

We want to hear your views

It is important that we hear the views of as many Lickey End Parish Council electors as possible. Please indicate your favoured option below, tear off the slip and return via the freepost envelope provided by 30 June 2010 at the latest.

Alternatively, responses can be made on the consultation portal at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk

Electoral Services Helpline: 01527 881 421

Lickey End Parish Council Review Consultation Preferred Option

**Should the present Parish of Lickey End be
abolished and the Parish Council dissolved?**
(Please circle 'Yes' or 'No')

YES

NO

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

EXAMPLE
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APPENDIX 2

LICKEY END PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW CONSULTATION

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Introduction

Following the introduction of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Bromsgrove District Council now has the power to conduct its own community governance review, and the ability to establish or abolish parish councils without the Government's consent.

Reviews of Lickey End Parish governance arrangements were carried out in 2003 and in 2005 and the Secretary of State would not agree to the dissolution of the Parish Council. Bromsgrove District Council is now carrying out a community governance review of Lickey End.



Local government needs to reflect the identity and interest of a local community. Bromsgrove District Council provides services and represents the interests of a number of different local communities within the District area, including Lickey End. We want to improve community engagement in all our neighbourhoods, but we want to know what role, if any, Lickey End Parish Council will play in the future. Lickey End shares two District Councillors and two County Councillors with neighbouring parishes.

Parish Councils are separate and self-governing entities, occupying their own space in the local government structure. They can provide a voice for local issues, deliver some local services and some are entrusted with carrying out functions on behalf of larger authorities. The powers exercised by a parish council are decided locally and practises vary throughout the country. Parish council may need staff and offices and these costs plus the costs of any services they provide, have to be recovered by an additional charge to council taxpayers.

The history of Lickey End Parish Council

Lickey End Parish Council was set up in 2001 after local residents supported its creation and is one of twenty parish councils in the Bromsgrove District. The Parish Council is divided into two parish wards and represented by ten parish councillors.

The parish held its first elections in 2001 and in June 2001 Lickey End Parish Council submitted a formal request to Bromsgrove District Council for its own dissolution. Following a consultation review, abolition was recommended but the Government advised that no decision would be made until after the elections in May 2003. At these elections 10 anti-parish candidates were elected and the Parish Council again passed a resolution for its own abolition following the election.

The District Council conducted a review of parish arrangements. Following the review, abolition was recommended to the Government who concluded that the case for abolition was insufficiently robust and at odds with the Government's general commitment to the parish tier and asked that a period of two council terms of office should be undertaken covering an eight year period to establish a continued strong local support towards abolition.



What is the position now?

At the last elections to the Lickey End Parish Council held in May 2007, ten parish councillors, who campaigned on an anti-parish platform, were elected uncontested.

The Parish Council has operated at the minimum legal requirements. It has held meetings, appointed a Chairman and Clerk and published minutes and accounts. It has set a zero precept since 2002 and does not deliver discretionary local services.



What happens next?

We are contacting all electors in the Lickey End Parish Council to ascertain their views, and we will consult Worcestershire County Council, Lickey End Parish Council, local Councillors representing this area and the local public.

A copy of the full consultation report is available for public inspection at:

**The Council House, Burcot Lane,
Bromsgrove B60 1AA.**

When all the responses have been received, a report will be submitted to the Bromsgrove District Council along with a recommendation about the future of Lickey End Parish Council.