

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2015 AT AUDITORIUM - CITY HALL, SALISBURY, SP2 7TU.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Cllr Richard Clewer, Kieran Elliott, Ian Gibbons, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Bill Moss, Paul Taylor and John Watling

20 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the panel. It was explained Cllr Hubbard had given his apologies for the meeting, and that Cllr McLennan would be participating from the audience as an affected member of the proposals being discussed.

21 **Purpose and procedures of the meeting**

The Chairman explained the reasons for Community Governance Reviews, procedure for the meeting, and that decisions on boundaries would be taken by Full Council.

22 **Proposals**

Maps were presented showing each proposal, which were introduced and explained by the Head of Electoral Services.

22a Britford Triangle

Comments in support:

Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council

- It is the bare minimum of the change that is sensible and beneficial.

Cllr John Collier, Salisbury City Council

- The change is small and meets the criteria regarding connectivity with the city and no uniqueness that would argue against its inclusion.

Cllr Jane Ranaboldo, Britford Parish Council

- Had no objection so long as the proposals shown were the totality of transfers from Britford to Salisbury proposed.

Comments in objection:

There were no objections raised.

22b Salisbury/ Laverstock and Ford

There were two proposals for properties along the current boundary, one transferring the remainder of an existing estate into Laverstock and Ford, one moving the estate into Salisbury proper.

Comments in Support

Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council, in addition to previous written submissions, and Margaret Wilmot, John Lindley, Salisbury City Council

- Neutral observers would think estate is already a suburb of Salisbury City, other areas of city proper are just as far from the centre, or further.
- Effectiveness of local government is key, city council able to improve this, able to be more coordinated and effective, all wards contested.
- Parishes already gain benefits of city without contributing as much.
- City growing and its needs must be assessed and planned for, last change for a change for a long time.
- Council housing in Laverstock was built by Salisbury City Council as a dormitory of the city, it is integrally connected to it.
- Edge of city is still the city.

Comments in Objection

Cllr David Burton, Chairman of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Residents of Laverstock

- Identity is being near Salisbury, not within Salisbury. Rural and not urban character would be diminished if Salisbury proposals accepted.
- 4 distinct, reasonably sized communities
- Parishes perfectly viable for provision of effective local government
- Absorption into Salisbury would lead to a lack of focus on issues on the perimeter, such as on the County park and local amenities.
- Local residents overwhelmingly against transfer into Salisbury

There were also questions on the review process and frequency of reviews which were answered by the Chairman.

22c Halfpenny Road Estate

Comments in Support

Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council, John Collier and John Lindley of Salisbury City Council, supported the proposals as the properties were much closer to Salisbury, though they felt the adjacent business park should really be included as well.

Cllr Sally Armitage, Netherhampton Parish Council, supported the proposed change following no objection from any affected residents. Also supported the transfer of the business park.

Comments in Objection

There were no comments raised in objection.

22d Skew Road/ Wilton Road Junction

Comments in Support:

Quidhampton Parish Council support the proposed change as reflecting the connectivity with Quidhampton for the properties affected.

Salisbury City Council supported the proposed change for the same reason.

Comments in Objection:

There were no comments in objection raised.

22e The Avenue and Fugglestone Red Area

Comments in Support:

Cllr Phil Matthews, Wilton Town Council

- The change would tidy up the boundary and provide further definitive green space between Salisbury and Wilton.

Comments in Objection/Neutral comments:

Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council

- Although no specific problem with the change, as the area was green fields with no residents, it was hard to see how it could meet the criteria.

Cllr Tom Corbin, Salisbury City Council

- Disputed the change did clarify the boundary to any appreciable degree.

22f New Cemetery Land

Comments in support:

Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council

- The cemetery was part of a development within the City boundary and would service the City. As it would be administered by the City Council and Wilton Town Council, but as it bordered the City boundary and not Wilton, it made sense for the area to be transferred from South Newton to the City.

Comments in objection:

There were no objections raised.

23 **Close**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(Duration of meeting: 4.00 - 5.30 pm)

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