

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Governance Review 2015 - Funtley Village

Terms of Reference

What is a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the borough to consider one or more of the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
- The naming of a parish and the style of a new parish (i.e. whether to call it a “village”, “community” or “neighbourhood” with the council similarly named as a “village council”, “community council” or “neighbourhood council”);
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (including council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding), and
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes.

The Borough Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be:

- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- is effective and convenient.

In doing so the Community Governance Review is required to take into account:

- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

The government has emphasised that recommendations made in Community Governance Review ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

Why are we carrying out this Community Governance Review?

Following receipt of a valid petition signed by 322 electors within the ward of Fareham North, Fareham Borough Council is required by law to undertake a Community Governance Review to consider the petitioners’ request, which is as follows:

“We the undersigned electors live in Funtley (including Iron Mill Lane) and believe that we should have our own Parish or village Council. We request that Fareham Borough Council make the necessary provisions for establishing a Parish or village Council by conducting a Community Governance Review and that this should happen as soon as possible. We hope that the outcome will be an independent Parish Council for Funtley Village which will work closely with its residents and Fareham Borough Council.”

The petitioners’ proposals are illustrated on the map attached as Appendix 1 to this document.

In drawing up these terms of reference, we have consulted the Funtley Village Society and Hampshire County Council and taken into consideration their comments.

What are we consulting on at this stage?

Option 1

To create a new Parish Council

Option 2

To make no changes to the current arrangements

How will Fareham Borough Council undertake this Community Governance Review?

As the principal authority, Fareham Borough Council is responsible for undertaking any Community Governance Review within its electoral area. The procedure for a Community Governance Review requires the Council:

- (a) to consult initially on these terms of reference for the review
- (b) taking into account representations received, to then publish draft recommendations and consult on those
- (c) taking into account representations received, to then publish the final recommendations and, if required, to make a community governance reorganisation order to give effect to agreed changes.

In undertaking this Community Governance Review, the Borough Council will be guided by:

- Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007,
- the relevant parts of the Local Government Act 1972
- The Legislative Reform (Community Governance Reviews) Order 2015, and
- the document “Guidance on Community Governance Reviews” (March 2010) issued in accordance with section 100(4) of the 2007 Act by the Department for Communities and Local Government and The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

As required by Section 79(3) of the 2007 Act, the Borough Council has notified Hampshire County Council that a review is to be undertaken, provided them with a copy of these terms of reference for the review and has consulted them on the matters under review.

Map of Proposed Boundary of Funtley Parish

