

BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan

**Report of the Executive
Director Core Services**

Community Governance Review Billingley, Cawthorne and Wortley – Final Proposals

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present for consideration the final proposals arising from the emergency Community Governance Review undertaken during 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the outcome of the Community Governance Review set out in Appendix 1 be received and the final proposals as summarised at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 be approved for implementation;

3. Introduction

- 3.1 Following the resignations of four of the five parish councillors and the voluntary parish clerk retiring from the role, it is no longer possible for Billingley Parish Council to attract sufficient candidates to achieve a quorum or to appoint a parish clerk. The parish council called a parish meeting that was held on 27th March 2019. The meeting resolved to request to Barnsley MBC that the parish council be replaced with a parish meeting.
- 3.2 Following the 2017/18 Community Governance Review the membership of Cawthorne Parish Council was reduced from 9 to 7 and Wortley Parish Council was reduced from 9 to 5. Due to the parish clerk for Wortley PC suffering serious illness during this period, the parish council never received any of the correspondence regarding this review and therefore missed their opportunity to submit their opinions and evidence to the review. Following consultations with the Chairman of the council, we have agreed that 7 would be a more appropriate number of members for the parish council. Cawthorne Parish Council have also made representation that they were unable to respond to the council's consultation on these proposals, therefore we have considered that the council's membership be increased to 9 members.
- 3.3 This report presents final proposals for consideration by full Council following the conclusion of the Community Governance Review.

4. Proposal and justification

- 4.1 That Billingley Parish Council become a Parish Meeting in line with the request from the request from the parish meeting that was held on ... The formal request to the council is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 That the membership of Wortley Parish Council be increased from 5 to 7 in line with the request from the parish council to allow for a wider spread of representation from across the parish on the council and a greater mix of skills amongst the members.
- 4.3 That the membership of Cawthorne Parish Council be increased from 7 to 9 in line with the request from the parish council to cover the many meetings, both local and further afield, interests and activities necessary to keep a small rural community running smoothly within National Guidelines.

5. Implications for local people / service users

- 5.1 There are no direct implications for service users as there are no significant changes to the Community Governance arrangements proposed by the review.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

7. Employee implications

- 7.1 None

8. Communications implications

- 8.1 None

9. Consultations

- 9.1 These proposals were displayed on the council's website and subject to a public consultation for 4 weeks from 10/04/19 to 08/05/2019. The only responses received were from the affected parish councils supporting the proposals put forward.

10. Appendices

None

11. Background papers

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

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