

CGR 16

Parishes Affected

Hinton Waldrist

Matter to be considered

Increasing the number of parish councillors to seven

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

Hinton Waldrist parish council made this request saying, "it would allow more people to be available for Council meetings and to ensure that the meetings held are quorate." It has subsequently written to explain that two of the existing parish council members commute long distances so can find it difficult to attend meetings and that seven councillors would provide more confidence of securing a quorum

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To increase the number of councillors for Hinton Waldrist parish council to seven.

Justification

The National Association of Local Councils recommends that the minimum number of members of a parish council should be seven, and that this number should apply to all councils with an electorate up to 900. The electorate of Hinton Waldrist parish is roughly 300, so the working group is content to support the proposal.