

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

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

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Cllr Allison Bucknell, Jessica Croman, Paul Taylor (Senior Solicitor) and John Watling

20 **Welcome & Introductions**

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

21 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

22 **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.

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

24 **Lyneham and Clyffe Pypard**

The Clerk for Clyffe Pypard Parish Council, Peter Gantlett, gave a summary of the proposals.

- It was heard that following the 2010 Parish Council AGM that a request had been lodged to change boundaries. One year later the Parish Council voted unanimously to continue with this process.
- Residents were said to have been canvassed for opinion, and that a majority spoke in favour.

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

Parish Councillor for Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council, Reverend Richard George Selby-Boothroyd, stated that ecclesiastic boundaries would not be affected by the changes. Religious mobility and membership would not change as a result of any parish boundary movements.

Reverend Selby-Boothroyd stated that Thickthorn was separated by a large distance from Preston, and that Preston was closer to Lyneham.

It was explained by the Vice Chairman of Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council, Tim Webb, residents of Lyneham would rather stay in the parish than move to Clyffe Pypard.

The proposed boundary line in the north was described as following field boundaries.

The red proposed boundary line on page 8 of the agenda pack was described by Reverend Selby-Boothroyd as creating a good buffer between Preston and Lyneham. Moving Thickthorn and a number of properties in Preston was described as messy. Reverend Selby-Boothroyd stated that the whole of Preston and Thickthorn should be treated as single entity.

It was recommended that Lyneham Parish Council decide and pass a resolution stating their stance on the proposed boundary changes.

26 **Consultation**

The Chairman stated that the best option would be to go out and consult with locals with the community of Thickthorn.

Following discussion the Group decided the following:

- To consult the residents of Thickthorn.
- For three options to be on the consultation letter: no change; move one; move both.
- To send letters directly from Wiltshire Council to homes in Thickthorn.
- For the letters to inform residents of the three proposals.

27 **Any other business**

There was no other business.

28 **Close**

(Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 2.45 pm)

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