

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

NOTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014 AT NEEDL HALL, HIGH ST, CHIPPENHAM SN15 3WL.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Adam Brown, Jessica Croman, Ian Gibbons, Cllr Nina Phillips, Paul Taylor (Senior Solicitor),
Cllr Dick Tonge and Cllr Nick Watts

10 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Stuart Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the Working Group introduced themselves to those in attendance.

11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

12 **Purpose and Procedures of the meeting**

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet and hear from those affected by the proposed boundary changes.

13 **Parish Proposals (10 Minutes each)**

14 **Bremhill**

The Chairman of Tytherton Lucas Parish Council, Ian James, gave a summary of the proposals.

- The best alternative was stated as being a return to the 2012 boundary.
- It was stated that the Bremhill neighbourhood plan had been completed as a community.
- The separate identities of the different settlements should be protected.
- Numerous boundary changes and adjustments in the past had led to confusion.
- There was no need to take 150 acres from the Calne community area.

- It was stated to be important for rural parishes to build within their boundaries to sustain and develop themselves.

15 **Chippenham**

The Chief Executive of Chippenham Town Council, Susan Wilthew, gave a summary of the proposals.

- The Chippenham Town Council view was that they had looked at the best information received on planning applications likely to come through the Chippenham area.
- It was stated that there was currently no core strategy in place.
- It was said that the proposed boundaries aimed to make those present aware of what effect the large developments could have.
- People's predominant use of Chippenham's facilities makes them feel like residents of Chippenham.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to consider the circulation of different agenda copies due to late submissions.

After the meeting was reconvened it was stated by Cllr Wheeler that all information submitted would be welcomed but that additional meetings may be asked for to properly consider the information.

16 **Parish Responses (5 Minutes each)**

Corsham Town Council stated that permission for 300 houses at the Hunter's Moon development east of the A350 was out of scale with Corsham.

The Clerk of Langley Burrell Parish Council, David Kilmister, stated that they accepted some change was necessary and that the boundary should follow the roads. It was suggested that the golf course and adjacent retirement home west of the A350 could be realigned to fall within the Chippenham boundary. The effect of changes to Langley Burrell's history and heritage was expressed, and it was stated that it was inappropriate to move a large part of the area into Chippenham,

It was heard that the core strategy with regards to the Chippenham area would be unclear until consultation had taken place and a new map approved. Until this point it was stated that all proposals were speculative until an agreement had been reached.

Chippenham Without asked why the natural boundary to Chippenham was not constructed from the road system.

Questions were asked on the proposed new road on the North Eastern side of Chippenham and the direction it would follow. Langley Burrell Parish Council stated that had not had the opportunity to discuss if they supported this as being the boundary between them and Chippenham.

Lacock Parish Council stated that the Bristol to London railway line was considered as marking the southern boundary. They were stated as being against Chippenham taking more land, which was said as being irrelevant to the function and development of Chippenham town.

Chippenham Town Council stated that they would consider any logical boundaries.

17 **Consultation**

The Chairman explained that as the core strategy had not been agreed in Chippenham that they would be acting ahead of themselves.

The following decisions were made:

- To delay consideration of redrawing boundaries until there was the benefit of a consultation from the inspector within the Chippenham area, with the exception of the A350 boundary line.
- It would be noted that Chippenham Without Parish Council wished to change their name to Allington and Sheldon.

18 **Any other business**

There was no other business.

19 **Close**

(Duration of meeting: 11.00 am - 12.35 pm)

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