

Covingham Parish Council

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Parish Council on Monday 18th July 2016
In Covingham Park Primary School, The Harriers, Covingham

Present: Cllr Osbourn (Chair), Cllr Benfield (Vice Chair), Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Paginton, Cllr Hawkes, Cllr Sandle.

In attendance:

Gemma Cheal (parish clerk)

1. Apologies

Received from Ward Cllr Parry and Cllr Foss.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Community Governance Review

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated his disappointment in the lack of attendance from the Ward Councillors. Members noted that all Ward Councillors had been invited. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Parry. No response had been received from Ward Cllr Heenan.

• **Implications for Covingham**

Members noted that Cllrs Curtis and Hawkes had recently attended a meeting with Swindon Borough Council and other stakeholders regarding the Community Governance Review. Different options for parishing Swindon were presented at this meeting, including the option to merge Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene together. Members noted the different views of the residents in some of these areas, some of whom do not want to be parished.

Members noted that Stephen Taylor had informed attendees at the meeting that a Parish can be dissolved and changed if it is older than 7 years old. This would have implications for Covingham.

Key dates for consideration:

- Deadline for responses – 29th July 2016.
 - Report to go to Cabinet on 4th August 2016.
 - Proposal to be made public on 9th August 2016.
 - Further consultation until 30th September 2016.
- **To formulate a response to Swindon Borough Council**
After debate, members resolved for Covingham to remain as it currently stands, retaining the current boundary.

Members agreed a response to be sent to Swindon Borough Council (ACTION CLERK).

Meeting closed at 20:26

Signed (Chairman):