

**WILMSLOW COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN
RESPONSE TO STAGE 2
CONSULTATION**

BASON, Ralph

From: rkacton@talktalk.net

Sent: 06 August 2010 10:19

To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Subject: Stage 2 Consultation

Dear Sir I am very surprised that no copy of the Review Stage 2 is available in Wilmslow. Many people do not have computers and wish to see what is in the document. Do you expect them to go somewhere well outside Wilmslow in order to see what is being proposed for them? Could you place a copy in Wilmslow Library and announce you have done so in the local press? Thank you Ray Acton 1 Westgate Fulshaw Park Wilmslow 01625 527198

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 06 August 2010 10:59
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Wilmslow Community Governance Review

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Wilmslow Community Governance Review Feedback Form

Name

Ian Livingston

Address

18 Vale Rd
Wilmslow

Feedback

1. The majority either voted against or did not vote. Those for the change were a clear minority.
2. No one has said precisely what the extra cost gives us. What powers does a parish council have?
3. It is just another level of bureaucracy at a cost we can ill afford.

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: wally.bell [wally.bell@tesco.net]
Sent: 09 August 2010 11:44
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Town councils in Wilmslow, Handforth & Styal

The Elections and Registration Team Manager

I am writing to object to the plans for local town councils in Wilmslow, Handforth & Styal with 15 councillors for Wilmslow, 7 for Handforth and 5 for Styal.

OF the ballot papers issued only 28% responded. EVEN IF all those had voted in favour of town councils there is still an overwhelming majority who elected for a status-quo. Clearly 100% in favour is an impossibility. Note that I did vote (against) and did return my ballot!

In these days, when the country, according to all three major parties (Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat), is in dire straits, there is absolutely no need to create further bureaucracy in the public sector.

Cease your profligate empire-building now. We, national taxpayers & local community charge payers alike, cannot afford it.

W M BELL
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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 11 August 2010 17:38
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Wilmslow Community Governance Review

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Wilmslow Community Governance Review Feedback Form

Name

Patrick Tyrrell

Address

35 Handforth Road
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Feedback

The maps of the proposed boundries are practically unreadable.
They must be replaced by ones that are readable.

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 12 August 2010 14:42
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Wilmslow Community Governance Review

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Wilmslow Community Governance Review Feedback Form

Name

David Allen

Address

8, Bollin Court,
Wilmslow SK9 2AP

Feedback

I find the idea of voting in 3 Councillors per ward anti democratic. If we are to have 15 councillors then each councillor should represent one group of electors. If you only have 4 or 5 wards then we only need a council of 4 or 5 members. Lets us put a stop to party political jiggery pockery and give local residents, i.e. resident in the area they represent, a chance to make their mark on local issues.

We should also ensure that Wilmslow, being a larger parish and therefore more efficient, should have one of the lowest precepts. All new councillors should be volunteers i.e. NO PERSONAL EXPENSES

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12 AUG 2010

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Elections & Registration

Team Manager
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10 August 2010

Dear Sir

Proposed New Town Councils. Wilmslow, Handforth, Styal

As an elector I wish to express my views on the CEC recommendations for the formation of the above.

In the first case although the ballot produced a response this response of only 27.48% return of the ballot papers cannot be regarded as conclusive. What about the remaining 72.52% who did not return their papers? Had they voted and there must be a good valid reason why they did not vote, the result "for or against" could have been quite different and this needs to be taken into account before coming to any decision.

One further point which needs to be taken into account. It would appear that not all electors understand that new parish councils will mean yet more taxation. There has been but scant reference made to the amount of the precept which would be levied. To many of the electorate the amount of money having to be found to pay the existing crippling council tax makes it necessary to make not inconsiderable sacrifices in their family budgets and to impose yet a further tax could have dire results. The question must be asked to what avail?

At this present time when the economy is in such a fragile state with cuts and redundancies surrounding us the council should take a realistic and responsible view of this proposal and place any decisions in abeyance until such time as it can be afforded.

Yours faithfully

Edgar Curry

P.S. Does Wilmslow really need 15 councillors!!?

