

Mrs. Maureen Robinson,  
Clerk to Border Group Parish Council,  
Gotherment House,  
Wigmore,  
Herefordshire.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Dear Maureen,

**Border Group Parish Council**

I refer to my telephone conversation with you earlier this morning informing you of my desire to resign from my roles as Chairman of the Parish Council, and as Parish Councillor for Buckton and Coxall.

I do not take such a decision lightly, but I'm afraid that I am not willing to have the quality of life for myself and Linda upset by the constant unpleasantness that I have experienced since taking on the role of Chairman last May.

I have done my level best to manage the Parish Council in an open and transparent way. Clearly, my management style does not suit certain members of the council, nor some more vociferous members of the public.

I realise that when one takes on a public office, one leaves oneself open to scrutiny and potential criticism, but I did not anticipate the constant sniping I have seen occur, from both within and outside the council.

It is sad to think that those who think they are trying to improve the local democratic process may eventually be responsible for destroying it.

I apologise for leaving both you and the Border Group Parish Council in the lurch, but wish you all success for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Derrick.