

Wiltshire Council

Electoral Review Committee

3 April 2024

Parish Name Change Review

Purpose

1. To consider proposals to change the name of the parish of Clyffe Pypard

Background

2. Changing the name of a parish or parish council can be done through a Community Governance Review process in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
3. However, such a change may also be progressed under s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972.
4. As the latter would be a simpler process in terms of structure, consultation and decision, the Committee at its meeting on 21 September 2021 resolved that where a request was received solely regarding a parish name change, the s.75 process would be followed.
5. This report relates to requests from the parish of Clyffe Pypard, which is located south of Royal Wootton Bassett, within the Electoral Division of Lyneham.
6. S.75 allows the Council to change the name of a parish at the request of a parish council (or parish meeting if there is no council). This means that the Council may only approve or not approve that suggested name, and cannot substitute some other proposal. For instance, should a new suggestion arise as a result of a survey, unless the parish council had indicated formal consent for that alternative proposal, it could not be recommended.

Main Considerations

7. Clyffe Pypard Parish Council requested that the name of the parish be changed to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton. The reason for the request was:

To more accurately reflect the communities served by the Parish Council, which has historically represented the two neighbouring villages.

The parish includes two main settlements: Clyffe Pypard and Bushton. Bushton is the larger settlement, but it is not reflected in the name of the parish.

This change was unanimously supported by the parish council

8. In order to change the name of a parish, a decision would be required by Full Council, who would then notify the Secretary of State, Director General of the Ordnance Survey, and the Registrar General, along with a parish name change order.
9. There are no specific consultation requirements where a change of parish name is being considered under s.75, only proscribed notifications after the event as detailed above.

10. However, at request of the Committee on 9 January 2024 a survey was set up to seek any local views, with a request this be circulated in the community by the parish council and others.

11. 44 responses were received to the survey, as attached at **Appendix A**. 36 responses were in favour and 8 against the proposal. 2 of the responses against the proposal (which were submitted from the same email address) incorrectly stated Clyffe Pypard and Bushton were separate parishes under a joint parish council, when the area is a single parish with multiple communities.

12. 42 responses stated they were submitted by residents of the parish. As the total electorate of Clyffe Pypard is approximately 251, then even with the total population being higher than the electorate this would indicate a very significant proportion of the parish have responded to the name change proposal.

Safeguarding Implications

13. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

14. There are no public health implications.

Procurement Implications

15. There are no procurement implications.

Risk Assessment

16. There are no risk issues arising from this report.

Equalities Implications

17. There are no equalities implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Implications

18. There are no environmental implications.

Workforce Implications

19. There are no workforce implications.

Financial Implications

20. There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

21. This report is consistent with the requirements of s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Options

22. The Committee may recommend that Full Council approve the proposed name changes for the parishes as listed, decline to make any recommendation to Full Council at this time, or seek consent of the parish council to recommend an alternative name to Full Council if appropriate.

Proposal

23. To consider whether to recommend Full Council approve the following name changes:

The Parish of Clyffe Pypard be changed to the Parish of Clyffe Pypard and Bushton.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Responses to the Name Change Survey

