

Longtown Group Parish – Community Governance Review. Information Sheet.

Community Governance Review proposal expressed interest in separating the parish of Walterstone from the group and instead amalgamating Walterstone with Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council. Following confirmation of these proposals with Longtown Group, the parish council noted that at the parish council meeting on 20 September 2017 it was agreed that while the parish council could not formally request these changes without consulting the residents of Walterstone, it can confirm that the reasons originally indicated are still relevant. To review the Longtown Group Parish Community Governance review terms of reference please go to:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200148/your_council/779/community_governance_review/5

Longtown Group Population¹: 947

Population by age group:	0-15yrs	16- 29 yrs	30-44 yrs	45- 64 yrs	65+ yrs
	134	120	107	307	279

Projected housing growth: As part of the Longtown Group Parish Neighbourhood Plan 32 new homes have been identified as being needed between 2011 and 2031. This equates to a 12% increase on current totals. For further details please see:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/3081/longtown_group_neighbourhood_development_plan

Council Tax for each valuation band and parish. By parish, including the police and fire precepts².

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Longtown Group	£1119.48	£1306.06	£1492.64	£1679.21	£2052.37	£2425.53	£2798.70	£3358.43
Ewyas Harold group	£1152.00	£1344.00	£1536.00	£1727.99	£2111.99	£2495.99	£2880.00	£3455.99

Why is a Community Governance review being considered?

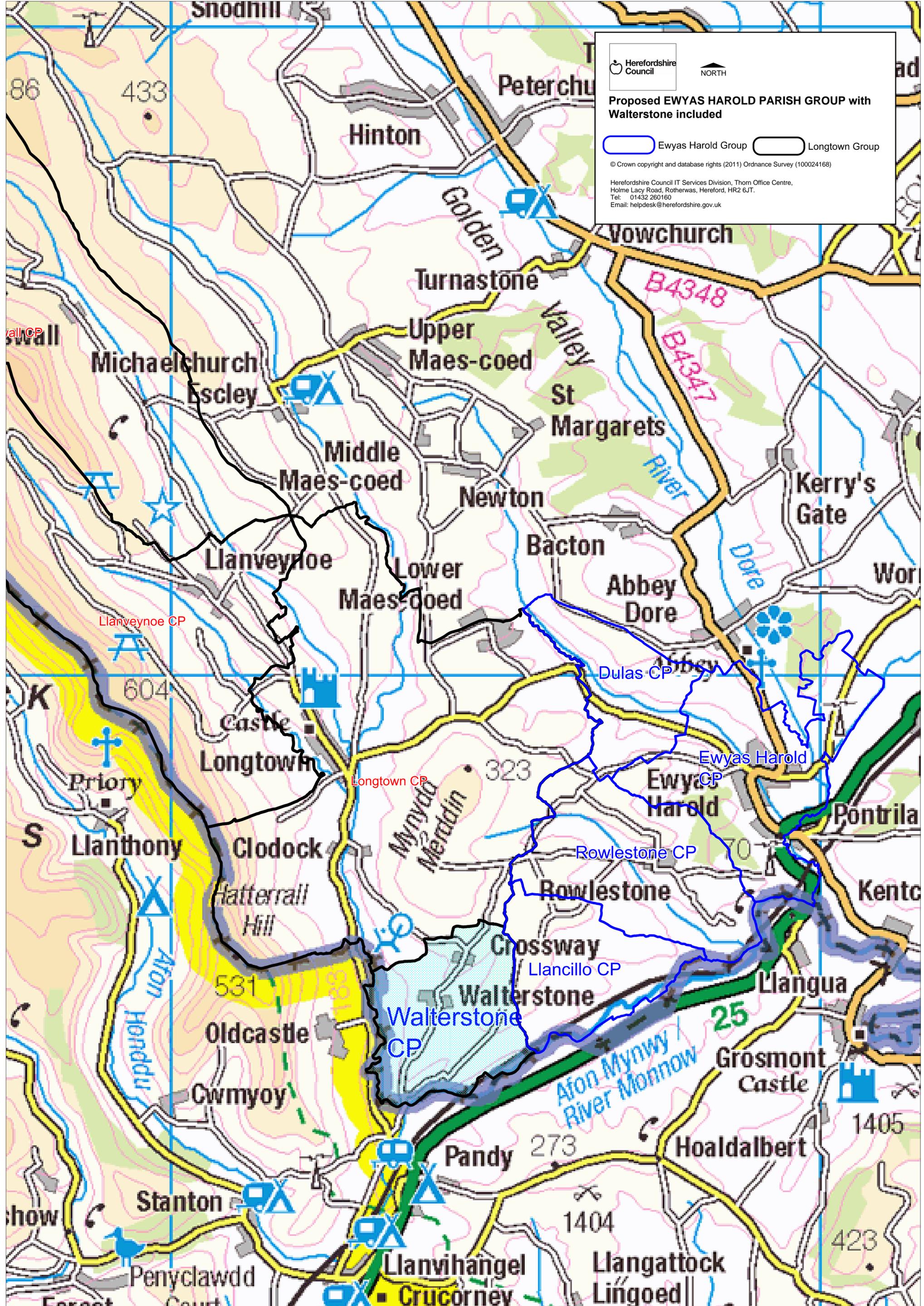
Government guidance on community governance reviews suggest that occasionally, it may be appropriate to carry out a small reviews, for example, to adjust minor parish boundary anomalies. Local people have expressed a view about what form of community governance they would like for this area. Herefordshire Council has tailored the Longtown Group Parish terms of reference to reflect those views.

Making such change needs to be compatible with the retention of community interests. In addition, if this proposal were to take place consideration of electoral arrangements of parish council established after a parish is de-grouped. Each parish in the new group must return at least one councillor from each of the grouped parishes.

In the case of Longtown Group Parish council, they have expressed a view that the parish of Walterstone may feel a closer geographic connection and community identity with the Ewyas Harold group Parish Council. In essence, the proposal is that parish of Walterstone de-groups from the Longtown Group and re-groups with the Ewyas Harold parish group.

¹ Source: ONS © Crown copyright 2017

² The council tax figures will be updated in March



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Proposed EWYAS HAROLD PARISH GROUP with Walterstone included

 Ewyas Harold Group  Longtown Group

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