

## WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

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### MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2015 AT CERES HALL, CORN EXCHANGE, MARKET PLACE, DEVIZES, SN10 1HS.

#### Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman), Ian Gibbons, John Watling and Paul Taylor.

#### Also Present:

Cllr Peter Evans and Cllr Laura Mayes.

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#### 1 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the panel.

#### 2 **Purpose and procedures of the meeting**

The Chairman explained the reasons for Community Governance Reviews, procedure for the meeting, and that decisions on boundaries would be taken by Full Council.

#### 3 **Proposals**

Maps were presented showing the proposals.

##### 3a **Roundway and Devizes Parishes**

Comments in support:

- Devizes Town Council- Supports the merger
- Roundway Parish Council- Supports the merger

There were no comments against the proposal.

Other comments:

- Re-warding likely once boundaries changed, all parish councillors to remain as they are until re-warded
- No rule as to the number of councillors needed per head but a minimum of 5 councillors needed per parish area. Generally warding aimed to keep each ward roughly equal in population

### **3b Bishops Cannings and Roundway (Le Marchant Area)**

Comments in support:

- Roundway Parish Council- Supports the proposal as logical
- Bishops Cannings Parish Council- Supports the proposal as logical and prevents confusion

There were no comments against the proposal.

### **3c Bishops Cannings to Roundway (Broadway House southwards)**

There were no comments in support of the proposal.

Comments against:

- Bishops Cannings Parish Council- The properties in questions were historically inside Bishops Cannings and the proposal could make the boundaries unclear. The Parish Council would submit an alternative proposal to John Watling (Head of Electoral Services), the proposal was: From London Rd, the boundary should come down Windsor Drive and rejoin the current boundary at Nursteed School towards Little Coate and Nursteed Brooke. This alternative proposal would include two additional properties currently in Roundway.

Other comments:

- Devizes Town Council- Would like the allotments (near the Byway) to stay within Roundway, and therefore be part of the new merged parish.
- Town and Parish boundaries has no significance in determining planning applications

### **3d Hopton Industrial Site Area (request of Devizes Town Clerk)**

Comments in support:

- Bishops Cannings Parish Council- In support of the proposal as logical.

There were no comments against the proposal.

### **3e Bishops Canning Parish Warding**

Comments in support:

- Bishops Cannings Parish Council- Would prefer to be unwarded

Other comments:

- Rewarding would take place after boundary decisions and likely at the same time as warding for Devizes

There were no comments against the proposal.

## **4 Close**

Other comments:

- The names of merged parishes would be decided by Council, on the advice of the parishes in question.
- A merger would not impact upon the constitution of parishes/their ability to have a mayor
- Consultation meeting dates had been public from 28 September 2015.

(Duration of meeting: 7.00 - 7.40 pm)

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