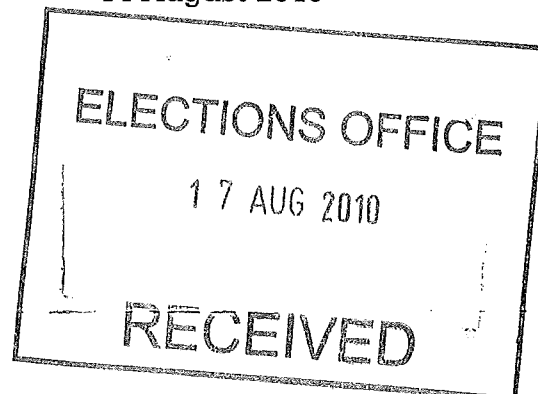
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14 August 2010

The Elections & Registration Team Manager
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Dear Sirs

Wilmslow, Handforth & Styal Governance Review

I'm at a loss as to how you think you can proceed with these new town councils - in my view a total vote of 28% does not give you a mandate to proceed - the election criteria was flawed, it should have had a minimum voting return of at least 67% of the total eligible voting population to proceed.

Also, in the current economic climate and the Government's squeeze on public sector spending to even contemplate spending money unnecessarily on such a frivolous project like this is a disgrace.

We do not need an extra tier of local government - it will make not a scrap of difference to any services received, it's just a means of lining a few councillors pockets with exorbitant expenses claims.

Just for the record, I was one of the 28% who did return the voting form, but I certainly did not vote for this proposal.

Yours faithfully



Elaine Davies

cc George Osborne, MP

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Marion Duff [duff415@btinternet.com]
Sent: 18 August 2010 11:53
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: community team manager sandbach

THE ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION TEAM MANAGER, CHESHIRE EAST.

As you asked for suggestions for how CEC should use our taxes to create a fairer run society I have sent a short attachment on just that

How new Town Councils organise themselves using our money.

Local paper request

Suggestions

1. Many community halls are in a bad state and need to be modernised, through reducing the greed of Chief executives massive salary.
2. Trees are needed in new housing development, in scrubland, street ends etc (oak, ash, pine, beech etc) to ensure we live with nature, not outside nature. Too little nature develops as N.D.D (NATURE DEFICIT DISORDER) when lots of psychological problems such as depression, anger, short temper, fear and self-harm develop. Create small woodland for children's education, and recreation.
3. Work to integrate the various aspects of community, which at present is fragmented.
 - a. Introduce a volunteer scheme pulling the generations together
 - b. Reduce noise pollution...road use i.e. excessive traffic, poor planning regulations with buildings too close, too big, reducing our personal space...need green cover as a barrier to excessive noise.
4. Councils need to look at how they waste our community taxes money in stupid schemes, expenses, lack of communication between departments etc. We can have a road dug up two three times in one year for water, gas, or anything else when co-ordination of maintenance would be wiser.
5. Litter needs serious consideration. All unemployed people fit and able need to contribute something to the community, young offenders, and the 16-18 age group need to respect and understand how social harmony works.
6. We need a work force, not excessive managers with talk and no action. We need on the beat police, care workers for elderly hospital/school cleaners, nurses, and those key workers going into schools to teach the children about how community works.

We need less red tape putting people off doing anything. We need common sense, practicality, trained skilled trades men, and fairness.

Hope this helps

PARTON, Lindsey

From: JOHN GORDON [johnmoyragordon@btinternet.com]
Sent: 26 August 2010 16:07
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: wilmslow parish council

Only 1846 votes were cast for a WILMSLOW Town Council !

Who are these potential Town Councillors who can provide a better service ?

I have been retired for 15 years on a fixed pension. I accept inevitably costs rise but to inflict extra expense, in this economic climate, without any assurance there will be a major improvement in services, would be totally unjust especially when the vast majority of residents have not voted for it. I trust Cheshire East will reject this proposal.

John Gordon

PARTON, Lindsey

From: Centre, Call
Sent: 03 September 2010 12:02
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Wilmslow Community Governance Review

[Submitted by Anonymous User]

Wilmslow Community Governance Review Feedback Form

Name

Mr M J Beanland

Address

Lacey Green Primary School
Barlow Road
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Cheshire
SK9 4DP

Feedback

The establishment of a Parish Council receives my full support and wish to register this interest.

