

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held in Roydon Village Hall on **Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 7.30 pm.**

Present:	Paul Curson	PJC	Chairman
	John Taylor	JT	Vice Chair
	David Goldson	DG	District Councillor
	David Bartrum	DB	
	Jenny Shorter	JS	
	Andrew Daniels	AD	
	Angela Brown	AB	
	Elizabeth Taylor	ET	
In attendance:	Gareth Roderick-Jones	GRJ	Clerk

NOTE

Before the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting, at 7.00pm, Dr Christopher Kemp, Chairman of the Electoral Arrangements Review Committee, addressed the council and members of the public and conducted a question and answer session. Dr Kemp set out the procedures followed by the committee, particularly in regard to the two consultation periods in connection with proposed changes to parish boundaries. He described the timetable set out by the Terms of Reference of the committee, which are available on the SNDC website. He also explained the part that the parish council and residents could play at the next meeting of the Committee in November, and in the full council meeting in February which will consider any outstanding issues.

At the end of this session, the Chairman thanked Dr Kemp, who departed from the hall to allow open discussion by the council and residents.

1 Apologies for Absence: Pam Murton (PM)

2 Declarations of Interest: JS declared a non-pecuniary interest as she lives within one of the areas affected by the proposed boundary changes.

3 Residents' Forum:

The views expressed by members of the public included the following main points:

1. Mark Emsden spoke on behalf of a residents' group, expressing solidarity with Roydon Parish Council and the desirability of all interested parties working together.

2. David Hall, also representing the residents' group, read a letter addressed to SNDC which had been drafted by the residents' group as their response to the proposed changes.

3. A number of people suggested that the parish council's written response should emphasise, like the residents' group's letter, historical aspects of the issue and the sense of identity which Roydon's long history as a community engenders in residents.

4. Cllr David Goldson (Parish Councillor and District Councillor) read out a letter to SNDC which he has submitted on his own account.

5. Questions were raised about the viability of Roydon as a parish should the proposed changes go ahead: the cost of running the parish and its facilities would remain much the same, but the potential income via the precept would be much reduced.

4 Draft of Letter to SNDC regarding Proposed Boundary Changes:

The letter previously drafted by PJC was accepted, with the addition of a number of points raised during the Resident's Forum, principally the historical associations.

PJC will redraft the letter and will pass this to GRJ to reformat the letter onto headed Parish Council paper. PJC will then, with the approval of the councillors, sign and hand deliver the letter to South Norfolk District Council on Thursday 26 October (one day ahead of the deadline for submissions)

GRJ will summarise the main points as discussed by the council and will make an online submission via Survey Questionnaire on the SNDC website.

5 Other Actions

JS and ET will attend the Diss TC meeting tomorrow (Wednesday 25 October).

21 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 7.15pm