

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

held on 10th October 2012

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Cllr Brodrick (Chairman)

Councillors: Dunton (substitute for Cllr Hill),
Liquorish, Simpson (substitute for Cllr Knowles) Smith

Officers: R. Ellis, S. Mortimer B.Murgatroyd

Apologies for absence were Cllrs Evans, Hill Knowles and Tomlin

255 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

RESOLVED that: Cllr Brodrick be elected Chairman for the year 2012/2013.

256 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013

RESOLVED that: Cllr Smith be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2012-2013.

257 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

258 OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee was given an overview of the process for reviewing community governance arrangements, and the reasons why a review was needed, by the Returning and Electoral Registration Officer. The consultation plan had been prepared based on the decision of Council on 17 September 2012. Consultation letters would be despatched by the end of October 2012 with a deadline for responses of 14 December 2012

RESOLVED that the arrangements for the review of Community governance be noted and endorsed.

259 OPTIONS FOR PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGE –BROUGHTON ASTLEY/DUNTON BASSETT

The Committee noted that at the Council meeting on 17 September 2012, it was resolved to carry out a public consultation on a proposed change to the boundary between Broughton Astley and Dunton Bassett. Since that decision had been made, a number of letters had been received from residents objecting to the proposal. Part of the concerns relate to a desire not to see adjacent fields developed. The Boundary Commission guidance on parish boundaries state that areas of 'no man's land' between communities (either areas of low population or which include barriers such as railway lines, rivers or roads) should be a good reason to re-examine parish boundaries and tie in parish boundaries to firm ground detail.

It was suggested that the countryside between the settlements of Broughton Astley and Dunton Bassett formed such a 'no mans land' and the current parish boundary was an anomaly taking into account the development of properties in the area.

The Committee considered the four options for the area and

RESOLVED that: Options C and D (attached to the report) should form part of the public consultation.

260 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMUNICATION PLAN

Consideration was given to the Community Governance Review Consultation Plan for the second consultation phase. The consultation suggested would take place between October and December 2012.

It was noted that the Committee would be asked to consider the responses received to the public consultation before making its recommendations to Council

RESOLVED that the consultation plan be approved subject to the inclusion of the Education and Health Authorities as consultees in relation to the parish arrangements for Broughton Astley and Dunton Bassett

261 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the committee would take place on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 6.30pm.

The Meeting ended at 7.56p.m.