Background Papers

None

Appendix A

Number	Status	Agree/Disagree	Comments
1	Interested Party	Agree	It makes absolute sense to include both parishes, and also for the settlements to be names in that order as Clyffe is the original name and Bushton is being added to it.
2	Interested Party	Agree	Agree with the proposal as it may Bushton residents feel more included in the PC
3	Resident	Disagree	The suggested new name is a bit of a mouthful. Why change something that has been fine for hundreds of years.
4	Resident	Agree	The parish name should reflect the names of both neighbouring settlements of Clyffe Pypard and Bushton. I am proud to live in this area and would like Bushton's name to be included in the parish name.
5	Resident	Agree	It totally makes sense as Bushton is the larger settlement and therefore should be recognised.
6	Resident	Agree	Bushton should be included, as it is a large part of the parish area.
7	Resident	Disagree	Clyffe Pypard Parish is the historical name and in my opinion should be retained. The settlements of Bupton and The Barton are also within Clyffe Pypard Parish.
8	Resident	Agree	It makes sense and is more reflective of the actual residents
9	Resident	Disagree	I prefer the shorter and historical name of Clyffe Pypard for the Parish.
10	Resident	Disagree	My postal address is Bushton, but it doesn't bother me one iota that the Parish name excludes Bushton. So what if Bushton is the larger settlement, in the grand scheme of things does it really matter!
11	Resident	Agree	The name needs to change to reflect the reality of the community - Bushton and Clyffe Pypard are the 2 main settlements but Bushton is not currently recognised in the civic parish name
12	Resident	Agree	More people working together.
13	Resident	Agree	It will make us all feel included in local matters.
14	Resident	Agree	Sensible proposal so that both villages are included in the title
15	Resident	Agree	Bushton is a key part of the parish community
16	Resident	Agree	
17	Resident	Agree	
18	Resident	Agree	
19	Resident	Agree	
20	Resident	Agree	better integration of the community
21	Resident	Agree	Bushton is the larger settlement and also the location of the village hall. It deserves to be included in the Parish name
22	Resident	Agree	It makes sense for both communities to be represented.

23	Resident	Agree	It would make good common sense to do it BUT is there a cost (eg printed maps, guides etc)
24	Resident	Agree	Bushton should be included in the name of the parish council
25	Resident	Agree	makes sense!
26	Resident	Agree	
27	Resident	Agree	Currently both villages are impacted by the parish council decisions so fair request to include Bushton in the name
28	Resident	Agree	I think it makes the whole settlement more inclusive.
29	Resident	Agree	We are anonymous the last link to Clyffe Pypard we SHOULD be joined as... CLYFFE PYPARD and BUSHTON Parish Council!!!! there are after all enough people living in BUSHTON..... i am a resident.
30	Resident	Agree	
31	Resident	Agree	It is more logical to have both names in the title.
32	Resident	Disagree	Don't really see the need for such a change
33	Resident	Agree	To bring together both settlements Clyffe Pypard and Bushton. The village hall is in Bushton.
34	Resident	Agree	It seems like a good idea to bring the communities together.
35	Resident	Agree	It's logical, makes perfect sense - in line with reasons already submitted by Parish Council.
36	Resident	Agree	It is a very logical change to make. Both settlements make the whole parish and it should be reflected in the name
37	Resident	Agree	While largely ambivalent about the change I can see that it reflects the physical "on the ground" make up of the Parish.
38	Resident	Agree	the reasons stated by the PC
39	Resident	Agree	The name is more inclusive and gives Bushton residents a clearer identity. We understand that associated costs would be minimal.
40	Resident	Agree	It makes sense
41	Resident	Agree	Reflects the close ties and equality of the 2 villages more appropriately
42	Resident	Disagree	We are two separate parishes and I wish to remain as such, I can't see any good reason to change it as there doesn't seem to be any advantage for the change. According to the old maps the area has always been known as Clyffe Pypard. I have no objection to the Parish Council being called Clyffe Pypard and Bushton parish council because that is what it is (a joint council of the two parishes)
43	Resident (Duplicate email to 42)	Disagree	I don't see the reason to change,. I have been here 44 years and no problems. I came here with my husband and three children and still love the area. We are two different parishes, always have been.and I always want them to be. I don't mind the Parish Council being joint but certainly not the

			area. I would like CLYFFE PYPARD to remain a separate parish.
44	Resident	Disagree	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. The Civil Parish of Clyffe Pypard was established from five tythings at the close of the 19th. Century as you know. In all subsequent legal and governance matters it has been so referred. The Neighbourhood Plan enabling regulations are also reflective. Therefore it does not seem necessary or relevant and will probably result in additional costs revising a number of existing references and legalities etc. The equivalent to changing the name of a Civil Parish could be likened to an application to change the name of Wiltshire Council to Wiltshire and Salisbury and Chippenham Council . Based on a vainglorious and similar attempt - and which could be expanded as well (Marlborough, Pewsey, Wilton etc.)! Hence "Clyffe Pypard and Thickthorn and Bushton and Woodhill and The Barton and Upper Ham Parish Council" Clyffe Pypard is the notation for the civil electoral (Parish) area and should remain just that. Thank you Keith</p>