

Electoral Review Committee

MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2023 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Ian McLennan and Cllr Paul Oatway QPM

Also Present (Virtual):

Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Stuart Wheeler.

29 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ernie Clark, Jacqui Lay, Ashley O'Neill, Ian Thorn, and Stuart Wheeler.

Councillors Lay and Wheeler attended the meeting remotely and so did not vote on any proposal.

30 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023 were presented for consideration, and it was,

Resolved:

To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.

31 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

32 **Chairman's Announcements**

It was announced that a request had been submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to approve related alterations to Electoral Divisions, following the making of a Community Governance Order to enact the parish changes approved by Council on 18 October 2022. It was expected the LGBCE would make their decision by the end of September 2023.

33 **Public Participation**

Mr Francis Morland, speaking as a member of the public, made a statement regarding Minute 34, Community Governance Review 2022/23, including noting

that the Final Recommendations would need to be published no later than 19 August 2023.

34 **Community Governance Review 2022/23**

A report was received setting out details of a further consultation relating to a proposal at The Gibb, currently divided between the parishes of Castle Combe, Grittleton, and Nettleton.

The Committee had undertaken three consultations on different options and discussed which if any they felt to best reflect the statutory criteria, taking account of the views of electors and the parish councils across those consultations.

During debate the Committee considered whether the sole property south of the road was best reflected in community terms by inclusion with the other properties at The Gibb, the scale of that property and distance from Castle Combe, the representations received, and the impact if any on effective or convenient governance of the options which had been consulted upon. On balance, the Committee considered its initially recommended proposal with the parish line along the B4039 represented a clear, effective boundary between Grittleton and Castle Combe.

At the conclusion of debate, it was therefore,

Resolved:

To delegate to the Head of Democracy, Governance, and Customer Services, in consultation with the Chairman, the preparation of a detailed Final Recommendations document for consideration of Full Council.

35 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 26 September 2023.

36 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 1.30 - 2.00 pm)

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