

District Councillor Nigel Dowty Annual Report-

I am now in my 5th year as your Wychavon District Councillor. Over this time I have introduced regular monthly reports at Parish meetings and this year is the first year I have provided an annual review.

The District Elections were in May last year and there were several new District Councillors elected and this is also the time of year when Councillors are selected for committees. In my 1st 4 years I was very active on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Since May last year, in this Council Term, I was elected Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to provide independent assurance on the adequacy of its risk management framework, internal control environment and integrity of its financial reporting processes.

Earlier on last year a report went to Council to dispose of the Legion Site and sell to Roof Top Housing who are undertaking a 100% affordable housing scheme exclusively for those with a connection to the Armed Forces. As part of this there will be an agreement between Wychavon and the Parish Council, to contribute up to £10,000 from the proceeds of the disposal, which will benefit community facilities within Hartlebury i.e the play area. When I know more on this I will update the Parish Council.

Discussions regarding the South Worcestershire Development Plan continued and In September the Inspector came back with some modifications before the plan could be adopted. A 6 week consultation period has taken place and hopefully February 2016 the plan will be adopted.

Shared Services continued through out the year with in the Council and in October the Council agreed a Single Senior Management Team across Wychavon and Malvern Hills Councils. This is estimated to save each of the Councils approx. £140,000 per year.

In addition to the routine District Council meetings I attend, I regularly attend the Executive Board meetings and Audit Committee meetings. I also attend planning meetings when it involves Hartlebury. I have actively tried to get the planning committee to see my points of view with some good results in over turning some of the officers decisions.