

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

NOTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT ALAMEIN SUITE - CITY HALL, MALTHOUSE LANE, SALISBURY, SP2 7TU.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian West and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Sandra Harry – Tisbury
Patrick Duffy – Tisbury
John Berkley-Mathews – Tisbury
Nigel Noyle – West Tisbury

Ian Gibbons – Associate Director Legal & Governance
John Watling – Head of Electoral Services
Paul Taylor – Senior Solicitor
Jessica Croman – Democratic Services Officer

42 Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman, Councillor Stuart Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the Working Group introduced themselves to those in attendance.

43 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

44 Purpose and Procedures of the meeting

Working

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet and hear from those affected by the proposed boundary changes.

45 **Parish Proposals (10 Minutes each)**

Patrick Duffy, Chairman of Tisbury town council, noted that Tisbury had not initiated the review, which had already been a long standing proposal.

Tisbury put forward their views on the review highlighting three options they had considered;

- 1) Split the Parishes into Tisbury within and Tisbury without
- 2) Correct the anomalies around the boundary lines
- 3) Merge both parishes together

Tisbury views included:

- Tisbury is a much larger area than West Tisbury
- Different focus of the parishes – Village/ rural
- Minor cost saving
- Merging would create simplified communication
- Presently Tisbury struggle to get Cllrs, merging would give to more competition and attract more quality.
- The services in Tisbury are equally used by West Tisbury although the precept is different.

46 **Parish Responses (5 Minutes each)**

West Tisbury was against a full merge noting that the Hamlets may be lost or unrepresented and noted that most communities associated themselves to be in West Tisbury other than a housing estate which had been identified as an anomaly.

The working party Members asked questions about the anomalies and populations and it was noted that West Tisbury's population would increase slightly.

Due to the new ideas emerging out of the meeting, It was agreed that Tisbury and West Tisbury should discuss their proposals further and produce maps for the working party in reasonable time. It was noted that if the working party did not hear from them then the scheme would be pushed into the next cycle.

47 **Consultation**

The consultation arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that Wiltshire Council would send the letters to the Parishes for distribution to the areas that would be affected for their views.

48 **Any other business**

49 **Close**

(Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 2.30 pm)

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