



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Chair and Vice Chair elected

THE Council has this past month elected a new Chair and Vice Chair of Council for the year ahead.

The newly-elected Chair is Councillor Rachel Hogley. Cllr Hogley is an Independent Member for Holmfirth Central ward.

She has served as a Councillor for five years, last year as Vice Chair of the Council. She has also served recently as Committee Chair for the Publications and Communications Committee and been Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

On being elected, Councillor Hogley said she was honoured to be chair of such a historic body as the Parish Council. She stated that even given the current restrictions there are great things the Council can still push forward, such as the asset transfer of Honley Library, moving the Neighbourhood Development Plan through to referendum and implementing the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Elected Vice Chair of the Council was Cllr Michael Pogson. Cllr Pogson is the Labour Member for the Brockholes ward. Councillor Pogson said he was chuffed and proud to take on the role especially given the tradition of excellent Vice Chairs. Cllr Pogson said he hoped to live up to the great standards of his predecessors.

Standing Committees – election of chairs, vice chairs and members

FOLLOWING the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, Members were next elected to the Standing Committees of the Council.

Climate Emergency Standing Committee: This Committee has the remit of delivering the outcomes of the Holme Valley Climate Emergency Action Plan. Councillor Paul Davies, a Labour Member for Wooldale ward, was re-elected to chair this Committee. Cllr Glyn Barker, Labour Holmfirth Central, was re-elected Vice Chair. Councillors elected to the Committee were: Cllr Trevor Bellamy, Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Darryl Gould, Cllr Rachel Hogley, Cllr Judith Roberts and Cllr Sarah Sheard. This Committee is unusual in that it consists of both Councillors and co-opted members of the public. At the first meeting of the Committee, the following members of the public were co-opted: Caroline Anstey, Stephen Barker, Frances Bennett, Greta Bradley, Andrew Colwill, Cath O'Halloran, Alison Morgan, John Queening and Matthew Tulley.

Community Assets Standing Committee: This Committee supports community building assets in the Holme Valley. Councillor Pat

Colling was elected by the Parish Council to the position of Chair. Cllr Colling is a Labour Member for the Honley Central and East ward. She was elected to the Parish Council in the year 2019. Cllr Kath Bellamy, Conservative Member for the Upper Holme Valley, was elected Vice Chair of the Committee. They will be supported this year by the following Committee Members: Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Jason Brook, Cllr Duggs Carré, Cllr Tom Dixon, Cllr Sean East and Cllr Rachel Hogley.

Finance and Management Standing Committee: As well as assuming the role of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Michael Pogson was also elected to Chair the Finance and Management Standing Committee. Councillor Joe Sweeney, Labour Member for Honley South, will serve as Vice Chair of the Committee. Other Members that make up the Committee are: Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Pat Colling, Cllr Paul Davies, Cllr Paul Dixon, Cllr Charles Greaves, Cllr Rachel Hogley and Cllr Di Hall.

Planning Standing Committee: For the Planning Standing Committee, Councillor Mary Blacka

was elected Chairman. Cllr Blacka is a Labour Member for the Scholes ward. She was newly-elected to the Parish Council in the year 2019. On being voted Chair, Cllr Blacka paid tribute to Cllr Judith Roberts who has diligently served as Planning Committee Chair for many years. Councillor Tom Dixon, Independent Member for Hepworth ward, was subsequently elected Vice Chairman at the first meeting of the Committee. Other Planning Committee Members are: Cllr Pat Colling, Cllr Paul Dixon, Cllr Darryl Gould, Cllr Rachel Hogley and Cllr Michael Pogson.

Publications and Communications Standing Committee: This Committee oversees publicity and communications for the Council. Members elected Councillor Duggs Carré as Chairman of the Committee. Cllr Carré is a Co-operative Party Member for the Upperthong ward. Elected Vice Chair was Cllr Rachel Hogley. They will work with the other Committee Members: Cllr Kath Bellamy, Cllr Jason Brook and Cllr Ben Lockley

Service Provision Standing Committee: This Committee supports important services to

the community, like the Holme Valley Minibus, the Patient Transport scheme, dog poo bag dispensers, benches and so on. This year, Councillors voted Cllr Jason Brook as Chairman of the Standing Committee. Cllr Brook is a Conservative representative for the Wooldale ward who has served on the Council for several years including a year as Chairman. Elected to support him as Vice Chair was Cllr Kath Bellamy who is to serve as Vice Chair of two Standing Committees. The other Committee members are: Cllr Mary Blacka, Cllr Sean East, Cllr Tom Dixon, Cllr Bernie Feeney, Cllr Michael Pogson and Cllr Judith Roberts.

Staffing Standing Committee: This Committee oversees the contracts, training and performance-management of staff. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Council sit on this Committee, as well as the Chairs of each of the Standing Committees, plus Cllr Sweeney as Vice Chair of Finance. The Chairman of the Staffing Standing Committee is, by tradition, the previous year's Council Chair, so Cllr Trevor Bellamy will serve as Chairman of the Staffing Standing Committee for 2020-21.