

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

21 May 2024

Parish Name Change Review

Summary

To consider proposals to change the name of a parish as recommended by the Electoral Review Committee.

Proposals

That Council:

- 1) Approve that the name of the parish of Clyffe Pypard be changed to the parish of Clyffe Pypard and Bushton.**
- 2) Authorise the Solicitor to the Council to make any necessary legal orders and notifications to enact the above changes.**

Reason for Proposals

To reflect community identity and interests

Perry Holmes

Director - Legal and Governance

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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 Electoral Review 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 or another reason, unless the parish council had indicated formal consent for that alternative proposal it could not be approved through this process.

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:

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.
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. However, at the request of the Committee an online survey was placed on the council's website for circulation to interested parties.
10. 44 responses were received to the survey. 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 in fact the area is a single parish with multiple communities.

11. 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, with a sizable majority of those in favour of the change.

12. If Council approves the name change, an Order will be made, also to include the name changes approved by Council at its meeting on 21 February 2024.

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. Full Council may approve the proposed name changes for the parish as listed or decline to approve any change. If it considers a different name would be appropriate for a parish, consent of the relevant Parish Council would need to be sought.

Proposal

23. That Council:

- 1) Approve that the name of the parish of Clyffe Pypard be changed to the parish of Clyffe Pypard and Bushton.
- 2) Authorise the Solicitor to the Council to make any necessary legal orders and notifications to enact the above changes.

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Appendices

None

Background Papers

[Responses to the online survey](#)