

Community Governance Review

On 6 July I received the following message from the Service Manager for Democratic & Electoral Services at Dorset Council:

“I am writing to advise you that the report to Full Council setting out Community Governance Review final recommendations has been published today. You can find the report and all associated papers [here](#) (p.69 onwards of the report which went to the council). You will see that the report contains a link to the submissions document that sets out all the submissions received during the last round of public consultation on the draft recommendations, which took place from 28 February to 23 May.

Please note: the recommendations relating to Weymouth, Chickerell, Winterborne Farringdon and Vale of Allen have been withdrawn from this Community Governance Review in order to allow further public consultation to be carried out. A separate Community Governance Review relating to these areas will be undertaken later this year.

You will be able to watch the Council meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 July, which will be live-streamed, using this [link](#).

The final recommendations as agreed by Full Council at the meeting will be published during July via the [Community Governance Review web page](#) and an Order to implement any adopted changes will also be made, with any changes taking effect on 1 April 2024. The first elections under any new community governance arrangements will take place on 2 May 2024.”

Here is an extract from the report in respect of Broadmayne and West Knighton.

Recommendation 5 - Broadmayne and West Knighton Based upon the evidence currently available, Dorset Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- *help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;*
- *help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.*

Through the initial public consultation survey the Council received a representation from the Parish Council highlighting some boundary anomalies as a result of previous development in the parish where properties in the same road fell in 2 different parishes and also where a parish boundary runs through the site of individual properties, together with a proposal to amend the parish boundary to the west of the A352. During the period of consultation on the draft recommendation, 2

submissions were made in support including from Broadmayne Parish Council. There were 6 submissions opposing the draft recommendation including from Knightsford Parish Council who partially opposed the draft recommendation, and from residents of Littlemayne who did not object to the correction of boundary anomalies but objected to the proposal to the west of the A352 relating to Littlemayne. The Council are persuaded by the views of the residents of Littlemayne and have therefore amended the final recommendation to just regularise the boundaries in Oakwood and 17a, 19 and 19a West Knighton. This would move Oakwood in its entirety to West Knighton parish, and would move 17a, 19 and 19a West Knighton to the Broadmayne parish.

Dorset Council's decision on the officers' recommendation had not been published at the time of the preparation of this paper. I will provide an update at the Parish Council meeting.

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