

Dear John

Tisbury P. Cllrs informally discussed the potential changes, but as I thought, there was no definite proposal mooted and each councillor was asked to send their thoughts to me by Friday last.

As I did not receive any comments I will put the issue on the August agenda, but I think this will be too late for you to feed back.

I can give you insight into previous discussion - but this would be my personal view of what was said, but does boil down into 2 key issues:

- a. Tisbury village is a very different environment to that of the surrounding area - it has a car park, public toilets, swim pool, sports centre, High St shops etc., i.e. it is urban in nature and the precept reflects this. Residents in the surrounding much more rural environment pay the same council tax as the vast majority of Tisbury residents, but without the immediate facilities.
- b. The proposal to amalgamate the 2 parishes would combine more rural homes into the mix and did not find favour; however the *potential* for a Tisbury PC and a Tisbury Without PC could be considered more logical.

As a third point, the boundary between the 2 parishes broadly follows natural geographic features such as the Oddford Brook. This may well have been logical in the past, but now further houses have been built on the outskirts of Tisbury village so that the boundary passes between houses on the same development - an anomaly and confusing to residents who sometimes turn up at meetings not knowing that they live in West Tisbury and not Tisbury. Look at Springfield Gardens in West Tisbury with St John's Close/Brook Close in Tisbury; also The Mallards, Castle Mount and High View - all in West Tisbury.

Perhaps you would let me know if you still wish a more formal response following the August 4th meeting.

best wishes,
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from Mrs S. Harry - Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council