

QUIDHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr John Watling
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Dear Mr Watling

Quidhampton Parish Council submission to the review of parish boundaries 2014.

At its meeting on July 22nd Quidhampton Parish Council resolved (minute ref 14/070 (i)) that it wished to incorporate Tower Farm Cottages into the Parish. These properties are currently within Salisbury City Council but fall within the natural boundaries of the village.

No other changes are requested or desired.

Quidhampton Parish Council rejects the proposal from Salisbury City Council to extend the City boundaries to incorporate the village. Minute ref 14/070 (ii).

Identity

Quidhampton has an independent identity as a small village community with its own village hall and pub (re-opening 1st August). It has a number of societies and groups and publishes a regular and popular village newsletter. It is broadly rural in outlook.

The Parish is clearly separated from Salisbury by the Water Meadows, pasture, open ground and the A36, from Netherhampton by the Water Meadows and from Wilton by the grounds of Wilton House.

Representation

The Parish Council was fully elected at the last election but now has co-opted councillors. It is representative of the community with reasonable gender balance and a balance of ages and socio economic profile. The councillors are grandparents, young parents, professionals, small business owners, public sector workers and pensioners. The homes of Councillors are located in all parts of the small community. Some Councillors have served for many years while others are in their first term. Members of the council also engage in other aspects of village life such as serving on the Village Hall Committee, acting as quiz master or flood warden and maintaining the village website. In the past year the Council has consulted with young people in the village about improvements to the village park.

The Council rejects the suggestion that being incorporated into Salisbury City Council would improve the representation of Quidhampton residents and believes that such a course of action would be detrimental to representation.

Services

The general business of the council involves the allocation of limited resources to support local activities such as prizes for the village fete, the village bonfire party, small improvements to the village hall and supporting the newsletter. In addition the council maintains the small village park where volunteer working parties are the norm.

In the recent past the Council has successfully worked to maintain a regular bus service and listed the village pub as a community asset.

The council can see no reason why these services would be improved by being subsumed by Salisbury City Council and believes such a course of action would be detrimental to services.

Localism and partnership working

Quidhampton Parish Council supports the principle of localism and believes that the types of services provided by the council are best delivered by residents acting as representatives.

In addition, Quidhampton Parish Council works with others in partnership where necessary to deliver improvements.

The Council can see no reason why partnership working or localism would be improved by being subsumed by Salisbury City Council and believes that such a course of action would be detrimental to community life and cohesion.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to Quidhampton Parish Council.

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