

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

NOTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT ALAMEIN SUITE - CITY HALL, MALTHOUSE LANE, SALISBURY, SP2 7TU.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian West and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Cllr Leo Randall
Landford Town Council
Redlynch Town Council

Ian Gibbons – Associate Director Legal & Governance
John Watling – Head of Electoral Service
Paul Taylor – Senior Solicitor
Jessica Croman - Democratic Services Officer

34 **Welcome & Introductions**

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

35 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

36 **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.

37 **Parish Proposals (10 minutes each)**

Wiltshire Councillor for Redlynch and Landford, Councillor Leo Randall gave a summary of the proposals.

- Landford was historically a part of Hamptworth parish.
- Nomansland and Landford were effectively one community, which shared local facilities, including the school, post office and shop.
- Following discussions with Landford and Redlynch parish councils, Hamptworth had asked that if Nomansland was to join Landford, then could they join also.
- Therefore as well as moving the boundary for Nomansland, if the people in Hamptworth wished to move, then it would also be moved within the boundary.
- There were six remote houses along the county boundary, which currently had not yet been included in the proposals. It was unknown whether they would want to join Nomansland in the boundary move to Landford or not.

38 **Parish Responses**

Chairman of Landford Parish Council, John Martin endorsed the proposals as detailed by Cllr Randall, adding that both communities had grown to the point where there was no distinction between the two.

It was felt that the current boundary was not particularly helpful, part of it ran along Pear Tree Drive, which meant that neighbours on opposite sides of the road were in different parishes.

Landford Parish Council was very much in support of the proposed changes to move Nomansland and most of Hamptworth, including the estate, into the boundary of Landford.

Redlynch Parish Councillor Bill Dunn explained that the parish and village of Nomansland had been expanding over the years, schools had merged and a natural alliance had been formed.

The current boundary was indistinguishable to the point that it ran through one residents house. The Parish felt that the proposed new boundary as detailed by Cllr Randall, seemed to be a good settlement.

There were no questions.

39 **Consultation**

The Chairman explained that as both parishes were in agreement, the next step would be to consider the best approach for consultation.

Following discussion the Group decided the following:

- Cllr Leo Randall would send a copy of the map with the proposed new boundary for Nomansland, Landford and parts of Hamptworth, to the Officer/Working Group.
- One letter and map would be produced for circulation to all residents in Nomansland detailing the proposals for change to the boundary, asking whether they agree or disagree and an opportunity to submit comments.
- A second letter and map would be sent to the residents in Hamptworth, informing them of the proposals to move Nomansland in to the Landford boundary, and asking them whether or not they wished to join them in the move.
- The six houses at the bottom of the county, along the boundary, would be identified and contacted to ask the residents whether they wished to join Nomansland in the boundary move to Landford.
- Letters would be distributed by members of the parish councils. A list of addresses would be provided by the Elections team.
- Based on the responses received back, if there was a clear positive response, there would be no further public meeting required. The proposals would be sent with recommendation for approval to Cabinet.

40 **Any other relevant business**

41 **Close**

(Duration of meeting: Times Not Specified)

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