

Appendix one - East Hanney

From: Steven Corrigan
Sent: 21 April 2016 09:18
To:
Cc: Margaret Reed <Margaret.Reed@southandvale.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Parish Councillors

Dear Mr Langton

Thank you for your email regarding East Hanney Parish Council's request to increase the number of parish councillors on the parish council. We will take the request to the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee when it next meets. This is likely to be during the summer.

I will contact you to confirm the date of the meeting.

Regards

Steven

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From: Guy Langton
Sent: 17 April 2016 11:01
To: Marcia Beviere <Marcia.Beviere@southandvale.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Parish Councillors

Dear Marcia

East Hanney Parish Council requests that the number of councillors be increased as a result of the current housing developments and expansion of the village since 2011.

please could you initiate this process and outline for me the timetable of the review?

Many thanks.
Best Wishes
Guy Langton
Clerk to East Hanney Parish Council

Appendix two - South Hinksey

From: David Buckle
Sent: 19 August 2016 10:10
To: South Hinksey Parish Clerk <s.hinksey@gmail.com>
Cc: Margaret Reed <Margaret.Reed@southandvale.gov.uk>; Steven Corrigan <Steven.Corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Community governance review: South Hinksey

Dear Mr Ferres

Thank you for your email. I have passed this on to Steven Corrigan, the councils' democratic and electoral services manager, who will report your request to the next meeting of the Vale's community governance and electoral issues committee. There is no meeting of this committee scheduled currently but I understand that there is likely to be one called in the next couple of months. I am sure Steven will keep you posted.

Your sincerely
David Buckle
Chief Executive
South and Vale councils

From: South Hinksey Parish Clerk
Sent: 18 August 2016 23:04
To: David Buckle <David.Buckle@southandvale.gov.uk>
Subject: Community governance review: South Hinksey

Dear Mr Buckle,

I have been instructed by South Hinksey Parish Council to request a community governance review in respect of two matters:

- Warding of the parish
- Increasing the number of parish councillors from five to six.

Here is a link to a copy of the signed minutes of the Council's June meeting at which the decision to approach the District Council was taken:

<https://shinksey.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/20160606-shpc-minutes-signed.pdf>.

Warding of the Parish

The parish of South Hinksey is small but comprises two distinct areas, namely the village of South Hinksey and the Hinksey Hill area. The parish council happens at the moment to comprise three members from the village and two members from the Hinksey Hill area. Both individual areas of the parish have their own identity and cohesion.

The village has been sorely troubled in recent years with problems of flooding. In addition, the village is affected by the rail works and the associated questions of access over the rail bridge, alternative public footpaths into Oxford and incidents of public nuisance and crime.

Hinksey Hill has its own distinct problems of volume and speed of traffic and its effect on the inhabitants in their daily lives. Improvements for access to Oxford for pedestrians and cyclists are an important issue. It is anticipated that Hinksey Hill will face increasing pressure in respect to planning.

Therefore, in accordance with the recommendations of the Department for Communities and Local Government/Local Government Boundary Commission for England joint Guidance on community governance reviews:

- Para 159 & 160 – Having regard to the different problems and challenges faced by the two areas it is requested that it is considered warding the two areas
- Para 166 – It is considered desirable to balance the parish council to reflect the two different part of our community by allowing both wards, if approved, to elect three councillors which would result in an increase in the size of the Council from five members to six.

Increasing the number of parish councillors from five to six

The Parish Council wishes to have the number of councillors increased to six even if the review does not find that warding is justified. The basis of the request is as follows:

- The parish, although small, faces a wide range of challenges including chronic flooding, access issues, traffic, increase in the number and complexity of planning applications.
- Budget cuts at District and County Council level mean that the Parish Council deals with more residents' questions and more time is expended in dealing with local issues
- The Parish Council is responsible for the management of the burial ground in the parish. The management of the burial ground has been undertaken on the Parish Council's behalf by interested unpaid parishioners but now pressure of applications outside the parish and other factors require the Parish Council to take a more active role in the day to day running of the burial ground
- The Parish Council owns a Community Woodland that requires attentive management
- Historically the Chairman has taken the burden of much of the work of the parish. This is no longer sustainable and more councillors are needed to share out the workload.

- We have residents who are willing to stand as parish councillors.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Ferres
Parish Clerk
South Hinksey Parish Council