

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at the village hall Kingston Deverill on Monday 22nd July 2019 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors: Bridget Beattie (Chair); Dr David Croot (Vice Chair); Gillian Flint; and Richard Munro.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk, Jenny Bennett; and Councillor Fleur de Rhe Phillippe (Wiltshire Council)

075/19. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence. None

076/19. Dispensations. No requests for dispensations received.

077/19. Declarations of interest. None.

078/19. Exclusion of the Press and Public. No reasons were given to exclude the press and public.

079/19. Proposed electoral boundary changes for South Wiltshire. Fleur de Rhe Phillippe provided a summary of Wiltshire Council concerns regarding boundary changes proposed by the Boundary Commission. The proposed Boundary Commission changes would mean that Upper Deverills parish would be located within an Upper Deverills and Nadder ward rather than the Warminster Without ward as currently. Fleur stated that Wiltshire Council were concerned that the proposals break up community cohesion and are contrary to existing geographic connections. Wiltshire Council believe that its proposals are preferable i.e. Upper Deverills parish should be included within a Wylve ward.

Cllr Munro asked whether the proposed boundary changes would mean that Upper Deverills parish would remain part of the Warminster Area Board, or would become part of the South West Wiltshire Area Board. Fleur responded that this decision had not yet been made, but she thought it was likely that Upper Deverills and Nadder would come under the South West Wiltshire Area Board and Wylve would come under the Warminster Area Board.

After much discussion, Councillors moved to a vote on the question: 'Do we object to the Boundary Commission proposals?'. The vote not to object was carried 3:1.

Councillors therefore resolved not to object to the Boundary Commission proposals, but requested that the Clerk reply to the consultation with the following text:

'In response to the consultation on revised electoral boundaries for south, south west and south east Wiltshire, the Upper Deverills Parish Council has resolved not to object to the proposals. However, the Council feels that it has been unable to make an informed decision as no information has been made available in terms of what Community Area our parish would be located in; and also what could be the potential alternative electoral divisions as proposed by Wiltshire Council.'

080/19. Date of next meeting. The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th September 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Date: 11th September 2019

Signed:

Cllr B Beattie

Chair