

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Cradley Parish Council (Temporary Appointment of Members) Order 2017
Date of decision:	8 November 2017
Decision maker:	Monitoring Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	Herefordshire Council's constitution elections functions as listed in schedule 1 section D of the regulations gives the Monitoring Officer delegation for making temporary appointments to parish councils.
Ward:	Bishops Frome and Cradley
Consultation:	<p>In accordance with the council's guidance on making temporary appointment of members of town/parish councils - consultation was undertaken with the parish clerk to Cradley Parish Council and the ward members named in the temporary appointment order. The temporary position of Parish Councillor is offered by the monitoring officer in the following order until a quorum has been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herefordshire Councillor(s) for the ward within which the Parish is located • Herefordshire Councillor(s) for the wards adjacent to the ward within which the Parish is located • Other Herefordshire Councillors. • Other Town/Parish Councillors from adjacent Parishes <p>All appointments are voluntary and require the appointee's agreement. In the event that this procedure does not yield sufficient appointees the matter will be reported to the next full council meeting. All appointments must be made by Order under Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
Decision made:	In pursuance of the power conferred upon it by Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council has appointed Mr AW Johnson, Hoe Farm, Mathon Road, Colwall, Malvern WR13 6EP, Mr JG Lester, Mount Pleasant, 54 New Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4AJ, Mr NE Shaw, Cop Castle, Bringsty Common, Worcester, WR6 5UN, Mr A Seldon, 84 Old Road, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4BQ to act as Members of Cradley Parish Council until an election has been held and to fill such vacancy as shall constitute and re-establish a quorum in the Parish Council or after six months beginning from the date on which the Order is signed, whichever is the earlier, whereupon such appointments and this Order shall cease.
Reasons for decision:	Following the resignation of a number of Parish Councillors, there are now so many vacancies in the parish of Cradley that the parish council is unable to act. By issuing the order to appoint the local ward members it brought the parish of Cradley back into quorum.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The council may by virtue of this order appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected and take up office.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	For the vacancy to be declared and elections to be held, this is not recommended as during that period the Parish Council are unable to take any decisions or function.

Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed.....



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Date: 9 November 2017