M J Beanland
Bursar

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PARTON, Lindsey

From: Stuart Redgard [stuart.redgard@mac.com]
Sent: 09 September 2010 01:37
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: Re: Wilmslow Governance Review Stage 2 - Inadequate Information

Dear Ralph

When can I expect the map

Mr Stuart Redgard

On 27 Aug 2010, at 14:23, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW wrote:

> Dear Mr Redgard
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> Thank you for your email. Please accept my apologies for the degree
> of detail provided about the review. I appreciate that a more
> detailed map would be useful as you suggest. I have now arranged for
> one to be produced and made available for inspection at Wilmslow
> Library and Macclesfield Town Hall. We will also post one to you.
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> Any questions please call me on the direct line below
>
> Yours sincerely
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> Ralph Bason
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Stuart Redgard [mailto:stuart.redgard@mac.com]
> Sent: 26 August 2010 22:40
> To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
> Cc: MENLOVE, Rod (Councillor); BARTON, Gary (Councillor); FITZGERALD, Wesley
> (Councillor)
> Subject: Wilmslow Governance Review Stage 2 - Inadequate Information
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> To whom it may concern.
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> I wish to lodge a complaint regarding the level of detail provided for
> stage 2 of the the Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal Community Governance
> Review.
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> Having viewed the information online and finding it inadequate I have
> today made a trip to the Council Offices at Macclesfield Town Hall.
> This trip turned out to be a waste of time as the Customer Services
> Centre were unable to find any more detailed information available and
> were unable to make contact with the "elections and registrations
> department".
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Highfield
Station Road
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10th September 2010

Lindsey Parton
Elections and Registration Team Manager
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
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Dear Ms Parton

Wilmslow Community Governance Review – 2nd Stage Consultation

On behalf of Styal Village Association, I am writing to you with our input to the 2nd Stage Consultation for the Wilmslow Community Governance Review.

The Committee of SVA is unanimously pleased with the progress so far with the Community Governance Review, and in particular with the decision, agreed by Council in July 2010, that Styal should have its own Parish Council. We are particularly pleased that the democratic wishes of the majority of voters in Styal have been able to be heard so clearly, and we are grateful to you, your team and the Sub-Committee for the way in which the review has been performed.

We have only one comment that we would like to be considered in the second stage consultation, and that is regarding the number of Councillors proposed for Styal Parish Council.

The recommendations of the review we believe indicated that Styal should have 5 Councillors, Handforth 7 Councillors, and Wilmslow 15 Councillors. There would appear to be some logic here in terms of proportionality given the relative size of each Parish area.

However, we are very concerned that this may be very difficult in practical terms for Styal. With only five Councillors, it would not take very much for two to be unable to attend for business or personal reasons and one to be unwell, leaving the council presumably inquorate. Whilst we accept that it is not of direct relevance, if we look at the makeup of Styal Village Association, the majority of elected members are not retired and have many other demands on their time.

We also note that whilst five Councillors is the legal minimum under the Local Government Act 1972, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) recommend that the minimum number of Councillors for any parish should be seven, presumably for some of the reasons we have outlined.

It would be a great pity if, after following a new process so carefully as part of this Community Governance Review, we end up with a solution which those with the greatest experience in this area would recognise as sub-optimal.

We therefore would like to strongly request that the Committee reconsider the number of Councillors that Styal Parish Council will have, and follow the NALC guidance to allow Styal to have seven Councillors. We would like to think that such a decision would have little impact outside of Styal, could make quite a difference to the initial workings of the embryonic Parish Council, and has the advantage of being in line with current best practice.

We hope the Committee is able to take this request into account.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dempsey
Styal Village Association

Cc: Ian Jones Styal Village Association Chairman

BASON, Ralph

From: Jon.Bottomley@manairport.co.uk
Sent: 15 September 2010 10:44
To: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW
Subject: WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Thank you for updating us on progress with the review of governance arrangements in Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal.

We responded to your earlier consultation and we have nothing further to add to our letter of 2 June 2010.

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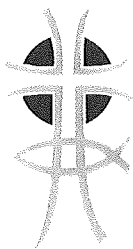
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The Church In Wilmslow



Wilmslow United Reformed Church

in covenant with
Wilmslow Methodist Church

September 10th 2010

Dear Mrs Parton

Wilmslow Community Governance Review

I am responding on behalf of the Trustees and Elders of Wilmslow United Reformed Church as part of the Stage 2 Consultation on the Wilmslow Community Governance Review.

We note the results of the Stage 1 Consultation and the detailed proposals which have emerged to establish parish councils to represent Wilmslow, Handforth and Styal. We remain of the opinion that a single council would be the better arrangement and less bureaucratic but recognize that the electors have expressed the opposite view.

We were surprised to learn that individual households were not to be circulated with information on Stage 2 but reliant on notices in the local press – our experience is that this is not an effective method of communication (although it is obviously less expensive than a mail-drop).

We will support the council when it is established but trust that the nomination process encourages local representation and is not weighted in favour of the major political parties.

Please keep us informed of further developments in this process.

Yours sincerely

M H Williams
Elder

Mrs Lindsey Parton
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