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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022 held Meeting Room, Petuaria Community Centre, Brough.

Members Present: Cllr Loizides (Chairman), Cllr S Duckles (Vice Chairman), Cllr C Duckles, Cllr Luckraft, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Trotter, Cllr J Loizides, Cllr Muzaffar, Cllr Blee, Cllr Khan

Meeting Clerk: Philippa Beverley (Town Clerk)

Also in attendance: Alice Greenwood (Admin Assistant), Cllr Meredith (ERYC), Cllr Smith

Public Forum:

No members of public present.

MINUTES

459/22

To Accept Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Hakes and Cllr Bentley.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Hakes and Cllr Bentley.

460/22

To Accept Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda. No declarations received

RESOLVED: Council resolved no declarations received.

461/22

To discuss, consider and approve a response to East Riding of Yorkshire Council, regarding their request for preliminary issues the Town Council would like to be considered in the Community Governance Review.

Council received an email from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to consider the points highlighted in their preliminary request for information related to their Community Governance Review.

The matters the Town Council were asked to consider where as follows:

- a) Whether new parishes should be constituted
- b) Whether the areas of existing parishes should be altered (whether the boundaries of existing parishes should be changed) or whether existing parishes should be abolished
- c) Whether any changes should be made to electoral arrangements in parishes (this includes the number of seats on a parish council or the boundaries of wards in those parishes that are warded). Reviews, however, cannot be used to arbitrarily reduce the numbers of seats on a parish

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council because of long-standing vacant seats. It is important the size of a parish council reflects proper representation of the community it represents, notwithstanding any challenges the parish council faces in filling vacant seats.

d) Whether parishes should be grouped under a joint council or an existing grouping arrangement should be dissolved.

Council discussed each of these matters at length with Councillors offering various insights and ideas in response to each area requiring consideration. Information was provided on Boundary Commission and various proposals being considered and how this may effect matters we are been asked to consider in the Governance Review. It was agreed unanimously that a Strong Boundary must remain to prevent urban sprawl.

It was noted that Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council has arbitrarily had their Town shrunk in size without prior notice and has lost properties from both Ruskin Way and Liberty Park, which has seen approx. 50-75 houses moved into Hunsley Ward. Currently the boundary for Brough and Welton is a mess.

Cllr Rowe proposed, seconded by Cllr J Loizides and agreed unanimously that the boundary line be moved to 50 yards to the West of the most eastern part of Common Lane.

In relation to electoral arrangements CIIr S Duckles advised that Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council has been a Parish of 12 Councillors for over 100 years and proposed that it now required an increase to 15 Councillors. Further discussion followed and CIIr J Loizides suggested that additional Councillors will bring added bureaucracy but this alone wouldn't be a reason to not grow the Town Council. CIIr Muzaffar agreed that while the population was growing it would appear a logical response to increase the numbers of Councillors, however he noted that 12 people is already hard to keep all roles filled and therefore an increase was unlikely to add any benefit.

Council also discussed the number of Ward Councillors and agreed that as the Dale Ward is the largest by Population and third largest geographically that it would be prudent to consider increasing the number of Ward Councillors from three to five.

In conclusion CIIr S Duckles proposed, seconded by CIIr Rowe and agreed unanimously that the Town Clerk write back to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and advise on the wish of the Town Council to secure and maintain a strong boundary to prevent urban sprawl, which they would like to see located to the west of the most eastern point of Common Lane, as all properties included in this would have to travel through Brough and use all facilities.

Town Clerk also to confirm the Town Council wish to keep 12 Councillors and not increase the number.

Town Clerk to advise East Riding of Yorkshire Council they would like to request consideration of the number of Ward Councillors to increase from three to five.

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To note the next full Town Council Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

Council noted the date and time of the next meeting.

RESOLVED: Council noted the date and time of the next Full Council meeting as Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm.