

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED  
BY STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 18  
JULY 2019**

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The following recommendations were agreed at the full Council meeting held on 18 July 2019.

The next stage is for a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to be implemented to bring the recommendations into effect for the next parish council elections in May 2020.

Except as set out below, no new parishes or parish councils should be constituted, no existing parish or parish councils should be abolished, no other areas of existing parishes should be altered, no parishes should be renamed and no other changes to existing parish arrangements should be made as part of this Community Governance Review.

**AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS**

**Bisley-with-Lypiatt and Chalford Parish boundary amendment**

- a) the boundary of the parish of Bisley-with-Lypiatt is redrawn to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge to Chalford parish, and the transfer of 4 properties on Middle Hill to Bisley-with-Lypiatt as shown on Map 1; and
- b) a request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Bisley and Chalford District Wards; and
  - ii. Bisley and Painswick and Minchinhampton County Divisions.

Reason for decision: To implement a suggestion from Chalford Parish Council to correct an anomalous parish boundary issue. The boundary amendment is more logical and reflective of the identities and interests of the community and would make community governance more effective and convenient.

**Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish and Stroud Town Boundary amendment**

- a) the boundary of the Parish of Brimscombe and Thrupp is redrawn where it adjoins the Town of Stroud (Trinity Ward) to transfer the properties in Gunhouse Lane to the Parish of Brimscombe and Thrupp as shown on Map 2;
- b) no change be made to the boundary between Brimscombe and Thrupp and Minchinhampton Parish; and

- c) a request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Stroud Trinity and Thrupp District Wards; and
  - ii. Stroud Central and Minchinhampton County Divisions.

Reason for decision: The boundary amendment is more reflective of the identities and interests of the community and would continue to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Cainscross Parish and Stonehouse Town boundary amendment and Stonehouse Town Ward name amendment**

- a) The boundary between the Parish of Cainscross and the Town of Stonehouse is redrawn as shown on Map 3;
- b) The number of Parish Councillors for Cainscross (Ebley Ward) is increased to FIVE. This will increase the number of Parish Councillors for Cainscross to THIRTEEN;
- c) Stonehouse (Ebley Ward) is to be renamed Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward) and would return ONE Councillor
- d) A request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Cainscross and Stonehouse District Wards to be coterminous with the new parish boundaries; and
  - ii. Stonehouse and Rodborough County Divisions

Reason for decision:

The boundary amendment is more reflective of the identities and interests of the community and would provide effective and convenient community governance.

This recommendation is subject to the agreement of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as it affects 'protected electoral arrangements' within the meaning of Section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

### **Cranham and Upton St Leonards Parish boundary amendment**

- a) The boundary between the Parishes of Cranham and Upton-St-Leonards is redrawn to transfer one property into Cranham parish as shown on Map 4.
- b) The boundary change does not impact the district wards or county divisions.

Reason for decision: The amended boundary better reflects the identities and interests of this community, and would continue to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Eastington Parish Council increase in Councillors and future Community Governance Review**

- a) The number of Parish Councillors for Eastington is increased to ELEVEN;
- b) A Community Governance Review for the parishes which contain the Great Oldbury development (Eastington, Standish and Stonehouse) is held between 2022 and 2023.

Reason for decision: Due to the significant development taking place within the parish, the number of Parish Councillors should be increased for continued effective and convenient community governance. For this reason, it was decided that a future Community Governance Review would also be necessary.

### **The creation of Hunts Grove Parish Council and amendments to Hardwicke and Haresfield Parish boundary**

- a) A new Parish of Hunts Grove will be created and the Parish should be called Hunts Grove Parish Council;
- b) The effective date for the new parish council will be the 1 April 2020, with elections for the parish council to take place in May 2020;
- c) Hunts Grove Parish Council should return FIVE Parish Councillors;
- d) The parish should not be divided into wards;
- e) Changes are made to boundaries of the existing Parishes of Hardwicke and Haresfield as shown on Map 5; and
- f) No changes are made to the councillor allocations for Hardwicke and Haresfield Parish Council.

Reason for decision: The creation of the parish better reflects the identities and interests of the community, and would provide effective and convenient local government.

### **Minchinhampton Parish and Nailsworth Town boundary amendment**

- a) The boundary between the Parish of Minchinhampton and the Town of Nailsworth is redrawn as shown on Map 7; and
- b) A request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Minchinhampton and Nailsworth District Wards to be coterminous with the new parish boundaries; and
  - ii. Minchinhampton and Nailsworth County Divisions

Reason for decision: The amended boundary better reflects the identities and interests of the community, and would continue to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Minchinhampton Parish and Rodborough Parish boundary amendment**

- a) The boundary between the Parish of Rodborough (South Ward) and the Parish of Minchinhampton (Amberley Ward) is amended to transfer 16 properties into Minchinhampton (Amberley Ward) as shown on Map 8; and
- b) A request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Amberley and Woodchester District Ward and Rodborough District Ward
  - ii. Nailsworth and Rodborough County division

Reason for decision: The amended boundary better reflects the identities and interests of this community, and would continue to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Randwick and Westrip Parish Warding arrangements**

- a) The warding arrangements of Randwick and Westrip Parish Councils to be as follows and as shown on Map 9:

Parish Wards	No. of Cllrs
Randwick Ward	4
Randwick South East Ward	2
Randwick South West Ward	3

Reason for decision: The amended warding arrangements are necessary to provide effective and convenient community governance.

### **Stonehouse Town, Eastington and Standish Parish boundary amendment**

- a) The boundary between Eastington Parish and Stonehouse (Stonehouse Ward) Town Council is amended to transfer the area of Oldends Industrial Estate into Stonehouse as shown on Map 10;
- b) The boundary between Stonehouse and Standish Parish is amended to incorporate the extension to the recreation ground (the portion of land that lies between the two railway lines) as shown on Map 10; and
- c) A request to the LGBCE is made to amend the boundaries of:
  - i. Stonehouse and Severn District Wards to be coterminous with the new parish boundaries; and
  - ii. Stonehouse and Hardwicke and Severn County Divisions

Reason: Whilst the boundary changes do not directly affect any residential properties or electors, the amendment addresses two boundary anomalies and contributes to a more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

### **Kingswood Parish and Wotton-under-Edge Town boundary amendment**

- a) An amendment is made to the boundary of Kingswood Parish Council and Wotton-under-Edge Town Council to transfer Wotton-under-Edge South Ward into Kingswood Parish with the exception of the hamlet of Wortley as shown on Map 6;
- b) Wotton-under-Edge South Ward is absorbed in to Kingswood Parish and the parish would not be warded;
- c) The number of Parish Councillors for Kingswood Parish is increased to EIGHT;
- d) Wotton-under-Edge Town Council retains THIRTEEN Councillors and there are no longer any warding arrangements in place for the Town Council; and
- e) The Council will make a consequential recommendation to the LGBCE for related alterations to the district ward boundary between Kingswood and Wotton-under-Edge so that the hamlet of Wortley is transferred to Wotton-under-Edge District Ward.

#### **Reason:**

The Council recognised that the issues were finely balanced, and concluded that this boundary amendment would put in place effective and convenient community governance within that part of the Stroud District.

This recommendation is subject to the agreement of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as it affects 'protected electoral arrangements' within the meaning of section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.