be a period of consultation, notices will be posted in the press and at the locations concerned and at [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200168/parking/131/council\\_car\\_parks/4](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200168/parking/131/council_car_parks/4)

Balfour Beatty report that over the year there has been an 84% increase in serious potholes, mostly since February. This has led to a backlog of other more minor repairs. An additional £1.25M has been received from Central Govt. for pothole repairs and it is estimated that the backlog will be cleared within 4 weeks.

Model Farm Enterprise Park has been given planning permission. The 15 hectare site, east of Ross-on-Wye at Hildersley will provide up to 300,000 square feet of new commercial floor space and provide for up to 1,000 jobs

## Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Following the various public meetings and consultation held last summer and into the autumn, the Steering Group produced a revised draft Plan for the Parish Council to consider at a special meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February. This draft incorporated comments received from residents, Herefordshire Council and several statutory bodies who had to be given the opportunity to input under Regulation 14 of the legislation governing NDPs. The draft considered by the Council in February contained essentially all the ideas and comments from residents which were contained in the copies distributed to all households last summer. In some cases the layout and format has been improved following suggestions from consultees and the wording of some of the policy statements has been tightened. The draft Plan was approved by the Parish Council and has now been formally forwarded to Herefordshire Council to commence the next stage of its passage, a round of formal consultation after which it will go forward for Independent Examination. If approved by the Examiner there will be a local referendum on the Plan. The current version (v.080118) and all its supporting documents will appear on Herefordshire Council's website and on our Parish site: [www.howcapesollershopeyatton.org.uk](http://www.howcapesollershopeyatton.org.uk).



The Council's thanks go to the members of the steering Group who have put in a lot of effort to take the Plan to this important stage. They are Elizabeth Glover (chair), Bernard Morris (both Council members) together with Lois Newman and Peter Jackson, with support from our Clerk, Liz Parry-Jones. The costs of producing the Plan have been almost entirely met from funding provided by Central Government.

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**Roads.** The bad weather this winter has led to a huge increase in the number of serious potholes throughout the parishes. Balfour Beatty carry-out regular inspections of all the roads but if you see a pothole, or any other defect on the roads, then please get in touch with Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty. Urgent cases should be reported on 01432 261800, less serious ones can be reported to the Clerk (please give full location details) or direct to Herefordshire Council/ Balfour Beatty either via the telephone number above or via the website at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads> where you will also find other information including road closures and gritting routes. Serious defects on A & B roads (assessed as Category 1) have to be treated within 48 hours of being reported, less serious ones (Category 2 a,b or c) should be attended to within 28 days or two months, depending on the severity and the importance of the road. See the side panel for more information on potholes.

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**Data Protection.** As many of you will be aware new regulations (GDPR) come in to force on May 25<sup>th</sup> governing how organizations hold and process personal information. The Parish Council is in the process of drawing up and adopting new procedures, privacy notices and guidance etc in order to comply with the regulations. Details of these, including guidance on the rights of individual to access the data held on them, will be available on the website as they are implemented.

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## Landowners Rights and Responsibilities

If you are unsure about your rights and responsibilities as a landowner regarding PRoW including the maintenance of footpaths, styles and gates please see <https://www.gov.uk/topic/outdoor-access-recreation/rights-of-way-open-access>

Advice on landowners rights and responsibilities for watercourses and ditches on or adjacent to your land is available from Herefordshire Council [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/8743/ditch\\_guidelines\\_version\\_3](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/8743/ditch_guidelines_version_3)