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Community Governance Review

Parish of Swynnerton

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Community Governance Review

Community Governance Reviews are carried out by local authorities to determine changes to local governance arrangements, such as parish councils and town councils. A review can be initiated by the council itself or in response to a petition from residents or a residents' group. Such a review must take into account the wider context of local governance and the impact that any changes will make.

Stafford Borough Council has received a petition for a Community Governance Review asking that the following proposal be considered:

"Stafford Borough Council undertakes a community governance review for the formation of a separate parish council for the Yarnfield ward defined as polling district SWD area."

On 24 July 2018, the Council agreed to undertake a Community Governance Review and the Terms of Reference are:-

To review the community governance arrangements for the Parish of Swynnerton including:-

- The possibility of dividing the Parish into more than one parish.
- The boundaries of the Parish and any recommended new or altered parishes.
- The electoral arrangements for the Parish and any recommended new or altered parishes.
- The name of the Parish and any recommended new or altered parishes.

With particular reference to considering the creation of a new parish for that part of the Parish comprising Yarnfield and to make recommendations to Stafford Borough Council accordingly.

Current Arrangements

Swynnerton Parish is made up of the following four parish wards:-

Wards of Swynnerton Parish	Electorate (as of 2 July 2018)	Number of Parish Councillors
Swynnerton (SWA)	588	3
Tittensor (SWB)	848	3
Trentham (SWC)	1160	3
Yarnfield (SWD)	1578	4

