

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 10 September 2010)

1. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR) - GODSHILL (REPORT C) (MINUTE NO. 19)

All District and Unitary Councils have a duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to undertake a Community Governance Review every 10 – 15 years or when a petition from local residents is received.

In September 2009 the Committee agreed to ask all Parish and Town Councils in the District whether they wished a CGR undertaken in their areas. Godshill Parish Council requested a CGR to examine:

- (a) the parish boundary with Fordingbridge, with a view to establishing whether the development known as Crystal Hollow should more appropriately be located in Godshill rather than Fordingbridge;
- (b) the parish boundary with Breamore, with a view to establishing whether the triangular piece of land to the west of the River Avon at the property known as Armsley should transfer to Breamore Parish.

When undertaking a CGR a District Council must ensure that community governance within the area under review is:-

- (a) reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- (b) effective and convenient

The Committee has borne these criteria in mind in undertaking the review.

In accordance with the legislative requirements, terms of reference for the review were published and two stages of consultation were undertaken. All residents responding to the consultation supported the changes requested by Godshill Parish Council. Breamore Parish Council also supported the proposals insofar as they affected their boundary. The National Park Authority, Hampshire County Council and Fordingbridge Town Council did not object.

The Committee considers that in the light of the local support, the requested changes to Godshill's boundaries with Breamore and Fordingbridge should be agreed. In coming to this conclusion the Committee is satisfied that the changes will reflect the identities of the communities affected and ensure effective and convenient community governance.

If the Council agrees the recommendations below, the final proposals and recommendations, with a statement of reasons, will be published and those who have an interest will be informed of them. A Reorganisation Order to effect the changes in the boundaries will then be made. The change in the boundaries will affect the boundaries of the Forest North West, Fordingbridge and Downlands & Forest district wards. Changes to these ward boundaries must be made by the Boundary Committee for England and will be dealt with as "consequential amendments" to the making of the Reorganisation Order.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That, for the reasons set out in Appendix 2 to Report C to the Committee, final proposals and recommendations to change the boundaries of Godshill with Breamore and Fordingbridge, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report C to the Committee, be published and that steps be taken to ensure that those who may have an interest are informed of them;**
- (b) That, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make a Reorganisation Order to give effect to the changes set out in Appendix 1 to Report C to the Committee; and**
- (c) That the Boundary Committee be requested to amend the boundaries of the Forest North West, Fordingbridge and Downlands & Forest District Wards to reflect the changes in the parish boundaries.**

**Cllr L R Puttock
CHAIRMAN**