

Belbroughton Parish Council – Request to Change Name

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton
Wards Affected	Belbroughton Parish in the Belbroughton and Romsley Ward
Ward Councillor Consulted	Yes

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To consider the request from Belbroughton Parish Council to change the name of the Parish Council to Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That in accordance with section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972, and with immediate effect, the name of Belbroughton Parish Council be changed to Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no significant resource implications other than the publicity for the name change (in the region of £100), officer time and administration costs which can be met from existing budgets

Legal Implications

- 3.2 Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that at the request of a Parish Council, the council of the district within which the Parish is situated may change the name of the Parish Council. This legislation requires notice of change to be sent to the Secretary of State, the Director General of the Ordnance Survey and the Registrar General for England and Wales. Details be also be published by the District Council in the parish and elsewhere in such a manner as they consider appropriate – usually in the local press.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 In accordance with Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 Belbroughton Parish Council has requested that the District Council

consider a request to change its name. The Parish Council would like to change its name to Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council as it feels that it would better reflect the area that it represents.

- 3.4 At the Belbroughton Parish Council Meeting held on 13th April 2015 the Parish Council confirmed a decision previously approved in 2012 to change the name of the Parish Council. This can be found in minute number 144/15.
- 3.5 There is no requirement for any public consultation to take place. However, in order to ensure that any request to this Council for a decision was transparent, representative and robust, the parish undertook a consultation exercise over a period of 12 months with the residents within its area
- 3.6 The consultation has included publication in the Parish Council Annual Report, publication of the proposals in the Parish magazine, circulation of the 2012 decision via an email data base of interested parties and publication on the Parish Council website.
- 3.7 Members are advised that no adverse comment was received in respect of this proposal.

4. Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

There are no specific customer or equalities implications arising from this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The request is primarily an administrative matter. Whilst consent is not assumed, the decision needs to be made in a timely way. If the change is agreed various official documents need to be changed in time for the budget process.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Correspondence from the Clerk of Belbroughton Parish Council attached.

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