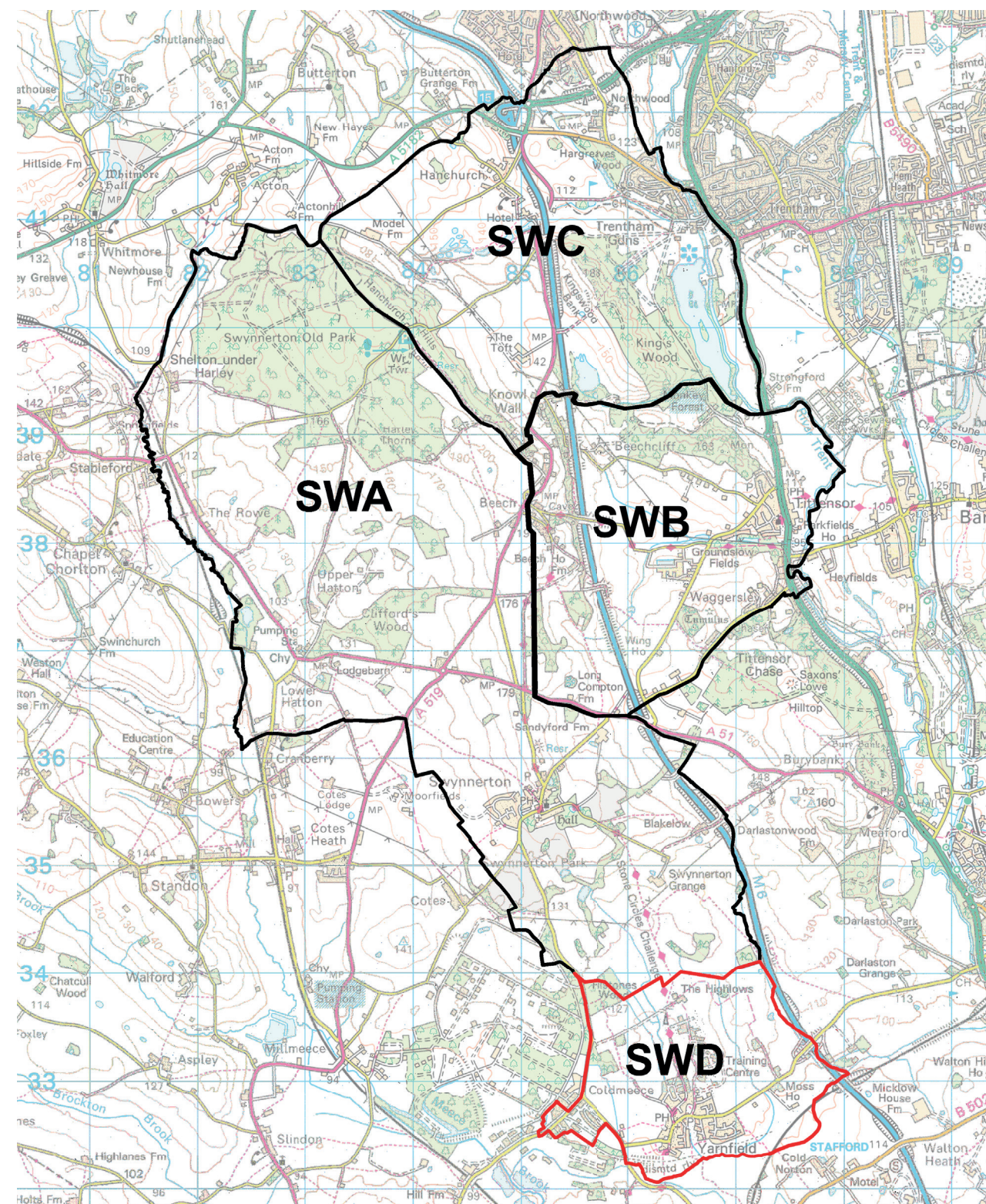
Petitions Proposed Arrangements

Wards of Swynnerton Parish	Electorate (as of 2 July 2018)	Number of Parish Councillors
Swynnerton (SWA)	588	To be determined
Tittensor (SWB)	848	To be determined
Trentham (SWC)	1160	To be determined

New Parish	Electorate (as of 2 July 2018))	Number of Parish Councillors
Yarnfield (SWD)	1578	To be determined

(The effect of the request from petitioners will be to establish a new parish as detailed on the attached plan. The review will consider any other proposals for the electoral arrangements for the parish of Swynnerton)

Map of Swynnerton Parish and Polling Districts



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The Review Process

The Council agreed on 24 July 2018 that a Community Governance Review would take place.

The review begins with a consultation period of six weeks. During this time local residents, Parish Councils, Parish and District Councillors, MP's, MEP's, local political parties and various organisations are invited to make comments and proposals (representations) that will be considered by the Resources Scrutiny Committee, who will then produce the Draft Recommendations on future electoral arrangements for Swynnerton Parish.

Submissions can be made online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cgrSwynnerton2018 or by completing the enclosed response form, to arrive by no later than **12noon on Monday 10 September 2018**.

Any submissions received after this date will not be taken into account.

Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, members of the public

will be able to access any representations made, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following the close on the **10 September 2018** details of all representations received will be submitted to the Council's Resources Scrutiny Committee, who will then prepare the Draft Recommendations. It is important that all interested parties let us have their proposals and comments regarding parish council boundaries and electoral arrangements. Submissions stating that existing parish electoral arrangements are satisfactory and do not require any change, may also be submitted along with relevant supporting evidence.

The Council's Resources Scrutiny Committee will publish the Draft Recommendations and further proposals and comments can be made between **Monday 8 October 2018 to Monday 22 October 2018**.

Any further representations received will be considered by the Council's Resources Scrutiny Committee who will prepare the Final Recommendations which will be published prior to submission to the Council meeting on **Tuesday 20 November 2018**.

Timetable

DATES	TIME SCALES / ACTIONS	EVENT
Tuesday 24 July 2018		Council agreed to commence with a Community Governance Review
Monday 30 July 2018 to Monday 10 September 2018	6 weeks	Public Consultation Commences
Thursday 27 September 2018	Consideration of any proposals or comments	Special Resources Scrutiny Meeting
Monday 8 October 2018 to Monday 22 October 2018	Public to make further representations	Public consultation on draft recommendations
Early November 2018	Consideration of further representations	Resources Scrutiny Meeting
Early November 2018		Publish final recommendations
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Approval of final recommendation	Council meeting
With effect from 1 April 2019		Order to create new Parish
Thursday 2 May 2019	Implementation of any necessary changes in electoral arrangements	Parish elections